Sample Midterm

- 1. Why is a precise statement of security requirements critical to the determination of whether a given system is secure?
- 2. Please label the following as a "policy" or a "mechanism":
 - a. Only students may use the system.
 - b. A program that checks that the user enters the correct password.
 - c. Systems can be connected to the Internet on alternate Thursdays only.
 - d. An access control list.
- 3. Encipher the message IT IS A BOY OR A GIRL using a Vigenère cipher with key ABCDE.
- 4. Define each of the following terms in one short sentence:
 - a. public key cryptosystem
 - b. certificate
 - c. ciphertext
 - d. confidentiality
 - e. biometrics