(For the candidates admitted from 2024-25 onwards)

#### M.C.A. DEGREE EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2025.

#### First Semester

#### NETWORK PROTOCOLS

Time: Three hours

Maximum: 75 marks

# PART A — $(10 \times 2 = 20 \text{ marks})$

#### Answer ALL the questions

- 1. Define the term "routing" in computer networks.
- 2. Comment on port number.
- 3. Recall the purpose of routing protocol.
- 4. What type of protocol is OSPF?
- 5. State the use of MPLS.
- 6. Define anycast addressing.
- 7. Name any two differences between IPv4 and IPv6.
- 8. List any two types of private wire services.
- 9. Define Denial-of-Service attack.
- 10. What is multihoming?

PART B — 
$$(3 \times 5 = 15 \text{ marks})$$

### Answer any THREE questions.

- 11. Identify the key features and header format of the User Datagram Protocol.
- 12. Differentiate between peering and transit in ISP interconnection.
- 13. Explain how QoS is implemented in IPv4 networks.
- 14. Compare Layer-2 VPN and Layer-3 VPN with examples.
- 15. Discuss any two security threats related to IP mobility.

### PART C — $(5 \times 8 = 40 \text{ marks})$

## Answer ALL the questions.

16. (a) Describe the structure and working of the Internet Protocol (IP) with diagram.

OR

- (b) Explain flow control and error control mechanisms in TCP.
- 17. (a) Compare open shortest path first and border gateway protocol based on working principles and use cases.

Or

- (b) Apply the concept of peering to reduce ISP costs and improve speed.
- 18. (a) Analyze the role of Internet Exchange Points in global internet performance.

Or

- (b) Explain how Differentiated Services work in IP networks.
- 19. (a) Explain the types of private wire services and how they are used in enterprise networking.

Or

- (b) Explain how IP packet forwarding is handled in IPv6 compared to IPv4.
- 20. (a) Compare and contrast various mobility management approaches and their impact on network performance.

Or

(b) Describe the extended shortest-path-based routing schemes.