Area Network

2.Small in size

3. It covers the distance up to 1 km

4. It spans a home/office/ buildings

5.Cost of data transmission in LAN is less

6. The speed of data transmission in LAN is 1000 Mbps

7 It uses low speed communication lines for connections like Twisted Pair cable

8 Example of LAN is College network/ School Network

Metropolitan Area Network

2. Medium in size

3. It covers the distance up to 10 km

4. It spans a city

5.Cost of data transmission in MAN is between LAN & WAN

6. The speed of data transmission in MAN is 100 Mbps

7 MANs uses high speed connections using coaxial cable and microwave links

8 Example of MAN is Cable TV network

Area Network

2.Large in size

3. It covers the distance up to 10,000 km

It spans a country/continent

Cost of data transmission in WAN is very high

6. The speed of data transmission in WAN is 1.5 Mbps

7 WAN uses very high speed communication links like satellite communication, telephone lines and microwave links

8 Example of WAN is an Internet

Q 6 What is Network topology? Explain various types of computer network topologies / network topologies

 Network topology is the physical layout of cables that connects the computers in the network

Network topology is the way in which the nodes are linked together in the network

Network topology refers to the way of network is laid down physically

There are 5 types of network topology:

1.Bus topology

2 Star topology

3 Ring topology

4 Tree topology