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Answer The Following Questions:

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1. Choose the proper answer i, ii, iii, or iv of the following: [5 marks]
- (a) A 150 watt power is expressed in units of dBW as
i. 43.52 ii. 21.76 iii. 51.76 iv. 2.176
- (b) Aliasing occurs when
i. $f_s > 2B$ ii. $f_s = 2B$ iii. $f_s < 2B$ iv. $f_s > 4B$
- (c) In sampling, the Nyquist rate is given as
i. $f_s > 2B$ ii. $f_s = 2B$ iii. $f_s \leq 2B$ iv. $f_s > B/2$
- (d) The quantization level (step) amplitude Δv is given by
i. $\Delta v = 2m_p/L$ ii. $\Delta v = m_p/L$ iii. $\Delta v = 2m_p \times L$ iv. $\Delta v = 2^n$
- (e) The μ -law and the A-law are used to
i. obtain a nonuniform quantizing
ii. get smaller quantization noise for smaller input signal power
iii. make the SNR practically independent of the input signal power over a large dynamic range
iv. all of the above
2. Put true \checkmark or false \times next to each of the following sentences: [5 marks]
- (a) The unit dBm is dimensionless. $\langle \times \rangle$
- (b) In PCM system, the pulse detection error is quite small compared to the quantization error. $\langle \checkmark \rangle$
- (c) The maximum information rate is two pieces of information per second per Hertz. $\langle \checkmark \rangle$
- (d) Sampling $g(t)$ by a train of pulses of finite width doesn't matter in recovering it provided that the sampling rate is not below the Nyquist rate. $\langle \checkmark \rangle$
- (e) Theoretically, an ideal low-pass filter can reconstruct the received signal that is sampled at Nyquist rate. $\langle \checkmark \rangle$

3. Mention four different advantages of digital communications.

[4 marks]

Answer

Select four advantages of digital communications.

4. The American Standard Code for Information Interchange (ASCII) has 128 characters, which are binary coded. If a certain computer generates 100,000 characters per second, determine the following: [6 marks]

- (a) The number of bits (binary digits) required per character.
- (b) The number of bits per second required to transmit the computer output, and the minimum bandwidth required to transmit this signal.
- (c) For single error-detection capability, an additional bit (parity bit) is added to the code of each character. Modify your answers in parts (a) and (b) in view of this information.

Answer:

a) The number of bits required per character is $n = \log_2 128 = 7$ bits

b) $100,000 \times 7 = 700$ kbps, minimum BW = $700,000/2 = 350$ kHz

c) now answer a) is 8 bits

and answer b) is $100,000 \times 8 = 800$ kbps, minimum BW = $800,000/2 = 400$ kHz