

Part B

Number of questions: Two (02)

Answer all questions

Mark allocation: 60

1.

- a. Explain Forward Error Correction (FEC) and Backward Error Correction (BEC) using diagrams. (8 mark)
- b. Automatic Repeat Request (ARQ) method is used as an error correction method. Illustrate with suitable examples. (5 mark)
- c. Briefly explain sliding window mechanism using suitable examples. (6 mark)
- d. What is meant by 'Clock Recovery' in data transmission? (3 mark)
- e. List advantages and disadvantages of virtual circuit and datagram approach in packet switching. (8 mark)

2.

- a. Cyclic Redundancy Check (CRC) is one of the error detection mechanisms. If the data to be transmitted is 100100 and the divisor is 1101.
  - i. Show the Frame Check Sequence (FCS) is 001. (4 mark)
  - ii. What is the bit stream that is transmitted? (3 mark)
  - iii. If the received bit stream is 100100001, show that there are no errors in the received bit pattern. (5 mark)
- b. What is the use of 'time out value' in stop-and-wait (idle ARQ) method? (3 mark)
- c. Briefly explain three (03) guided media types by giving two (02) characteristics for each type. (5 mark)
- d. What is RARP? (5 mark)
- e. Describe 'Circuit Switching'. (5 mark)

