

# PGT Exam Performance Feedback

## 2017/2018 Semester 1

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### Comments Comments and Common Mistakes:

#### Question 1:

Part of this question is about identifying security problems in the given protocol. In other words, the threats or attacks identified should be on the protocol, rather than on the system in general, e.g. on the database system.

#### Question 2:

Students did well (c), but some students seem to have problems answering questions (a) and (b). Questions (a) and (b) are bookish questions; the answers are in my lecture handout.

#### Question 3:

The most common mistake for this question is in (a): quite a few students only describe how the server is authenticated, but did not describe how the client is authenticated. The question requires you to describe mutual authentication between the server and the client.

#### Some statistics:

In total, 69 students sit in the exam.

Question 1: the average mark is 57%;

Question 2: the average mark is 56%;

Question 3: the average mark is 56%;

The overall average mark = 56%.

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