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EEE5205 - COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS

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Total Marks: 100

Special Requirements: Non Programmable Scientific Calculator

INSTRUCTIONS

1. Answer any **FIVE (5)** questions
2. This paper contains **SEVEN (7)** questions
3. Each question carries 20 marks

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- 1(a) For a customer to be connected to an ADSL network state four requirements that must be met. [4]
- (b) Draw a block diagram of an ADSL reference model and describe the function of each block. [5+3]
- (c) State four UTP impairments that affect ADSL signal [4]
- (d)(i) State Shannon-Hartely Law [2]
- (ii) Explain its significance [2]
- 2(a) With the aid of a well labelled diagram explain GPON operation in the following directions using three ONUs/ONTs
- (i) Upstream direction [7]
- (ii) Downstream direction [8]
- (b) State direction in which dynamic bandwidth allocation is implemented and why in that direction. [3]
- (c) In GPON explain what you understand by ranging. Explain its significance. [2]
- 3(a) When the mean optical power launched into an 8 km length of fiber is $120 \mu\text{W}$, the mean optical power at the fiber output is $3 \mu\text{W}$. Determine:
- (i) The overall signal attenuation or loss in decibels through the fiber assuming there are no connectors or splices; [2]
- (ii) the signal attenuation per kilometre for the fibre. [2]
- (iii) the overall signal attenuation for a 10 km optical link using the same fiber with splices [2]
- (iv) a numerical value for the input/output power ratio [2]
- (b) State two advantages of optical fibre communication system [3]
- (c) Consider a light ray traveling from a denser (i.e., higher refractive index, $n_1 = 1.5$) material into a less dense (lower refractive index, $n_2 = 1.47$) material. Show that the desired criterion of total internal reflection phenomenon is completely satisfied. [3]
- (d) There are several light losses which may occur during transmission of light signal inside the fibre. State two types of losses. [2]
- (e) There are basically three types of optic fibre. State the types of classes [3]
- (f) State one advantage of injection laser diode over light emitting diode [1]
- 4(a) State three features of satellite communication. [3]
- (b)(i) Why is C band the band of choice to a customer who needs to use satellite Communication system. [2]
- (ii) Discuss its disadvantage [2]
- (c) Why do all geostationary satellites orbit the earth at the same distance and above the equator? [1]
- (d) State two advantages of satellite communication. [2]
- (e) Discuss TDMA application in satellite communication [2]
- (f) With the aid of well labelled diagram, explain the operation of satellite communication systems. [6]

- (g) State two typical applications of satellite communication [2]
- 5(a) State three features of microwaves. [3]
- (b) Discuss one advantage of using microwaves [2]
- (c) Briefly explain two applications of microwaves. [4]
- (d) Mention two types of antennas that can be used in Microwave communication. [2]
- (e) Discuss any two main applications of microwaves [3+3]
- (h) The table below shows IEEE frequency band designations. Fill in correction values of A, B and C. [3]

	Letter band designator	Frequency range (GHz)
Microwave Region	L	1 to 2
	S	A
	B	4 to 8
	X	8 to 12
	C	12 to 18
	K	18 to 26
	K _a	27 to 40
Millimeter wave Region	V	40 to 75
	W	75 to 110
	Millimeter waves	30 to 300
	Submillimeter waves	300 to 3000

- 6(a) A telephone line normally has a bandwidth of 3000 Hz (300 to 3300 Hz) assigned for data communications. The signal-to-noise ratio is usually 3162. For this channel, calculate the capacity. [3]
- (b) With the aid diagrams briefly explain the following line coding techniques.
- (i) Unipolar Non-Return-to-Zero (NRZ) [3]
- (ii) Polar Non-Return-to-Zero (NRZ) [3]
- (iii) Return to Zero (RZ) [3]
- (c) State five characteristics of line coding techniques. [5]
- (d) Write the ASCII code for the word 'HELLO' using even parity by filling in the parity bit at eighth bit position in figure below. [3]
- 7(a) With the aid of block diagrams where possible, explain the following TV applications.
- (i) Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) [4]
- (ii) Satellite TV [4]
- (b) The scanning in camera and scanning in the picture tube should be *synchronised*. What does that mean. [2]
- (c) What is the effect of not having synchronization between the scanning in the camera and scanning in the TV receiver. [2]

- (d) Explain why FM is preferred for sound transmission in TV channels and why AM is preferred for video transmission. [3]
- (e) With the aid of a suitable diagram, explain Vestigial Sideband Transmission (VSB)[5]

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