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**Question Paper Code: U8406**

B.E./B.Tech. DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL / MAY 2025

Professional Elective

21ITV406- CRYPTOCURRENCY AND BLOCKCHAIN TECHNOLOGIES

(Common to IT,CSE,AIDS & CSD & CSE(AIML) Engineering branches)

(Regulations 2021)

Duration: Three hours

Maximum: 100 Marks

Answer ALL Questions

PART A - (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

1. Define Block chain. CO1- U
2. Apply the longest chain rule scenario to add the Transaction T1 in the block of nodes in block chain CO2- App
3. Differentiate between coins and Tokens CO1- U
4. Apply the postfix notation for the expression  $(25*10+50)$  CO2- App
5. Summarize the main differences between Proof of Work (PoW) and Proof of Stake (PoS) consensus mechanisms. CO1- U
6. Apply a comparative analysis of Bitcoin's Proof of Work and Proof of Stake in terms of security and energy efficiency. CO2- App
7. What is the primary function of Chain code in Hyper ledger Fabric v1.1, and how does it relate to smart contracts? CO1- U
8. You are tasked with developing a smart contract on Hyper ledger Fabric. How would you create and deploy Chain code in a Fabric network? CO2- App
9. Describe the process of creating an NFT using blockchain technology. CO1- U
10. Apply the impact of blockchain technology on logistics and supply chain operations in terms of efficiency and transparency. CO2- App

PART – B (5 x 16= 80 Marks)

11. (a) Apply Hash function in various image resistance and collision resistance algorithm CO2-App (16)

Or

- (b) Apply SHA-256 Algorithm to compute the preceding nodes of a,b,c,d,e,f,g and h. CO2-App (16)
12. (a) Explain how a basic cryptocurrency is created and maintained. CO 1- U (16)  
Or  
(b) Explain and Compare Bitcoin Scripts with FORTH and highlight their similarities and differences. CO 1- U (16)
13. (a) Apply the idea of Proof of Burn (PoB) to improve the efficiency of a blockchain network. What are the possible challenges and benefits in comparison to Proof of Work? CO2-App (16)  
Or  
(b) Apply the permissioned blockchain model to a business that needs privacy and control over participants. What would be the advantages and challenges of using such a model compared to a public blockchain? CO2-App (16)
14. (a) Describe the architecture of Hyperledger Fabric v1.1, and explain how each of its components (peers, orderers, and Chaincode) facilitates the operation of permissioned blockchains. CO1 - U (16)  
Or  
(b) Define Gas in the Ethereum network. Discuss its significance in transaction processing, and how it relates to transaction fees, network scalability, and incentivization. CO1 - U (16)
15. (a) Discuss the significance of NFTs in digital asset ownership and copyright protection. How does blockchain ensure authenticity and security? CO1-U (16)  
Or  
(b) Explain in detail about the impact of blockchain technology on financial services, particularly in banking and insurance. How does it reduce fraud and increase efficiency? CO1-U (16)