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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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

COURSE CODE: TEE 413

COURSE TITLE: COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS 1

DATE: TUESDAY 19/12/2023 TIME: 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM

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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1. (a) define the following terms as they are used in communication system (3mks)

I. Distortion

II. Interference

III. Noise

b) A monotone signal in a communication system is described by the equation

$$S(t) = B \cos [\omega t + v(t)]$$

I. State the signal amplitude A, Frequency F and phase ϕ (3mks)

II. Determine the instantaneous frequency ω_i if $V(t) = \pi t^2$ (2mks)

c. (i) Using a block diagram explain the elements of a basic baseband communication system (4mks)

(ii) Explain why in most communication systems modulation is required. (2mks).

d) Define the term sampling (1mk)

ii) Explain Nyquist rate of sampling (2mks)

e) An FM signal has a resting frequency of 105 MHz and a higher frequency of 105.03 MHz when modulated by signal frequency 5 KHz (5MKS). Determine:

i) Frequency deviation (1mk)

ii) Carrier swing (1mk)

iii) Modulation index (1mk)

iv) Percentage modulation (1mk)

v) Lowest frequency reached by FM wave (1mk).

f) A binary coded message given 10101110110 (LSB) in the right is transmitted in baseband over a digital channel. Sketch waveforms if the message is transmitted in the channel using

i) Unipolar non return to zero (NRZ) signal mode (4mks)

ii). Bipolar return to zero (RZ) signalling mode (4mks)

2(a) using relevant circuits, explain the difference between pre emphasis and de-emphasis. (6mks)

ii) Highlight any three applications where pre-emphasis and de-emphasis are used (3mks)

b) Define the term coding (2mks)

ii) State any four properties of line coding (4mks).

c) In a PCM system, a 5 bit encoder is used. Suppose each level represents IV

i) Find the range of the code (3mks)

ii) Find the number of quantization error on account of PCM if a voltage of 27.39v is involved (2mks).

3(a). Define the following terms as they are used in amplitude modulation receiver.

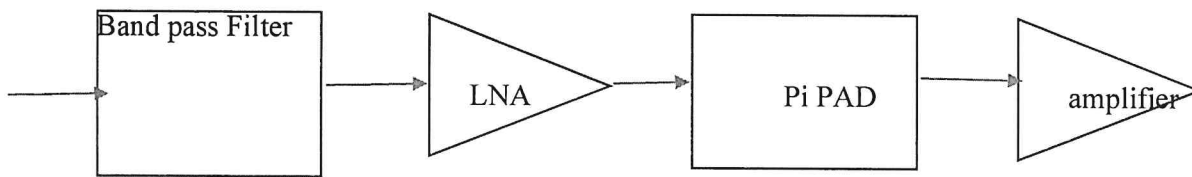
i) Fidelity (2mks)

ii) Selectivity (2mks)

iii) Double spotting (2mks).

b. (i) explain the significance of noise figure in communication circuits (2mks)

ii) Figure 1 shows multiple devices cascaded in the receiver chain, the gain and noise figure of each device is given from data sheet. Compute the noise figure of complete receiver chain.



Loss =20dB

Gain =20dB, NF=1 Db

Loss =3dB

Gain=12Db, NF=2

c). The total power content of an AM wave is 1500 w for 100% modulation, Determine,

i). power transmitted by the carrier (2mks)

ii). Power transmitted by each (2mks)

D). state any advantage of FM over AM. (2mks)

4. (A) (i). Given the clock phase 10101010101010101 and the data 101001110. Draw the wave forms for the bipolar none return to zero BNRZ and Bipolar return to zero.BRZ. (5mks).

ii) State any two advantage and disadvantage of bipolar signalling. (3mks).

b). draw the block diagram of a pube code modulation (PCM) and explain the function of each block (12mks)

5. (A). Explain the following forms of amplitude modulation.

i) Double side band suppressed carrier (DSB-SC) (2mks)

ii) Single side band transmitted carrier (SSB-TC) (2mks)

iii) Single side band suppressed carrier (SSB-SC) (2mks).

B) (I). Highlight any three disadvantages of SSB-SC (6mks)

ii).give a reason as to why there is a wide spread use of double side band full carrier (DSBFC) rather than single side band suppressed carrier (SSB-SC) in broadcasting. (2mks).

c) (I) derive the mathematical expression for FM wave (3mks)

ii) The tuned circuit of the oscillator in an AM transmitter uses a 40mH coil and 1nF capacitor. If the carrier wave produced by the oscillator is modulated by audio frequencies up to 20KHz, calculate the frequency bands and the channel width. (3mks).

