Completed assignments must be submitted on the specified due date by 4:30pm in the CME451 assignment box (second floor, across Room 2C94E). Late assignments will not be marked, and will be given a mark of zero.

## Marking scheme:

- 30% completion mark
- 70% based on a selected set of problems below
- 0. Read chapters 3 and 4 in the textbook.
- 1. What is the suitable wavelength range for transmission with WDM, and why?
- 2. What type of symbol modulation scheme would be needed to achieve an optical capacity of 75 Tb/s. Show all calculations.
- 3. Consider an ITU-type channel spacing scheme. What should be the reference frequency if a wavelength separation of 0.8 nm is equivalent to 110-GHz channel spacing?
- 4. Suppose you are the network engineer working on a long-haul link between Saskatoon and Toronto (you may assume a distance of 2300km). Design your system to achieve a required capacity of at least 24 Gb/s.

For this design, you are given the following components (rated for 4 Gb/s):

- a. Laser source: output power 1mW and spectral width 0.75nm.
- b. APD receiver, with input sensitivity of 1  $\mu W$
- c. Optical fiber: 1550-nm wavelength band with attenuation loss of 0.35 dB/km.
- d. SMF dispersion of 1.5ps/(nm km)
- e. O-E-O regenerator that can recover 0.40 of the data eye.
- 5. In a particular application, the network cables have a high probability of being accidentally cut. Discuss how WDM and SONET address this situation.
- 6. Draw a typical STS-1 frame format. Be sure to specify the frame duration.
- 7. To achieve the goals of the overall SONET network, two supporting networks are needed. Explain the rationale for and describe the design of these networks (Hint: see Fig. 4.6).

- 8. What options for multiplexing are available in SONET? Discuss when each should be selected?
- 9. In terms of bandwidth, how many STS-12 frames are equivalent to an STM-256 frame?
- 10. Compare SONET and SDH frames in terms of overhead. What implications can be drawn from this comparison?
- 11. Describe the types of clock variations typically encountered in SONET.