



B.E DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/DEC 2024

(Regulation 2018)

Seventh Semester

ELECTRONICS AND COMMUNICATION ENGINEERING

U18ECE0002: Satellite Communication

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1: Discuss orbital mechanics and launch methodologies.
 CO2: Describe various space subsystems.
 CO3: Explain different subsystems of earth segment.
 CO4: Apply signal processing for satellite communication.
 CO5: Design and analyze link power budget for satellites.
 CO6: Describe various Satellite Applications.

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

Answer all the Questions:-

PART A (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

(Answer not more than 40 words)

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| 1. Name any four orbital parameters defined in satellite communication. | CO1 | [K ₁] |
| 2. Determine the apogee and perigee distances for an elliptical satellite orbit with a semi-major axis of 8000 km and a semi-minor axis of 5000 km. | CO1 | [K ₃] |
| 3. List the key components of a spacecraft's power supply system. | CO2 | [K ₁] |
| 4. Distinguish between MATV and CATV. | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 5. Define the terms Preamble and Postamble in FDMA. | CO4 | [K ₁] |
| 6. Justify the role of compression in digital video broadcast over satellite communication systems. | CO4 | [K ₂] |
| 7. A satellite downlink at 10 GHz operates with a transmit power of 5 W and an antenna gain of 40 dB. Solve the EIRP in dBW. | CO5 | [K ₃] |
| 8. Recall the attenuation effects of rain on the performance of satellite communication links. | CO5 | [K ₂] |
| 9. Define VSAT and state its primary use in satellite communication. | CO6 | [K ₁] |
| 10. Recall the functions of Orbcomm satellite system. | CO6 | [K ₂] |

Answer any FIVE Questions:-
PART B (5 x 16 = 80 Marks)
(Answer not more than 400 words)

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| 11. | a) | Define Kepler's three laws of planetary motion with relevant equations and explain their significance for artificial satellites orbiting Earth. | 8 | CO1 | [K ₂] |
| | b) | Formulate a detailed procedure for launching a satellite into a specific orbit, considering the role of launch vehicles and orbital insertion. | 8 | CO1 | [K ₃] |
| 12. | a) | Discuss the process of look angle determination for a satellite ground station. | 8 | CO1 | [K ₂] |
| | b) | Summarize the functional units of an earth station with a neat block diagram. Discuss how each unit contributes to the overall functionality and performance of the earth station. | 8 | CO3 | [K ₂] |
| 13. | a) | Demonstrate the importance of Telemetry, Tracking, and Command (TT&C) systems in satellite missions with necessary diagrams. | 10 | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| | b) | Justify the importance of the thermal control sub-system in a Satellite. | 6 | CO2 | [K ₂] |
| 14. | a) | Explain the principle behind spectrum spreading in CDMA by generating a pseudo-random code using a 4-bit shift register. Also, discuss various spread spectrum techniques. | 10 | CO4 | [K ₃] |
| | b) | The IF bandwidth for a CDMA system is 3 MHz, the roll-off factor for the filter being 1. The information bit rate is 2.4 kb/s, and an $[Eb/N_0]$ of 11 dB is required for each channel accessing the CDMA system. Determine the maximum number of channels permitted. | 6 | CO4 | [K ₃] |
| 15. | a) | Explain the link power budget equation in satellite communication systems and discuss its importance in ensuring reliable communication. | 10 | CO5 | [K ₂] |
| | b) | Explain how the combined Carrier-to-Noise ratio (C/N) in satellite communication systems is evaluated considering both uplink and downlink contributions. | 6 | CO5 | [K ₃] |
| 16. | a) | Summarize the main components of a GPS. Explain how the GPS determines the position of a user on Earth using trilateration. | 10 | CO6 | [K ₂] |
| | b) | Explain the role of Business TV (BTV) and GRAMSAT in enhancing communication for corporate and rural audiences. | 6 | CO6 | [K ₂] |
