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B.E./B.Tech. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020  
Seventh Semester

Electronics and Communication Engineering  
EC 6004 – SATELLITE COMMUNICATION  
(Regulations 2013)

(Also Common to PTEC 6004 – Satellite Communication for B.E. (Part-Time) –  
Seventh Semester – Electronics and Communication Engineering – Regulations 2014)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

Answer ALL questions

PART – A

**(10×2=20 Marks)**

1. When does the satellite remain in the orbit forever ?
2. Write the principle of on-board propulsion system.
3. Write the need for a two-way system of radio communication.
4. Write the relationship between EIRP and antenna gain.
5. Write the inverse square law.
6. Define free-space loss.
7. List the types of Multiple access systems.
8. List the functions of a typical CDMA receiver.
9. What do satellite data networks employing VSATs offer ?
10. Compare GEO and LEO systems.

PART – B

**(5×13=65 Marks)**

11. a) Explain the features of typical launch vehicles. **(13)**  
(OR)  
b) State Kepler's laws. Define the various orbital elements. **(13)**



12. a) Explain the specific technologies under the category of electric and ion propulsion. **(13)**  
(OR)  
b) Describe the design aspects of the Satellite Link. **(13)**
13. a) Write the ionospheric and tropospheric effects on space link. **(4+9)**  
(OR)  
b) Explain the use of Travelling Wave Tube Amplifiers in satellite communication systems. **(13)**
14. a) Why is Code Division Multiple Access called spread spectrum communication ? **(13)**  
(OR)  
b) Explain the relation between Time Division Multiple Access and ALOHA. List the features of spread spectrum technology. **(3+10)**
15. a) Write the applications of GPS. **(13)**  
(OR)  
b) While fixed satellite services represent the majority of the commercial business, mobile satellite communications applications have risen to the point of being more than an industry niche. Justify this statement. **(13)**

PART – C

**(1×15=15 Marks)**

16. a) List and explain the steps of Link power budget analysis of downlink. **(15)**  
(OR)  
b) List the various factors of home receiver unit. Write the features of digital TV broadcast. **(6+9)**
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