

# Subject Name Solutions

4351104 – Winter 2024

Semester 1 Study Material

Detailed Solutions and Explanations

## Question 1(a) [3 marks]

Explain umbrella cell.

**Solution**

**Umbrella cell** is a large coverage area cell that overlays smaller cells to provide continuous coverage and handle overflow traffic.

Table 1: Umbrella Cell Characteristics

| Feature         | Description                             |
|-----------------|---|
| <b>Coverage</b> | Large geographic area                   |
| <b>Purpose</b>  | Handle overflow traffic from microcells |
| <b>Antenna</b>  | High-power, elevated position           |
| <b>Users</b>    | Fast-moving vehicles, emergency calls   |

- **Large coverage:** Covers wide geographical area with high-power base station
- **Traffic management:** Handles calls when smaller cells are congested
- **Mobility support:** Serves fast-moving users crossing multiple cell boundaries

**Mnemonic**

“Umbrella Covers Large Areas”

## Question 1(b) [4 marks]

Define cell and cluster.

**Solution**

**Cell** and **cluster** are fundamental concepts in cellular communication systems.

Table 2: Cell vs Cluster Comparison

| Parameter         | Cell  | Cluster                                    |
|-------------------|---|--|
| <b>Definition</b> | Single coverage area served by one base station | Group of cells using different frequencies |
| <b>Size</b>       | Limited by antenna power and interference       | Contains N cells (typically 3, 4, 7, 12)   |
| <b>Frequency</b>  | Uses specific frequency set                     | Uses all available frequencies once set    |
| <b>Purpose</b>    | Provide coverage to specific area               | Enable frequency reuse pattern             |

- **Cell:** Geographic area served by single base station with specific frequency allocation
- **Cluster:** Group of adjacent cells that collectively use entire frequency spectrum
- **Frequency reuse:** Same frequencies can be reused in different clusters
- **Pattern repetition:** Cluster pattern repeats throughout coverage area

**Mnemonic**  
 “Cells Cluster for Complete Coverage”

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Question 1(c) [7 marks]

Describe fundamental concept behind cellular communication systems.

## Solution

| Solution  |
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| <p><b>Cellular communication</b> divides service area into small cells to maximize spectrum efficiency and capacity.</p> <p><b>Diagram:</b></p> |

Solution

**Cellular communication** divides service area into small cells to maximize spectrum efficiency and capacity.

**Diagram:**

The diagram illustrates four different frequency reuse patterns (A, B, C, D, E, F, G, H, I) for cellular communication. Each pattern shows a central cell and its surrounding cells, with frequencies assigned to each cell. The patterns are arranged in two rows of three.

Pattern A: Central cell has frequency 1. Surrounding cells have frequencies 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in clockwise order starting from the top-right.

Pattern B: Central cell has frequency 1. Surrounding cells have frequencies 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in clockwise order starting from the top-left.

Pattern C: Central cell has frequency 1. Surrounding cells have frequencies 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in clockwise order starting from the bottom-left.

Pattern D: Central cell has frequency 1. Surrounding cells have frequencies 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in clockwise order starting from the top-right.

Pattern E: Central cell has frequency 1. Surrounding cells have frequencies 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 in clockwise order starting from the top-left.

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Table 3: Cellular System Benefits

| Concept                | Advantage                                 |
|------------------------|---|
| <b>Frequency Reuse</b> | Same frequencies used multiple times      |
| <b>Cell Division</b>   | Smaller coverage areas, more capacity     |
| <b>Handoff</b>         | Seamless call transfer between cells      |
| <b>Power Control</b>   | Reduced interference, longer battery life |

- **Small cell concept:** Service area divided into hexagonal cells for efficient coverage
- **Frequency reuse:** Limited spectrum used multiple times with adequate separation
- **Base station control:** Each cell served by low-power base station
- **Capacity improvement:** More users supported compared to single large coverage area
- **Interference management:** Co-channel interference controlled through proper cell planning

**Mnemonic**

“Small Cells Support Spectrum Sharing Successfully”

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**Co-channel interference** occurs when cells using same frequencies are too close, causing signal degradation.

### Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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    C[Cell C {- f1} {-}{-}{-} B]
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| Table 4: Co-channel Interference Parameters  |                                   |                                      |
| Parameter  | Description                       | Impact                               |
| <b>Reuse Distance</b>  | Distance between co-channel cells | Higher distance = Less interference  |
| <b>C/I Ratio</b>   | Carrier to Interference ratio     | Must be $\geq 18dB$ for good quality |
| <b>Cluster Size</b>  | Number of cells in cluster        | Larger cluster = More separation     |
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Signal overlap:</b> Same frequency signals from different cells interfere</li> <li><b>Quality degradation:</b> Causes call drops and poor voice quality</li> <li><b>Distance factor:</b> Interference reduces with square of distance</li> <li><b>Mitigation methods:</b> Proper cell planning, power control, antenna design</li> </ul> |                                   |                                      |

**Mnemonic**

“Co-channel Causes Call Quality Concerns”

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Question 2(a) [3 marks]

**Explain cell splitting.**

**Solution**

**Cell splitting** divides congested cells into smaller cells to increase system capacity.

**Diagram:**

Original Large Cell

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After Cell Splitting

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The diagram shows a large cell being split into four smaller cells. The original cell is represented by a large rectangle with a dashed border and a dashed diagonal line from the top-left to the bottom-right. The new cells are represented by four smaller rectangles, each with a solid border, arranged in a 2x2 grid. The original cell is labeled 'Original Large Cell' and the new cells are labeled 'After Cell Splitting'.

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Question 2(b) [4 marks]

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| Strategy       | Description                            | Advantages             | Disadvantages                  |
|----------------|--|------------------------|--------------------------------|
| <b>Fixed</b>   | Channels permanently assigned to cells | Simple, predictable    | Inefficient during low traffic |
| <b>Dynamic</b> | Channels assigned based on demand      | Efficient spectrum use | Complex implementation         |
| <b>Hybrid</b>  | Combination of fixed and dynamic       | Balanced approach      | Moderate complexity            |

- **Fixed assignment:** Each cell has predetermined set of channels
- **Dynamic assignment:** Channels allocated in real-time based on traffic demand
- **Load balancing:** Distributes traffic evenly across available channels
- **Interference avoidance:** Considers co-channel interference in assignment decisions

#### Mnemonic

“Dynamic Distribution Delivers Optimal Performance”

### Question 2(c) [7 marks]

Calculate voice and control channels per cell for 33MHz bandwidth, 25KHz simplex channels, 7-cell reuse, 1MHz for control.

#### Solution

**Calculation** for channel allocation in cellular system.

**Given Data:**

- Total bandwidth = 33 MHz
- Channel bandwidth = 25 KHz (simplex)
- Full duplex requires =  $2 \times 25\text{KHz} = 50\text{KHz}$
- Control spectrum = 1 MHz
- Cluster size = 7 cells

**Calculations:**

**Step 1: Total available channels** Total channels =  $33\text{ MHz} \div 25\text{KHz} = 1320\text{channels}$

**Step 2: Control channels** Control channels =  $1\text{ MHz} \div 25\text{KHz} = 40\text{channels}$

**Step 3: Voice channels** Voice channels =  $1320 - 40 = 1280\text{ channels}$

**Step 4: Duplex voice channels** Duplex voice channels =  $1280 \div 2 = 640\text{channels}$

**Step 5: Channels per cell** Voice channels per cell =  $640 \div 7 \approx 91\text{channels}$  Control channels per cell =  $40 \div 7 \approx 6\text{channels}$

**Final Answer:**

- Voice channels per cell: 91
- Control channels per cell: 6

#### Mnemonic

“Calculate Carefully for Channel Count”

### Question 2(a OR) [3 marks]

Write functions of FCCH and SCH in GSM.

#### Solution

**FCCH** and **SCH** are essential control channels in GSM system for synchronization.

Table 6: FCCH and SCH Functions

| Channel     | Full Form                    | Function                               |
|-------------|------------------------------|--|
| <b>FCCH</b> | Frequency Correction Channel | Provides frequency reference to mobile |
| <b>SCH</b>  | Synchronization Channel      | Provides timing and cell identity      |

- **FCCH function:** Enables mobile to synchronize with base station frequency
- **SCH function:** Carries BSIC (Base Station Identity Code) and frame number
- **Timing correction:** Both channels help mobile achieve proper timing synchronization

#### Mnemonic

“FCCH Fixes Frequency, SCH Synchronizes System”

### Question 2(b OR) [4 marks]

Write GSM 900 specifications.

#### Solution

**GSM 900** operates in 900 MHz frequency band with specific technical parameters.

Table 7: GSM 900 Specifications

| Parameter                 | Specification |
|---------------------------|---------------|
| <b>Uplink Frequency</b>   | 890-915 MHz   |
| <b>Downlink Frequency</b> | 935-960 MHz   |
| <b>Duplex Separation</b>  | 45 MHz        |
| <b>Channel Spacing</b>    | 200 KHz       |
| <b>Total Channels</b>     | 124 channels  |
| <b>Access Method</b>      | TDMA/FDMA     |
| <b>Modulation</b>         | GMSK          |
| <b>Power Classes</b>      | 2W, 8W, 20W   |

- **Frequency bands:** Separate uplink and downlink frequencies for full duplex operation
- **TDMA structure:** 8 time slots per carrier frequency

#### Mnemonic

“GSM 900 Gives Great Global Coverage”

### Question 2(c OR) [7 marks]

Draw and explain GSM architecture.

#### Solution

**GSM architecture** consists of three main subsystems working together for mobile communication.

graph TB

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MS[Mobile Station] --> BSS[Base Station Subsystem]
BSS --> NSS[Network Switching Subsystem]
BSS --> BTS[Base Transceiver Station]
BSS --> BSC[Base Station Controller]
NSS --> MSC[Mobile Switching Center]
NSS --> HLR[Home Location Register]
NSS --> VLR[Visitor Location Register]
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NSS {-{-} AuC[Authentication Center]]}  
 MSC {-{-} PSTN[Public Switched Telephone Network]]}

Table 8: GSM Architecture Components

| Subsystem             | Components             | Function                          |
|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Mobile Station</b> | Mobile Equipment + SIM | User interface and identity       |
| <b>BSS</b>            | BTS + BSC              | Radio interface and control       |
| <b>NSS</b>            | MSC, HLR, VLR, AuC     | Switching and database management |

- **Mobile Station:** Consists of mobile equipment and SIM card for user identification
- **Base Station Subsystem:** Handles radio communication and resource management
- **Network Switching Subsystem:** Manages call switching, routing, and subscriber databases
- **Interfaces:** A-bis (BTS-BSC), A (BSC-MSC) interfaces connect subsystems

### Mnemonic

“Mobile Base Network - Complete Communication Chain”

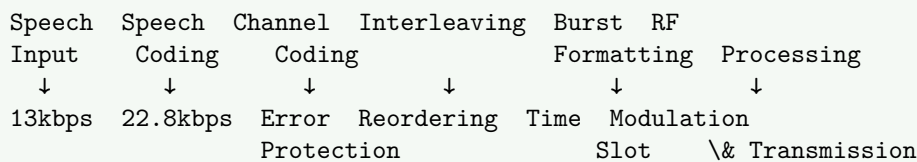
## Question 3(a) [3 marks]

Draw block diagram of signal processing in GSM.

### Solution

**Signal processing** in GSM involves multiple stages for voice and data transmission.

**Diagram:**



- **Speech coding:** Converts analog speech to 13 kbps digital data using RPE-LTP
- **Channel coding:** Adds error correction bits increasing rate to 22.8 kbps
- **Interleaving:** Reorders data to combat burst errors from fading

### Mnemonic

“Speech Signals Systematically Processed Successfully”

## Question 3(b) [4 marks]

Write functions of Common Control Channels in GSM.

### Solution

**Common Control Channels** manage system information and access procedures in GSM.

Table 9: Common Control Channels Functions

| Channel     | Function  |
|-------------|---|
| <b>FCCH</b> | Frequency correction and synchronization          |
| <b>SCH</b>  | Frame synchronization and cell identification     |
| <b>BCCH</b> | Broadcasts system information and cell parameters |

|             |   |
|-------------|---|
| <b>RACH</b> | Random access for call initiation by mobile |
| <b>AGCH</b> | Assigns dedicated channels to mobiles       |
| <b>PCH</b>  | Pages mobiles for incoming calls            |

- **Broadcast function:** BCCH continuously transmits system information
- **Access management:** RACH allows mobiles to request service
- **Channel assignment:** AGCH allocates resources for active calls
- **Paging service:** PCH notifies mobiles of incoming calls

#### Mnemonic

“Common Channels Control Communication Completely”

### Question 3(c) [7 marks]

Explain GSM identifiers.

#### Solution

**GSM identifiers** uniquely identify subscribers, equipment, and network elements.

Table 10: GSM Identifiers

| Identifier    | Full Form                                | Purpose                        | Format          |
|---------------|--|--------------------------------|-----------------|
| <b>IMSI</b>   | International Mobile Subscriber Identity | Unique subscriber ID           | 15 digits       |
| <b>IMEI</b>   | International Mobile Equipment Identity  | Unique equipment ID            | 15 digits       |
| <b>MSISDN</b> | Mobile Station ISDN Number               | Phone number                   | Variable length |
| <b>TMSI</b>   | Temporary Mobile Subscriber Identity     | Temporary ID for security      | 32 bits         |
| <b>LAI</b>    | Location Area Identity                   | Geographic area identification | MCC+MNC+LAC     |
| <b>BSIC</b>   | Base Station Identity Code               | Cell identification            | 6 bits          |

- **IMSI structure:** MCC (3) + MNC (2-3) + MSIN (9-10 digits)
- **Security purpose:** TMSI protects subscriber identity over radio interface
- **Location management:** LAI helps in efficient paging and location updates
- **Network planning:** BSIC prevents confusion between adjacent cells

#### Mnemonic

“Important Mobile System Identifiers Ensure Security”

### Question 3(a OR) [3 marks]

Compare Fast and Slow frequency hopping.

#### Solution

**Frequency hopping** techniques differ in hopping rate relative to symbol rate.

Table 11: Fast vs Slow Frequency Hopping

| Parameter           | Fast Hopping  | Slow Hopping  |
|---------------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Hopping Rate</b> | > Symbol rate | < Symbol rate |

|                        |                     |           |
|------------------------|---------------------|-----------|
| <b>Symbols per Hop</b> | < 1                 | > 1       |
| <b>Complexity</b>      | High                | Low       |
| <b>Applications</b>    | Military, Bluetooth | GSM, CDMA |

- **Fast hopping:** Multiple hops per symbol, better security but more complex
- **Slow hopping:** Multiple symbols per hop, simpler implementation

#### Mnemonic

“Fast Frequently Flips, Slow Stays Stable”

### Question 3(b OR) [4 marks]

Calculate number of users in GSM 900 band without frequency reuse.

#### Solution

**Calculation** for maximum users in GSM 900 without frequency reuse.

**Given GSM 900 Parameters:**

- Uplink: 890-915 MHz (25 MHz)
- Downlink: 935-960 MHz (25 MHz)
- Channel spacing: 200 KHz
- Time slots per channel: 8

**Calculations:**

**Step 1: Available channels** Total channels =  $25 \text{ MHz} \div 200 \text{ KHz} = 125 \text{ channels}$

**Step 2: Usable channels** Guard channels removed  $\approx 124 \text{ channels}$

**Step 3: Simultaneous users** Users per channel = 8 time slots Total users =  $124 \times 8 = 992 \text{ users}$

#### Solution

#### Mnemonic

“Calculate Channels Times Time-slots”

### Question 3(c OR) [7 marks]

Draw and explain general block diagram of mobile handset.

#### Solution

**Mobile handset** consists of several functional blocks working together.

graph TB

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A[Antenna] --> B[RF Section]
B --> C[IF Section]
C --> D[Baseband Processor]
D --> E[Audio Section]
D --> F[Display Unit]
D --> G[Keypad]
H[Power Management] --> D
I[Battery] --> H
J[SIM Interface] --> D

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Table 12: Mobile Handset Blocks



| Block                   | Function                             |
|-------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| <b>RF Section</b>       | Signal transmission and reception    |
| <b>Baseband</b>         | Digital signal processing            |
| <b>Audio</b>            | Voice input/output processing        |
| <b>Power Management</b> | Battery and power control            |
| <b>User Interface</b>   | Display, keypad, speaker, microphone |

- **RF processing:** Handles radio frequency transmission and reception
- **Digital processing:** Baseband performs channel coding, speech processing
- **User interface:** Provides interaction through display, keypad, audio
- **Power control:** Manages battery usage and charging functions

#### Mnemonic

“Mobile Manages Multiple Modules Simultaneously”

### Question 4(a) [3 marks]

Write radiation hazards due to mobile.

#### Solution

**Radiation hazards** from mobile phones are a health concern due to RF energy exposure.

Table 13: Mobile Radiation Hazards

| Hazard               | Effect               | Prevention                |
|----------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>SAR Exposure</b>  | Tissue heating       | Use hands-free devices    |
| <b>Brain Effects</b> | Memory, sleep issues | Limit call duration       |
| <b>Cancer Risk</b>   | Potential tumor risk | Keep phone away from body |

- **SAR (Specific Absorption Rate):** Measures RF energy absorbed by body tissue
- **Thermal effects:** RF energy can cause localized heating of tissues
- **Non-thermal effects:** Possible impacts on cellular functions and DNA

#### Mnemonic

“Safety Awareness Reduces Radiation Risk”

### Question 4(b) [4 marks]

Explain working of baseband section in mobile handset.

#### Solution

**Baseband section** performs digital signal processing functions in mobile handset.

Table 14: Baseband Section Functions

| Function                   | Description                            |
|----------------------------|--|
| <b>Speech Processing</b>   | Encode/decode voice using vocoder      |
| <b>Channel Coding</b>      | Add error correction and detection     |
| <b>Modulation</b>          | Convert digital data to analog signals |
| <b>Protocol Processing</b> | Handle signaling and call control      |

- **Digital signal processor:** Executes speech coding algorithms (GSM: RPE-LTP)
- **Error correction:** Implements convolutional coding for reliable transmission
- **Control functions:** Manages call setup, handoff, and power control
- **Interface:** Connects RF section with user interface components

### Mnemonic

“Baseband Brings Better Communication Control”

## Question 4(c) [7 marks]

Explain working of DSSS transmitter and receiver.

### Solution

**DSSS (Direct Sequence Spread Spectrum)** spreads signal bandwidth using pseudorandom codes.  
**Transmitter Diagram:**

#### Mermaid Diagram (Code)

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graph LR
    A[Data Input] --> B[PN Code Generator]
    A --> C[XOR Gate]
    B --> C
    C --> D[Modulator]
    D --> E[RF Output]
{Highlighting}
{Shaded}
```

**Receiver Diagram:**

#### Mermaid Diagram (Code)

```
{Shaded}
{Highlighting}[]
graph LR
    F[RF Input] --> G[Demodulator]
    G --> H[XOR Gate]
    I[PN Code Generator] --> H
    H --> J[Data Output]
{Highlighting}
{Shaded}
```

Table 15: DSSS Process

| Stage             | Transmitter             | Receiver                    |
|-------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <b>Spreading</b>  | Data XOR with PN code   | Received signal XOR with PN |
| <b>Modulation</b> | Spread signal modulated | Demodulate received signal  |
| <b>Processing</b> | Bandwidth increased     | Original data recovered     |

- **Spreading process:** Original data XORed with high-rate pseudorandom sequence
- **Bandwidth expansion:** Signal bandwidth increased by processing gain factor
- **Despreading:** Receiver uses same PN code to recover original data
- **Interference rejection:** Spread spectrum provides resistance to jamming

### Mnemonic

“Direct Sequence Spreads Signals Successfully”

### Question 4(a OR) [3 marks]

Calculate processing gain for DSSS system with 10 Mcps chip rate and 1 Mbps data rate.

#### Solution

**Processing gain** determines spread spectrum system's performance improvement.

**Given:**

- Chip rate ( $R_c$ ) = 10 million chips per second =  $10 \times 10^6 \text{ cps}$
- Data rate ( $R_d$ ) = 1 Mbps =  $1 \times 10^6 \text{ bps}$

**Calculation:** Processing Gain ( $G_p$ ) = Chip rate  $\div$  Data rate  $G_p = R_c \div R_d = (10 \times 10^6) \div (1 \times 10^6) = 10$

**In dB:**  $G_p (\text{dB}) = 10 \log_{10}(10) = 10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ dB}$

#### Solution

### Mnemonic

“Processing Power Provides Protection”

### Question 4(b OR) [4 marks]

Explain how data rate is improved in EDGE.

#### Solution

**EDGE (Enhanced Data rates for GSM Evolution)** improves data rates through advanced modulation.

Table 16: EDGE Improvements

| Parameter           | GSM        | EDGE                 | Improvement                |
|---------------------|------------|----------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>Modulation</b>   | GMSK       | 8-PSK                | 3 bits per symbol vs 1 bit |
| <b>Data Rate</b>    | 9.6 kbps   | 43.2 kbps per slot   | ~4.5x increase             |
| <b>Coding</b>       | Fixed      | Adaptive             | Link adaptation            |
| <b>Applications</b> | Voice, SMS | Multimedia, Internet | Enhanced services          |

- **8-PSK modulation:** Transmits 3 bits per symbol instead of 1 bit in GMSK
- **Link adaptation:** Dynamically selects coding scheme based on channel quality
- **Backward compatibility:** Works with existing GSM infrastructure
- **Enhanced applications:** Supports multimedia and higher data rate services

### Mnemonic

“EDGE Enhances Exchange Efficiently”

### Question 4(c OR) [7 marks]

Explain call processing in CDMA.

## Solution

**CDMA call processing** involves unique procedures for code-based multiple access.

### Mermaid Diagram (Code)

```
{Shaded}
{Highlighting}[]
graph LR
    A[Mobile Power On] --> B[Pilot Channel Search]
    B --> C[Sync Channel Read]
    C --> D[Paging Channel Monitor]
    D --> E[Access Channel Request]
    E --> F[Traffic Channel Assignment]
    F --> G[Active Call State]
    G --> H[Soft Handoff]
{Highlighting}
{Shaded}
```

Table 17: CDMA Call Processing Stages

| Stage                 | Process           | Function                     |
|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| <b>Initialization</b> | Pilot acquisition | Find strongest base station  |
| <b>Idle State</b>     | Monitor paging    | Listen for incoming calls    |
| <b>Access</b>         | Random access     | Request service from network |
| <b>Traffic</b>        | Dedicated channel | Active communication         |
| <b>Handoff</b>        | Soft handoff      | Seamless cell transition     |

- **Pilot channel:** Provides timing reference and system identification
- **Rake receiver:** Combines multipath signals for improved performance
- **Power control:** Maintains optimal signal levels for all users
- **Soft handoff:** Mobile communicates with multiple base stations simultaneously
- **Code assignment:** Each user assigned unique spreading code

## Mnemonic

“CDMA Calls Connect Carefully and Clearly”

## Question 5(a) [3 marks]

Compare CDMA and GSM.

## Solution

**CDMA** and **GSM** represent different approaches to cellular communication.

Table 18: CDMA vs GSM Comparison

| Parameter            | CDMA                     | GSM                     |
|----------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Access Method</b> | Code Division            | Time/Frequency Division |
| <b>Capacity</b>      | Higher                   | Lower                   |
| <b>Handoff</b>       | Soft handoff             | Hard handoff            |
| <b>Security</b>      | Better (spreading codes) | Good (encryption)       |
| <b>Global Usage</b>  | Limited                  | Widespread              |
| <b>Power Control</b> | Continuous               | Periodic                |

- **Multiple access:** CDMA uses unique codes, GSM uses time slots
- **Call quality:** CDMA provides soft handoff, GSM has hard handoff

### Mnemonic

“Choose CDMA or GSM Carefully”

### Question 5(b) [4 marks]

Write advantages of CDMA.

#### Solution

CDMA advantages make it suitable for high-capacity cellular systems.

Table 19: CDMA Advantages

| Advantage                   | Benefit                             |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| <b>High Capacity</b>        | More users per spectrum             |
| <b>Soft Handoff</b>         | Seamless call transfer              |
| <b>Variable Rate</b>        | Adapts to speech patterns           |
| <b>Privacy</b>              | Inherent security through spreading |
| <b>Multipath Resistance</b> | Uses rake receiver                  |
| <b>Power Control</b>        | Optimizes battery life              |
| <b>Frequency Planning</b>   | Same frequency in all cells         |

- **Spectrum efficiency:** Higher capacity compared to FDMA/TDMA systems
- **Quality advantage:** Soft handoff eliminates call drops during cell transitions
- **Security benefit:** Spread spectrum provides inherent privacy protection
- **Simplified planning:** No frequency reuse planning required

### Mnemonic

“CDMA Creates Considerable Communication Capacity”

### Question 5(c) [7 marks]

Explain MANET in brief and write its applications.

#### Solution

MANET (Mobile Ad Hoc Network) is infrastructure-less network of mobile devices.

#### Mermaid Diagram (Code)

```
{Shaded}
{Highlighting}[]
graph LR
    A[Mobile Node A] --> B[Mobile Node B]
    B --> C[Mobile Node C]
    C --> D[Mobile Node D]
    A --> C
    B --> D
    A --> D

    style A fill:#f9f
    style B fill:#9ff
    style C fill:#ff9
    style D fill:#9f9
{Highlighting}
{Shaded}
```

Table 20: MANET Characteristics vs Applications

| Characteristic              | Feature                       | Applications            |
|-----------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>Self-organizing</b>      | No fixed infrastructure       | Military communications |
| <b>Dynamic topology</b>     | Nodes move freely             | Emergency response      |
| <b>Multi-hop routing</b>    | Intermediate node relay       | Disaster recovery       |
| <b>Distributed control</b>  | No central authority          | Sensor networks         |
| <b>Resource constraints</b> | Limited battery,<br>bandwidth | Vehicular networks      |

**Applications:**

- **Military operations:** Battlefield communications without infrastructure
- **Emergency services:** Disaster response and rescue operations
- **Sensor networks:** Environmental monitoring and data collection
- **Vehicular networks:** Car-to-car communication for traffic management
- **Personal area networks:** Device-to-device communication
- **Academic research:** Collaborative computing environments

**Advantages:**

- **Rapid deployment:** No infrastructure setup required
- **Self-healing:** Automatic route reconfiguration when nodes fail
- **Cost effective:** No base station installation costs

**Disadvantages:**

- **Limited bandwidth:** Shared wireless medium
- **Security challenges:** Vulnerable to attacks
- **Power constraints:** Battery-dependent operation

**Mnemonic**

“Mobile Ad Hoc Networks Enable Everywhere”

**Question 5(a OR) [3 marks]**

Write key features of WCDMA.

**Solution**

**WCDMA (Wideband CDMA)** is the 3G standard offering enhanced capabilities.

Table 21: WCDMA Key Features

| Feature              | Specification             |
|----------------------|---------------------------|
| <b>Chip Rate</b>     | 3.84 Mcps                 |
| <b>Bandwidth</b>     | 5 MHz                     |
| <b>Data Rates</b>    | Up to 2 Mbps              |
| <b>Spreading</b>     | Variable spreading factor |
| <b>Power Control</b> | Fast closed-loop          |
| <b>Handoff</b>       | Soft and softer handoff   |

- **Wideband operation:** 5 MHz bandwidth provides high data rates
- **Variable spreading:** Adapts to different service requirements

**Mnemonic**

“WCDMA Widens Communication Data Magnificently”

Question 5(b OR) [4 marks]

Enlist advantages of 5G.

Solution

**5G advantages** represent significant improvements over previous generations.

Table 22: 5G Advantages

| Advantage         | Benefit                               |
|-------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Ultra-high Speed  | Up to 20 Gbps peak data rate          |
| Low Latency       | <1ms for critical applications        |
| Massive IoT       | 1 million devices per km <sup>2</sup> |
| Network Slicing   | Customized virtual networks           |
| Enhanced Coverage | Better indoor and edge coverage       |
| Energy Efficiency | 100x more efficient than 4G           |
| High Reliability  | 99.999% availability                  |

- Enhanced mobile broadband: Supports AR/VR and 4K/8K video streaming
- Ultra-reliable communications: Enables autonomous vehicles and remote surgery
- Massive machine communications: Supports smart cities and Industry 4.0
- Flexible network architecture: Software-defined networking capabilities

Mnemonic

“5G Generates Great Gigabit Growth”

Question 5(c OR) [7 marks]

Explain working of OFDM with block diagram.

Solution

**OFDM (Orthogonal Frequency Division Multiplexing)** uses multiple subcarriers for high-speed data transmission.

**OFDM Transmitter:**

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

```
{Shaded}
{Highlighting}[]
graph LR
    A[Serial Data] --> B[Serial to Parallel]
    B --> C[QAM Mapping]
    C --> D[IFFT]
    D --> E[Add Cyclic Prefix]
    E --> F[Parallel to Serial]
    F --> G[RF Transmission]
```

**OFDM Receiver:**

Mermaid Diagram (Code)

```
{Shaded}
{Highlighting}[]
graph LR
    H[RF Reception] --> I[Serial to Parallel]
    I --> J[Remove Cyclic Prefix]
    J --> K[FFT]
```

K  $\{-\{-\}\}$  L[QAM Demapping]  
 L  $\{-\{-\}\}$  M[Parallel to Serial]  
 M  $\{-\{-\}\}$  N[Serial Data]  
 {Highlighting}  
 {Shaded}

Table 23: OFDM Process Steps

| Stage                       | Transmitter Function            | Receiver Function                 |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Data Conversion</b>      | Serial to parallel conversion   | Parallel to serial reconstruction |
| <b>Modulation Transform</b> | QAM mapping on subcarriers      | QAM demapping                     |
| <b>Guard Period</b>         | IFFT creates time domain signal | FFT recovers frequency domain     |
|                             | Cyclic prefix prevents ISI      | Cyclic prefix removal             |

#### Key Features:

- **Orthogonal subcarriers:** Multiple parallel low-rate data streams prevent interference
- **FFT/IFFT processing:** Efficient digital implementation using fast transforms
- **Cyclic prefix:** Guard interval prevents inter-symbol interference from multipath
- **Spectral efficiency:** High data rates achieved in limited bandwidth
- **Multipath resistance:** Individual subcarriers experience flat fading

#### Applications:

- **WiFi (802.11):** Wireless LAN communications
- **LTE/4G:** Mobile broadband networks
- **Digital TV:** DVB-T terrestrial broadcasting
- **WiMAX:** Broadband wireless access

#### Advantages:

- **High spectral efficiency:** Optimal bandwidth utilization
- **Robustness:** Resistant to frequency selective fading
- **Flexibility:** Adaptive modulation per subcarrier
- **Implementation:** Digital signal processing simplifies hardware

Table 24: OFDM Parameters

| Parameter            | Typical Values                    |
|----------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <b>Subcarriers</b>   | 64, 128, 256, 512, 1024           |
| <b>Modulation</b>    | BPSK, QPSK, 16-QAM, 64-QAM        |
| <b>Cyclic Prefix</b> | 1/4, 1/8, 1/16 of symbol duration |
| <b>Applications</b>  | WiFi, LTE, DVB, WiMAX             |

#### Mnemonic

“OFDM Offers Outstanding Data Multiplexing”