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INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Answer ALL the questions on the answer scripts.
- 2. Write clearly and neatly.
- 3. Number the answers clearly.
- 4. When answering questions you should be guided by the allocation of marks in []. Do not give too few or too many facts in your answers.

PERMISSIBLE MATERIALS

1. Non-programmable calculator.

Question 1

Explain how the following are useful in computer forensics:

- i. Steganalysis
- ii. Raw picture format
- iii. The Daubert Standard
- iv. ESTMP
- v. POP3

[10]

Question 2

a. Compare a sparse to a logical data acquisition technic.

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- b. Comment on two ways how the Ext4 file systems helps in digital forensics investigations as compared to NTFS file systems. [4]
- c. In what way is the EXIF file format helpful when conducting a digital a forensic investigation besides providing metadata. [2]

Question 3

Consider investigating an email abuse at an organisation. Outline five steps you would take to preserve the evidence in such an investigation. [10]

Question 4

a. Distinguish between RAM Slack and FILE Slack.

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b. You are given the following information about a Windows 10 machine.

Cluster size = 1024B, Sector size 64B

Given that a file's size is **568B**. Given also that the file if store in the Windows 10 machine above. Find the size of

- i. File slack
- ii. RAM slack that is created by storing such a file (Please show all your work).

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Question 5

Explain what each of the following computer forensics tools are used for: [10]

- i. HexEditor
- ii. Reg Editor
- iii. Wireshark
- iv. IrfanView
- v. Autopsy

Question 6

Identify the five categories of computer forensics tools and explain at least two sub-function of each category. [15]

Question 7

Identify the five phases of a digital forensic investigation process and explain in detail what happens at each phase. [15]

Question 8

Discuss at least five challenges and at least five opportunities presented by AI to digital forensics investigations. [20]

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