Chapter 6 Review Questions

2. In infrastructure mode of operation, each wireless host is connected to the larger network via a base station (access point). If not operating in infrastructure mode, a network operates in ad-hoc mode. In ad-hoc mode, wireless hosts have no infrastructure with which to connect. In the absence of such infrastructure, the hosts themselves must provide for services such as routing, address assignment, DNS-like name translation, and more.

5. False

14. No, there wouldn't be any advantage. Suppose there are two stations that want to transmit at the same time, and they both use RTS/CTS. If the RTS frame is as long as a DATA frames, the channel would be wasted for as long as it would have been wasted for two colliding DATA frames. Thus, the RTS/CTS exchange is only useful when the RTS/CTS frames are significantly smaller than the DATA frames.

Problem 6

A frame without data is 32 bytes long. Assuming a transmission rate of 11 Mbps, the time to transmit a control frame (such as an RTS frame, a CTS frame, or an ACK frame) is (256 bits)/(11 Mbps) = 23 usec. The time required to transmit the data frame is (8256 bits)/(11 Mbps) = 751

DIFS + RTS + SIFS + CTS + SIFS + FRAME + SIFS + ACK
= DIFS + 3SIFS + (3*23 + 751) usec = DIFS + 3SIFS + 820 usec