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**Paper Code : EC-604 B**

**INFORMATION THEORY AND CODING**

**Time Allotted : 3 Hours**

**Full Marks : 70**

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to give their answers in their own  
words as far as practicable.*

**GROUP – A**

**( Multiple Choice Type Questions )**

1. Choose the correct alternatives for any ten of the  
following : 10 × 1 = 10

i) The unit of information is

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|--------|------------------|
| a) Bit | b) Decit         |
| c) Nat | d) all of these. |

ii) For a Lossless channel, the number of non-zero  
elements in each column is

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| a) 0 | b) 1  |
| c) 2 | d) 3. |

iii) Entropy is basically a measure of

- a) rate of information
- b) average information
- c) probability of information
- d) disorder of information.

iv) An encoder for a (4, 3, 5) convolution code has a  
memory order of

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| a) 4 | b) 2  |
| c) 3 | d) 5. |

v) If  $I(x_1)$  and  $I(x_2)$  is the information carried by the  
symbols  $x_1$  and  $x_2$  respectively, then  $I(x_1, x_2)$  is  
equal to

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|----------------------|------------------------|
| a) $I(x_1) * I(x_2)$ | b) $I(x_1) + I(x_2)$   |
| c) $I(x_1) - I(x_2)$ | d) $I(x_1) / I(x_2)$ . |

vi) If  $L$  is the average codeword length per symbol and  
 $H(X)$  is the source entropy then which one is more  
appropriate ?

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| a) $L = H(X)$    | b) $L \leq H(X)$  |
| c) $L \geq H(X)$ | d) None of these. |

vii) For  $(n, k)$  block code, the minimum distance  $d_{min}$  is

- a)  $d_{min} \leq n - k + 1$       b)  $d_{min} \leq n - k$   
 c)  $d_{min} \leq n + k + 1$       d)  $d_{min} \leq n + k - 1$ .

viii) The properties of Cyclic code is/are

- a) Linearity      b) Cyclic  
 c) Both (a) and (b)      d) None of these.

ix) If  $m = 4$  then what will be the length of BCH code ?

- a) 16      b) 15  
 c) 17      d) None of these.

x) For Hamming Codes of  $(n, k)$  linear block codes, the block length  $(n)$  will be

- a)  $2^q - 1$       b)  $2^q$   
 c)  $2^q + 1$       d) none of these.

xi) Relation between Syndrome Vector (S) and error vector (E) is

- a)  $S = H^T E$       b)  $S = E H^T$   
 c) Both (a) and (b)      d) None of these.

xii) For GF  $(2^3)$  the elements in the set are

- a)  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$       b)  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$   
 c)  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$       d)  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$

### GROUP - B

#### ( Short Answer Type Questions )

Answer any *three* of the following       $3 \times 5 = 15$

2. The generator matrix for a  $(6, 3)$  block code is given below. Find the code vector of the message bit 110. Calculate the weight of this code vector.

$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & : & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & : & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & : & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad 4 + 1$$

3. Draw the state diagram for  $(2, 1, 2)$  convolutional code and explain.
4. a) What do you mean by Information rate ? Explain.  
 b) What is a Discrete Memoryless Channel (DMC) ? Explain.       $3 + 2$
5. Find the generator polynomial  $g(x)$  for a double error correcting ternary BCH code of block length 8. What is the code rate of the code ?
6. What are Hamming Code and Hamming Bound ?       $2 + 3$

**GROUP – C****( Long Answer Type Questions )**

Answer any *three* of the following.  $3 \times 15 = 45$

7. a) Explain the Shannon-Fano coding and Huffman coding with suitable example.  $5 + 5$
- b) Show that the channel capacity of an ideal AWGN channel with infinite bandwidth is given by

$$C_{\infty} = 1.44 S/\eta \text{ bit/sec,}$$

where  $S$  is the average signal power and  $\eta/2$  is the power spectral density (psd) of white Gaussian noise.  $5$

8. a) Verify the following expression :

$$0 \leq H(X) \leq \log_2 m$$

where  $m$  is the size of the alphabet of  $X$ .  $5$

- b) A DMS  $X$  has five symbols  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  and  $x_5$  with  $P(x_1) = 0.4, P(x_2) = 0.19, P(x_3) = 0.16, P(x_4) = 0.15$  and  $P(x_5) = 0.1$ .
- i) Construct a Shannon-Fano code for  $X$ , and calculate the efficiency of the code.  $2 + 1$
- ii) Repeat for the Huffman code and compare the results.  $2 + 1$

- c) Write short notes on the following :  $1 + 1 + 1 + 1$

- i) Codeword length
- ii) Average codeword length
- iii) Code efficiency
- iv) Code redundancy.

9. Design a (12, 3) systematic convolutional encoder with a constraint length  $\nu = 3$  and  $d^* = 3$ .

- i) Construct the trellis diagram for this encoder.  $7$
- ii) What is the  $d_{free}$  for the code ?  $8$

10. a) Let  $\alpha$  be a primitive element of the Galois field  $GF(2^4)$ , such that  $1 + \alpha + \alpha^4 = 0$ . Generate the triple-error correcting BCH code of length 15.  $6$

- b) Consider a triple-error correcting Reed-Solomon code with symbols from  $GF(2^4)$ . The generator polynomial of the code is

$$g(x) = (x + \alpha)(x + \alpha^2)(x + \alpha^3)(x + \alpha^4)(x + \alpha^5)(x + \alpha^6).$$

Let the transmitted code vector is an all-zero vector and the received vector is

$$r = (000 \alpha^7 00 \alpha^3 00000 \alpha^4 00)$$

Compute the syndrome decoding.  $9$

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11. Write short notes on any *three* of the following      3 × 5

- a) Viterbi decoding
  - b) Turbo codes
  - c) Dual codes
  - d) Standard array decoding
  - e) BCH codes.
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