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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
(MMUST)**

MAIN CAMPUS

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DIPLOMA
IN
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING**

COURSE CODE: DEE 094

**COURSE TITLE: ADVANCED COMMUNICATION
SYSTEMS**

DATE: Tuesday 11th April, 2023

TIME: 2.00 P.m – 4.00 P.m

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS.
QUESTION ONE CARRIES 30 MARKS AND ALL OTHERS 20 MARKS EACH.

TIME: 2 Hours

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Question One

- Explain what you understand by the term electromagnetic spectrum (2 marks)
- With aid of sketches describe how a cavity klystron operates (8 marks)
- State the FOUR main parts of the fiber optic cable (4 marks)
- Light travels from air into an optical fiber with a refractive index of 1.45. if the incident angle is 25°
 - Calculate the angle of refraction inside the cable (4 marks)
 - Sketch path of the light as it changes media (3 marks)
- Differentiate between electromagnetic waveguides and acoustic waveguides citing examples in each case (4marks)
- List FIVE advantages of waveguides over transmission lines (5 marks)

Question Two

- What is a microwave integrated circuit? (2 marks)
- State TWO applications of travelling wave tube (2 marks)
- A 5GHz receiver has the following gains and noise temperatures $G_{rf} = 23 \text{ dB}$, $T_{in} = 25\text{K}$, $T_m = 500\text{K}$, $T_{if} = 100\text{K}$ and $T_{rf} = 50\text{K}$
 - Calculate the system noise temperature when the mixer has a gain of 0dB (2 marks)
 - Determine the system noise temperature when the mixer has a 10dB loss (2 marks)
 - How can the noise temperature of the receiver be minimized when the mixer has a loss of 10dB? (2 marks)
- Calculate the maximum range of Radar for the following specifications –
Peak power transmitted by the Radar, $P_t = 300\text{KW}$
Gain of transmitting Antenna, $G = 3000$
Effective aperture of the receiving Antenna, $A_e = 4\text{m}^2$
Radar cross section of the target, $\sigma = 25\text{m}^2$
Power of minimum detectable signal, $S_{min} = 10^{-10}\text{W}$ (4marks)
- The interior of a 0.6m by 0.2m waveguide is completely filled with a dielectric of $\epsilon_r = 5$. Calculate the velocity of propagation, cut off frequency and wavelength if its operating in TE₁₁ mode (6marks)

Question Three

- Define a magnetron (1 mark)
- State and expound on THREE types of magnetrons (3 marks)
- A Travelling Wave Tube operates at 1 GHz when a dc voltage of 12V and dc current of 500mA is applied at the cathode. Calculate its gain in dB given that the helix has an impedance of $1 \text{ K}\Omega$. (take electron velocity to be $0.593 \times 10^6 \text{ m/s}$) (6 marks)
- With illustrations describe how a reflex klystron operates (8 marks)
- State TWO applications of magnetrons (2 marks)

Question Four

- a) State TWO types of radar and with the aid of block diagrams explain their functionality (8 marks)
- b) Briefly explain how the idea of total internal reflection is achieved in fiber optics (4 marks)
- c) A ray of light incident in water strikes the water-air interface with an incident angle of 10° . If the refractive index of water is 1.3
 - i) Calculate the angle of refraction (3 marks)
 - ii) What should be the angle of incidence for an angle of refraction not to exceed 45° ? (3 marks)
 - iii) Compute the critical angle (2 marks)

Question Five

- a) Differentiate geostationary and geosynchronous orbits (4 marks)
- b) A satellite downlink at 15GHz operates with a transmit power of 20W and an antenna gain of 50dB. Calculate EIRP in dBW (5marks)
- c) State Three advantages of satellite communication over terrestrial networks (3marks)
- d) Prove that for a real antenna, the received power in watts is given by:

$$P_r = \frac{P_t G_t A_e}{4\pi R^2} \quad (8 \text{ marks})$$