Computer Networks Examination (5 marks)

Bit Stuffing Problem

Question: What would be the bit pattern of the following bit stream after "Bit Stuffing"? Please indicate the stuffed bit. 0101011111101000000101111101

Answer:

- 1. Bit Stuffing Explanation (2-3 lines): Bit stuffing is a technique used in data link layer protocols to prevent pattern sensitivity. It involves inserting a '0' bit after every sequence of five consecutive '1' bits in the data stream. This ensures that control sequences (like flags) are not accidentally replicated within the data.
 - 2. **Solution:** Original stream: 0101011111101000000101111101 After bit stuffing:

(01010<u>11111</u>010100000010<u>11111</u>0101)

- 3. **Explanation:** First 11111 sequence: $01010\underline{11111} \rightarrow \text{Insert } 0$ Second 11111 sequence: ... $010\underline{11111} \rightarrow \text{Insert } 0$ No more sequences of five consecutive '1' bits remain
 - 4. Final Result: 010101111101010000001011110101

Note: **Red** bits are the stuffed bits.