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

**MAIN CAMPUS**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FOURTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DEGREE  
OF  
BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION  
IN  
ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONICS ENGINEERING**

**COURSE CODE: TEE 423**

**COURSE TITLE: COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS II**

**DATE: 20<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2023**

**TIME: 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Question ONE (1) is compulsory.  
Answer Any Other TWO (2) questions.

TIME: 3 Hours

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**SECTION A**

**Question one**

- a) Sketch a well labelled wide area paging system. (5mks)
- b) List any three characteristics of 3G technology? (3mks)
- c) Briefly explain the two types of cells as used in cellular system. (4mks)
- d) With aid of a diagram differentiate between reflection and diffraction as applied in radio wave propagation. (5mks)
- e) Microscopic diversity is employed to minimize deep fades. List any five microscopic diversity techniques. (5mks)
- f) A satellite at a distance of 39,000 km from the Broglio space centre departmental building in Malindi radiates a power of 20 W from an antenna with a gain of 22 dB in the direction of the a VSAT at Broglio space centre building with an effective aperture area of 10 m<sup>2</sup>. Find:
  - i) The flux density at the departmental building.
  - ii) The power received by the VSAT antenna.
  - iii) If the satellite operates at a frequency of 11 GHZ AND THE Earth station antenna has a gain of 52.3 dB. Determine the received power. (8mks)

**SECTION B**

**Question two**

- a) With aid of a diagram, explain the working of the base unit of a cordless phone. (4mks)
- b) Discuss how multipath propagation causes interference in communication system (8mks)
- c) Outline the handoff procedure in the AMPS systems. (8mks)

**Question three**

- a) Briefly discuss ARQ and FEC as applied in channel coding. (4mks)
- b) Discuss channel assignment strategies used in cellular systems. (8mks)
- c) Show that

$$\left(\frac{C}{N}\right)_{Overall} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\left(\frac{C}{N}\right)_t} + \frac{1}{\left(\frac{C}{N}\right)_b}}$$

(8mks)

**Question four**

- a) With aid of a diagram illustrate the various upgrade paths for 2G technologies. (6mks)
- b) Explain SDMA as applied in multiple access schemes (6mks)
- c) With aid of a detailed block diagram, discuss any two GSM architecture subsystems. (8mks)

**Question five**

- a) List any three components of a personal communication system. (3mks)
- b) What are the three types of orbits in satellite systems? (3mks)
- c) Suppose we have a 4 GHz receiver with the following gains and noise temperatures:  $G_{rf} = 23$  dB,  $T_{in} = 25$  K,  $T_m = 500$  K,  $T_{if} = 1000$  K and  $T_{rf} = 50$  K.
  - i) Calculate the system noise temperature assuming that the mixer has a gain  $G_m = 0$  dB.
  - ii) Determine the system noise temperature when the mixer has a 10 dB loss.
  - iii) How can the noise temperature of the receiver be minimized when the mixer has a loss of 10 dB? (6mks)
- d) Discuss the four channels of IS-95 in the forward link. (8mks)