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Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, December 2011

Satellite Communication

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, selecting at least TWO questions from each part.

PART - A

- 1 a. What is satellite communication? List the applications and some of the service provided by satellites. (06 Marks)
- b. Explain how a satellite continues to be in orbit and derive expressions for : (08 Marks)
 - i) Satellite velocity
 - ii) Orbital period.
- c. Define and explain elevation and Azimuth angles of a ground station antenna for communication with an orbiting satellite. (06 Marks)
- 2 a. State Kepler's three laws of planetary motion with the help of appropriate diagrams and give necessary equations. (08 Marks)
- b. The orbit for an earth orbiting satellite has an eccentricity of 0.15 and semi major axis of 9000 kms. Determine : i) Periodic time, ii) Apogee height, iii) Perigee height. Given $h = 3.986 \times 10^5 \text{ km}^3/\text{s}^2$. Assume a mean value of 6371 kms for earth's radius. (06 Marks)
- c. With the help of a neat sketch, explain : (06 Marks)
 - i) Inclination
 - ii) Right ascension of ascending node
 - iii) Argument of perigee.
- 3 a. List out the major subsystems required on satellite. (04 Marks)
- b. Briefly describe the three axes method of satellite stabilization. Define the terms roll, pitch and yaw. (10 Marks)
- c. State the types of satellite antenna normally used to produce radiation pattern. How spot beams are produced? (06 Marks)
- 4 a. Derive the satellite link formula. Express the formula in decibels also. (08 Marks)
- b. A satellite downlink at 12 GHz operates with a transmit power of 6 watts and an antenna gain of 48.2 dB. Calculate EIRP in dBW. (04 Marks)
- c. Show that the rain attenuation in dB is given by $A_p = \alpha R_p^b L_{r,p}$ with usual notations. (08 Marks)

PART - B

- 5 a. With the help of a block diagram, explain the arrangement for Master antenna TV system. (03 Marks)
- b. Compare CATV and MATV system. (07 Marks)
- c. With the aid of a block diagram, describe the functioning transmit-receive earth station. (10 Marks)
- 6 a. Explain the concepts of TDMA and FDMA using appropriate figures. Discuss the relative advantage and disadvantage of each. (10 Marks)
- b. Describe briefly the modes of interference that can occur in a satellite communication system. Distinguish between satellite and terrestrial modes of interference. (10 Marks)
- 7 a. Explain : i) Bit rate for digital TV ii) Radar satellite (10 Marks)
- b. Explain in detail GPS along with a block diagram of GPS receiver. (10 Marks)
- 8 Write short notes on : a) Pre assigned TDMA b) Home satellite TV (20 Marks)
 - c) Geo stationary orbit
 - d) Iridium

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Important Note : 1. On completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.
2. Any revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator and/or equations written eg, 42+8 = 50, will be treated as malpractice.

