ELEX 3525 : Data Communications Term 201610

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Sample Paper 1 A00123456

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A communication system's transmitter outputs either waveform A or waveform B (shown below) once every $3 \mu s$. The probability of transmitting waveform A is 0.25 and the probability of transmitting waveform B is 0.75.



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- (a) the symbol rate?
- (b) the information rate in bits/second?
- (c) the baud rate?

Question 2 (5 marks)

The following waveform shows an ASCII character being transmitted over an RS-232 interface using even parity.



- (a) How many data bits were transmitted? You may assume there are less than 10 data bits.
- (b) What ASCII character was transmitted? Show your work.

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You are given a length of co-ax cable and use an LCR bridge to measure the capacitance and inductance of the cable. With the far end open-circuited you measure the capacitance as 23 pF and with the far end short-circuited you measure the inductance as 120 nH.

- (a) What is the characteristic impedance of the cable?
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Question 4 (2 marks)

You measure the phase shift between the input and output of a channel at various frequencies and obtain the following result:



- (a) Is this a linear-phase channel? How can you tell?
- (b) What is the delay through the channel at 500 kHz?

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Question 5 (4 marks)

A system transmits data using an NRZ line code with two voltage levels. The channel adds white Gaussian noise. The received levels are 0 V and 3.5 V with an RMS noise voltage of 1 V. The (mis-adjusted) receiver uses a decision threshold of 1.5 V.

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You receive an IP frame with the following header bytes (in hex):

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