Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, June/July 2017

Satellite Communication

Time: 3 hrs. Max. Marks: 100

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

PART - A

1 a. Explain the services provided by a satellite.

- (06 Marks)
- b. State and explain Kepler's three laws of planetary motion and give necessary equations.

(08 Marks)

- c. Define the terms:
 - i) Retrograde orbit and prograde orbit
 - ii) Mean anomaly and true anomaly
 - iii) Ascending and descending node.

(06 Marks)

- 2 a. Calculate the semimajor axis for the satellite parameter NN = 14.23304826 day⁻¹ and explain the phenomenon Earth eclipse of satellite. Assume $\mu = 3.986005 \times 10^{14}$ m³/s². (08 Marks)
 - b. Calculate the apogee and perigee heights for the orbital parameters e = 0.0011501 and a = 7192.335 km. Assume a mean earth radius of 6371 km. (03 Marks)
 - c. Define Sidereal day and Solar day.

(02 Marks)

- d. A geostationary satellite is located at 90° W. Calculate the azimuth angle for an earth station antenna at latitude 35° N and longitude 100° W. Also find the range and antenna elevation angle. Assume radius of orbit $a_{450} = 42164$ km and the average radius of earth R = 6371 km. (07 Marks)
- 3 a. A QPSK signal is transmitted by a satellite. Raised-Cosine filtering is used, for which the roll off factor is 0.2 and BER of 10^{-5} with $[E_b/N_o] = 9.6$ dB is required. For the satellite downlink, the losses amount to 200 dB the receiving earth station G/T ratio is 32 dBK⁻¹, and the transponder bandwidth is 36 MHz. Calculate: i) the bit rate which can be accommodated, and ii) the EIRP required. Assume K = -228.6 with losses 200 in dB. (06 Marks)
 - b. Explain carrier to noise ratio of a satellite link.

(07 Marks)

- c. Show that the rain attenuation in decibels is given by $A_p = aR_p^bL_sr_p$ dB.
- (07 Marks)

4 a. Explain momentum wheel stabilization of satellite.

(06 Marks)

b. Explain how station keeping is done in satellites.

(06 Marks)

c. What is transponder of satellite and with a neat diagram, explain wideband receiver of satellite transponder. (08 Marks)

PART - B

- 5 a. With the help of a block diagram, explain transmit-receive earth station. (08 Marks)
 - b. Describe briefly the modes of interference that can occur in a satellite communication system. (06 Marks)
 - c. What is master antenna TV system? With the help of a diagram, describe an arrangement for MATV system. (06 Marks)

- 6 a. A 14 GHz uplink operates with transmission losses and margins totaling 212 dB and a satellite (G/T) = 10 dB/K. The required uplink $[E_b/N_o]$ is 12 dB.
 - i) Assuming FDMA operation and an earth station uplink antenna gain of 46 dB, calculate the earth station transmitter power needed for transmission of a T1 baseband signal.
 - ii) If the down link transmission rate is fixed at 74 dBb/s, calculate the uplink power increase required for TDMA operation. For T1 bit rate is 1.544 Mb/s or $[R_b] = 62 \text{ dBb/s}$ K = -228.6.
 - b. Explain the following methods in demand-assigned FDMA:
 - i) Polling method
 - ii) Centrally controlled random access.

(04 Marks

c. Explain on-board signal processing for FDMA/TDM operation.

(10 Marks

- 7 a. Calculate the bit rate that can be carried in the 24 MHz channel using QPSK, allowing a rol off factor of 0.2. (04 Marks)
 - b. With respect to direct broadcast satellite service, explain the following:
 - i) Orbital spacing
 - ii) Power rating of transponder
 - iii) Frequencies and polarization

(08 Marks

- c. Explain the following:
 - i) Transponder capacity
 - ii) Bit rate for digital TV

(08 Marks

8 a. Explain a very small aperture terminal system.

(08 Marks

- b. Write short note on:
 - i) Radarsat
 - ii) Global positioning system

(12 Marks

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