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NWE203: NETWORK OPERATING SYSTEMS

DURATION: 2 HOURS 30 MINUTES

TOTAL MARKS: 100

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer all questions.

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Question One

- a. Identify and explain two types of Network Operating Systems. [6]
- b. List any three characteristics and two potential problems of each type identified in (a). [10]
- c. Explains the difference between centralized and decentralized administration [5]
- d. Explain the difference between workgroup and a domain environment [4]

Question Two

- a. State and explain any three disadvantages of performing frequent full backups? [6]
- b. Explain when a full backup can be used most effectively. [5]
- c. The Systems Administrator of Wilstones Investments performs the backup of the website database file every day at 1600hrs. The original file location is /mnt/hda1/www/database.sql. The Administrator copies it to /mnt/sda1/backup/ folder. Provide an automated solution for this problem. Assume that the system is running under Linux and that you have all the necessary tools installed. [10]
- d. Explain the following list of command lines

- i. ls -a
- ii. pwd
- iii. cat boot.log
- iv. PATH=\$PATH:/usr/sbin:/sbin [4]

Question Three

- a. Explain the term RAID in networking terms. [1]
- b. State and explain any four types of RAID. [8]
- c. In each RAID type identified in (b) explain a scenario which is most suitable to apply it. [8]
- d. Describe in detail, all the various important steps in the process of planning for Disaster Recovery. [8]

Question Four

- a. What is a protocol? [2]
- b. Explain the following protocols:
 - i. Hypertext Transfer Protocol (HTTP)
 - ii. Secure Socket Shell (SSH)
 - iii. Short Message Service (SMS)
 - iv. File Transfer Protocol [8]
- c. Define the role of a firewall and draw a diagram showing where the file should be placed in a network. [2]
- d. Discuss the techniques that the firewall uses at different level to prevent external attacks on the network and control traffic flow through the firewall [8]
- e. Define a Data Centre and explain its core components [5]

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