

**COMP3234B Computer and Communication networks**  
**Assignment 4 (10%)**  
**Sample Solution**

Total mark is 100.

**1. (13 marks) [Parity checks (LO3)]**

**(1 mark for each parity bit)**

100111 | 1  
101000 | 1  
100101 | 0  
010100 | 1  
111001 | 1  
111001 | 1

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000001 | 0

**2. (18 marks) [Checksum (LO 3)]**

The 16-bit integers representing the 18 bytes is as follows:

1010101110101011 (integer 1) **(0.5 mark for each byte)**  
1010101110101011 (integer 2) **(0.5 mark for each byte)**  
1010101110101011 (integer 3) **(0.5 mark for each byte)**  
1010101110111110 (integer 4) **(0.5 mark for each byte)**  
0011101100000110 (integer 5) **(0.5 mark for each byte)**  
1000001101110011 (integer 6) **(0.5 mark for each byte)**  
0100110111011111(integer 7) **(0.5 mark for each byte)**  
0011011000101011(integer 8) **(0.5 mark for each byte)**  
1000011011011101 (integer 9) **(0.5 mark for each byte)**

The sum of integer 1 and integer 2 is 0101011101010111 (carryout from the most significant bit is added); **(1 mark)**

adding integer 3, we get: 0000001100000011 (carryout from the most significant bit is added); **(1 mark)**

adding integer 4, we get: 1010111011100001; **(1 mark)**

adding integer 5, we get: 1110100111100111; **(1 mark)**

adding integer 6, we get: 0110110101011011 (carryout from the most significant bit is added); **(1 mark)**

adding integer 7, we get: 1011101100111010; **(1 mark)**

adding integer 8, we get: 1111000101100101 **(1 mark)**

adding integer 9, we get: 0111100001000011 (carryout from the most significant bit is added); **(1 mark)**

Checksum (1s complement of the sum) is 1000 0111 1011 1100 **(1 mark)**

**3. (15 marks) [CRC (LO3)]**

(1) 0101111 (5 marks)

(2) 0010110 (5 marks)

(3) 1111000 (5 marks)

**4. (12 marks) [Multiple Access (LOs 2, 3)]**

1. A creates IP datagram with source address 192.168.1.001 and destination address 192.168.3.003. (1 mark)

2. A uses ARP to get the MAC address associated with router 1's interface 192.168.1.002: Host A broadcasts an ARP query frame containing IP address 192.168.1.002, with source MAC address 11-11-11-22-22-22 and destination MAC address FF-FF-FF-FF-FF-FF; Router 1 receives the query packet and sends to Host A an ARP response frame, with source MAC address 22-22-22-22-22-22 and destination MAC address 11-11-11-22-22-22; A caches this IP-MAC mapping in its ARP table. (3 marks)

3. A creates a link-layer frame with source MAC address 11-11-11-22-22-22 and destination MAC address 22-22-22-22-22-22, containing the A-to-F IP datagram (1 mark)

4. A sends the frame via interface 192.168.1.001 to router 1's interface 192.168.1.002. (1 mark)

5. Router 1 removes IP datagram from frame, sees it destined to F. (1 mark)

6. Router 1 generates a link-layer frame carrying the A-to-F IP datagram, with source MAC address 33-33-33-33-33-33 and destination MAC address 55-55-55-55-55-55, and sends from its interface 192.168.2.002 to router 2's interface 192.168.2.003. (2 marks)

7. Router 2 removes IP datagram from frame, sees it destined to F. (1 mark)

8. Router 2 generates a link-layer frame carrying the A-to-F IP datagram, with source MAC address 88-88-88-88-88-88 and destination MAC address 99-99-99-99-99-99, and sends from its interface 192.168.3.002 to F's interface 192.168.3.003. (2 marks)

**5. (20 marks) Multiple Access [ILOs 2, 3]**

(1) (7 marks)

A will first start its transmission of first frame at: 396 bit time (1 mark)

A will finish its transmission of first frame at:  $396 + 800 \times 8 = 6796$  bit time (1 mark)

Solving  $512 \times (1 + 2 + \dots + y) \geq 6796$ , we get  $y = 5$  (1 mark)

B will start its transmission of first frame at:  $512 \times (1+2+3+4+5) = 7680$  bit time (1 mark)

A will make its first attempt to transmit its second frame at  $6796 + 900 = 7696$  bit time, when it will detect B's transmission and will abort. (2 marks)

So B's transmission starting at 7680 bit time will be successful. (1 mark)

(2) (8 marks)

B will finish its transmission of first frame at:  $7680 + 800 \times 8 = 14080$  bit time **(1 mark)**, and then B will attempt to transmit its second frame at  $14080 + 900 = 14980$  bit time **(1 mark)**.

Solving  $6796 + 900 + 396 \times (1 + 2 + \dots + y) \geq 14080$ , we get  $y = 6$  **(1 mark)**. When A attempts to transmit its second frame at  $6796 + 900 + 396 \times (1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 + 6) = 16012$  bit time, B has started its transmission of the second frame, and A will back off further **(2 marks)**, while B's second frame transmission will be successful and finish at  $14980 + 800 \times 8 = 21380$  bit time **(1 mark)**.

Solving  $6796 + 900 + 396 \times (1 + 2 + \dots + y) \geq 21380$ , we get  $y = 8$  **(1 mark)**. A's transmission of second frame will start at  $6796 + 900 + 396 \times (1 + 2 + \dots + 8) = 21952$  bit time and will be successful **(1 mark)**.

**(3) (5 marks)**

A will finish its transmission of second frame at:  $21952 + 800 \times 8 = 28352$  bit time **(2 marks)**

Channel efficiency =  $4 \times (800 \times 8) / 28352 = 0.903$  **(3 marks)**

## **6. (22 marks) [Wireless Network (Learning Outcomes 2, 3)]**

**(1) (17 marks)**

1 bit time =  $10^{-7}$  seconds =  $10^{-1}$  microseconds

DIFS = 500 bit time **(0.5 marks)**

SIFS = 100 bit time **(0.5 marks)**

Node A's frame's transmission time =  $128 \times 8$  bit time = 1024 bit time **(0.5 marks)**

Node C's frame's transmission time =  $250 \times 8$  bit time = 2000 bit time **(0.5 marks)**

The time A finishes the first transmission is  $500 + 1024 = 1524$  bit time **(1 mark)**

The time C finishes the first transmission is  $500 + 2000 = 2500$  bit time **(1 mark)**

The time A starts the first retransmission is  $1524 + 5 + 100 + 100 + 5 + 500 + 512 = 2746$  bit time **(1 mark)**

The time A finishes the first retransmission is  $2746 + 1024 = 3770$  bit time **(1 mark)**

The time C starts the first retransmission is  $2500 + 10 + 100 + 100 + 10 + 500 + 512 = 3732$  bit time **(1 mark)**

The time C finishes the first retransmission  $3732 + 2000 = 5732$  bit time **(1 mark)**

The first retransmissions from A and C still collide at B. **(1 mark)**

The time A starts the second retransmission is  $3770 + 5 + 100 + 100 + 5 + 500 + 512 \times 3 = 6016$  bit time **(1 mark)**

The time A finishes the second retransmission is  $6016 + 1024 = 7040$  bit time **(1 mark)**

The time C starts the second retransmission is  $5732 + 10 + 100 + 100 + 10 + 500 + 512 \times 3 = 7988$  bit time **(1 mark)**

The time C finishes the second retransmission  $7988 + 2000 = 9988$  bit time **(1 mark)**

The time A starts the second retransmission is after C's first retransmission and the time B sent ACK to A's second retransmission is  $7040 + 5 + 100 + 100 = 7245$  bit time which is earlier than the time it starts to receive C's second retransmission. Therefore, the second retransmissions of A and C will be successful. **(2 marks)**

The start time of the successful retransmission from A is  $6016 \times 10^{-1}$  microseconds = 601.6 microseconds **(1 mark)**

The start time of the successful retransmission from C is  $7988 \times 10^{-1}$  microseconds = 798.8 microseconds **(1 mark)**

**(2) (5 marks)**

$T = 9988 + 10 + 100 + 100 + 10 = 10208$  bit time **(2 marks)**

Channel efficiency =  $(1024 + 2000) / 10208 = 0.296$  **(3 marks)**