

SCHOOL OF COMPUTING AND ENGINEERING SCIENCES MASTER OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION SYSTEM SECURITY END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION MST8302 – ENTERPRISE SECURITY

DATE: 12th October 2022 Time: 2 Hours

Instructions

- 1. This examination consists of **SEVEN** questions. You can get up to **40 points**.
- 2. Answer **all** the questions.
- 3. For each question, provide the answers according to the **instructions in brackets** (the instructions describe a style of the answers and how long each should be).

Questions

- 1. Describe IT security concepts of Authorization, Accounting, and Authentication. In which order these concepts have to be implemented and why? Provide an example. (6 points)
- 2. Briefly describe the four basic access control models: Mandatory Access Control (MAC), Discretionary Access Control (DAC), Role Based Access Control (RBAC), and Rule Based Access Control (RBAC or RB-RBAC). (8 points)
- 3. Describe three different strategies on where Authentication and Authorization (AA) of a user should be performed (i.e., AA at application/database levels; both AA at one of theses levels, as well as each of AA at different levels). What are advantages and disadvantages of these strategies? Also describe the concept of a "proxy user" in the case of Authentication at the application level and Authorization at the database level strategy. (8 points)
- 4. Why do we need Fine-grained Access Control in database security (why SQL Data Control Language statements are not good enough) and how it can be implemented in Virtual Private Databases (two approaches)? (5 points)
- 5. What is the purpose of Data Masking and Data Redaction and how they affect query results? Are there any differences between these two? Provide examples. (4 points)
- 6. What is Polyinstantiation and Cover Stories? Why and how the polyinstantiation can be used to secure private information? (5 points)
- 7. What are Control Columns in relational database tables? Provide at least three examples of different control columns and explain how they can be utilized in database audit. (4 points)