



AMATURE RADIO CLASS 'B' LICENCE

QUESTION POOL

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SUBELEMENT G1 - GOVERNMENT RULES AND REGULATIONS

(G1-01) Under what circumstances, if any, may an amateur station transmit radio communications containing obscene words?

- (A) Obscene words are permitted when they do not cause interference to any other radio communication or signal.
- (B) **Obscene words are prohibited in Amateur Radio transmissions.**
- (C) Obscene words are permitted when they are not retransmitted through repeater or auxiliary stations.
- (D) Obscene words are permitted, but there is an unwritten rule among amateurs that they should not be used on the air.

(G1-02) What types of messages may be transmitted by an amateur station to a foreign country for a third party?

- (A) Third party traffic involving materials compensation, either tangible or intangible, direct or indirect, to a third party, a station licensee, a control operator, or any other person.
- (B) Third party traffic consisting of business communications on behalf of any party.
- (C) **Only third party traffic, duly authorized, during peacetime civil emergencies or periods of disaster for the purpose of disaster relief where no other means of communication is available.**
- (D) No messages may be transmitted to foreign countries for third parties.

(G1-03) Under what circumstances, if any, may third party traffic be transmitted to a foreign country by an Amateur station?

- (A) Under no circumstances.
- (B) **Only if the country has a third-party traffic agreement with Jamaica.**
- (C) Only if the control operator is a class "A" licensee.
- (D) Only if the country has formed diplomatic relations with Jamaica.

(G1-04) What types of material compensation, if any, may be involved in third party traffic transmitted by an Amateur station?

- (A) Payment of an amount agreed upon by the amateur operator and the parties involved.
- (B) Assistance in maintenance of auxiliary station equipment.
- (C) Donation of amateur equipment to the control operator.
- (D) **No compensation may be accepted.**



(G1-05) What additional limitations apply to third party messages transmitted to foreign countries?

- (A) Third party messages may only be transmitted to an amateur in countries with which Jamaica has a third-party traffic agreement.
- (B) Third party messages may only be sent to amateurs in ITU Region 1.
- (C) Third party messages may only be sent to amateurs in ITU Region 3.
- (D) Third party messages must always be transmitted in English.

(G1-06) How often should an amateur radio station identify itself in a lengthy conversation?

- (A) At the beginning and end of each transmission.
- (B) Every ten minutes as well as at the beginning and end of a transmission.
- (C) Once every 15 minutes.
- (A) Station identification is not required.

(S1-07) What is the time period that an amateur station can be operated at a temporary location without having to notify the Postmaster General?

- (A) 24 hours.
- (B) 48 hours.
- (C) 36 hours.
- (D) 72 hours.

(G1-08) The Radio and Telegraph Control Act states a time period that an amateur radio operator must keep each log book after it has been completed. What is the period stated?

- (A) A log book must be preserved for at least 4 months following the last date of entry so it can be inspected by the Postmaster General if requested.
- (B) A log book must be preserved for at least 1 year following the last date of entry so it can be inspected by the Postmaster General if requested.
- (C) A log book must be preserved for at least 8 months following the last date of entry so it can be inspected by the Postmaster General if requested.
- (D) A log book must be preserved for at least 5 years following the last date of entry so it can be inspected by the Postmaster General if requested.

(G1-09) What are the classifications for stations in Amateur radio service in Jamaica?

- (A) Technicians Class, Advanced Class and Extra Class.
- (B) Class "A", "B" and "C".
- (C) Class "AR 1", "AR 2" and "AR 3".
- (D) Class 1, 2, and 3.



(G1-10) Under what circumstances, if any, may an amateur radio station transmit music?

- (A) When it is used to jam an illegal transmission.
- (B) Only above 1215 MHz.
- (C) **Transmitting music is not permitted in the amateur radio service.**
- (D) When the music played produces no dissonances or spurious emissions.

(G1-11) What is the maximum transmitting power permitted a class "B" amateur station on frequency 21.150 MHz.?

- (A) 1,000 watts RMS at antenna feed point .
- (B) **250 watts RMS at antenna feed point.**
- (C) 250 watts DC.
- (D) 21.150 MHz. is out the band plan for the amateur radio service.

(G1-12) What is the maximum RF Power output allowed a Class "B" amateur station when operating between 3.5 MHz. and 29.700 MHz?

- (A) **250 watts RMS at the antenna feed point.**
- (B) 100 watts RMS at the antenna feed point.
- (C) 250 watts DC.
- (D) 100 watts DC.

(G1-13) What is the maximum RF Power output allowed a Class "B" amateur station when operating on Frequencies above 50 MHz?

- (A) **150 watts RMS at the antenna feed point.**
- (B) 250 watts RMS at the antenna feed point.
- (C) 200 watts DC.
- (D) 300 ,watts DC.

(G1-14) What do you understand by the term "Modulation"?

- (A) The process of increasing the average power of a single side-band transmission.
- (B) **Modulation means the process or the result of the process, whereby some characteristic of one wave is varied in accordance with another.**
- (C) The process of recovering audio information from a received signal.
- (D) The process of suppressing the carrier in a single-side-band transmitter.



(G1-15) What do you understand by the term “Telephony”?

- (A) Telephony means a system of telecommunications set up for the transmission of RTTY.
- (B) Telephony means a system of telecommunications set up for the transmission of speech or in some cases, other sounds.
- (C) Telephony means a system of telecommunications set up for the transmission of Morse Code.
- (D) Telephony means a system of telecommunications set up for the transmission of A2 type transmissions.

(G1-16) What do you understand by the term frequency modulation?

- (A) Frequency modulation means modulation in which the frequency of the carrier is the characteristic varied.
- (B) Frequency modulation means modulation in which the amplitude of the carrier is the characteristic varied.
- (C) Frequency modulation means the process or the result of the process, whereby some characteristic of one wave is varied in accordance with another wave.
- (D) Frequency means modulation means a system of telecommunications set up for the transmission of F5 type emissions.

(G1-17) What do you understand by the term Amplitude modulation?

- (A) Amplitude modulation means modulation in which the frequency of the carrier is the character varied.
- (B) Amplitude modulation means modulation in which the amplitude of the carrier is the characteristic varied.
- (C) Amplitude means modulation the process or the result of the process, whereby some characteristic of one wave is varied in accordance with another wave.
- (D) Amplitude means modulation means a system of telecommunications set up for the transmission of F5 type emissions.

(G1-18) What type of radio wave emission does A3J represent?

- (A) Telegraphy by frequency modulation using the keying of a modulating audio tone.
- (B) Telegraphy by single sideband suppressed carrier.
- (C) Telephony by frequency or phase modulation.
- (D) Telegraphy by amplitude modulation.



(G1-19) What type of radio wave emission does A2 represent?

- (A) Telegraphy by frequency modulation using the keying of a modulating audio tone.
- (B) An emission unkeyed or unmodulated.
- (C) Telegraphy by amplitude modulation using the keying of a modulated audio frequency or the keying of the modulated emission, including in special cases, an unkeyed modulated emission.
- (D) Television by frequency modulation.

(G1-20) What type of radio wave emission dose F3 represent?

- (A) Telephony by frequency modulation.
- (B) Telephony by amplitude modulation.
- (C) Telegraphy by amplitude modulation using the keying of a modulated audio frequency or the keying of the modulated emission, including in special cases, an unkeyed modulated emission.
- (D) Television by frequency modulation.

(G1-21) What is the frequency range of operation for an amateur station operating on 2 meters?

- (A) 134.00 MHz. to 138.00 MHz..
- (B) 144.00 MHz. to 148.00 MHz...
- (C) 154.00 MHz. to 158.00 MHz..
- (D) 140 MHz. to 144.00 MHz...

(G1-22) What is the frequency range of operation for an amateur station operating on 6 meters?

- (A) 50.000 MHz. to 50.350 MHz..
- (B) 50.000 MHz. to 54.000 MHz...
- (C) 50.000 MHz. to 54.300 MHz..
- (D) 50.000 MHz. to 52.000 MHz..

(G1-23) What is the frequency range of operation designated for amateur radio stations using the 20 and 40 meter bands?

- (A) For 20 meters - 14.000 MHz. to 14.350 MHz & for 40 meters 7.000 MHz. to 7.300 MHz.
- (B) For 20 meters - 14.550 MHz. to 14.350 MHz and for 40 meters 7.000 MHz. To 7.350 MHz.
- (C) For 20 meters - 14.000 MHz. to 14.360 MHz and for 40 meters 7.000 MHz. To 7.550 MHz.
- (D) For 20 meters - 14.200 MHz. to 14.450 MHz and for 40 meters 7.100 MHz. To 7.400 MHz.



(G1-24) What is the frequency range of operation designated for amateur radio stations using the 15 and 10 meter bands?

- (A) For 15 meters - 21.000 MHz. to 21.450 MHz & for 10 meters 28.000 MHz. to 29.700 MHz.
- (B) For 15 meters - 21.000 MHz. to 21.350 MHz & for 10 meters 28.000 MHz. to 29.900 MHz.
- (C) For 15 meters - 21.100 MHz. to 21.500 MHz & for 10 meters 28.100 MHz. to 28.550 MHz.
- (D) For 15 meters - 21.200 MHz. to 21.450 MHz & for 10 meters 28.200 MHz. to 28.700 MHz.

(G1-25) What is the frequency range of operation designated for amateur radio stations using the 12 and 17 meter bands?

- (A) For 12 meters – 24.000 MHz. to 24.990 MHz & for 17 meters 18.000 MHz. to 18.500 MHz.
- (B) For 12 meters – 24.000 MHz. to 24.350 MHz & for 17 meters 18.000 MHz. to 18.900 MHz.
- (C) For 12 meters – 24.890 MHz. to 24.990 MHz & for 17 meters 18.068 MHz. to 18.168 MHz.
- (D) For 12 meters – 24.100 MHz. to 24.450 MHz & for 17 meters 18.100 MHz. to 18.700 MHz.

(G1-26) What is the frequency range of operation designated for amateur radio stations using the 30 and 80 meter bands?

- (A) For 30 meters – 10.000 MHz. to 10.990 MHz & for 80 meters 3.000 MHz. to 3.500 MHz.
- (B) For 30 meters – 21.000 MHz. to 21.450 MHz & for 80 meters 18.000 MHz. to 18.900 MHz.
- (C) For 30 meters – 10.100 MHz. to 10.150 MHz & for 80 meters 3.500 MHz. to 4.000 MHz.
- (D) For 30 meters – 21.100 MHz. to 21.150 MHz & for 80 meters 3.500 MHz. to 4.000MHz.

G1-27) What is the frequency range of operation designated for amateur radio stations using the 80 and 40 meter bands?

- (A) For 80 meters - 3.500 MHz. to 4.000 MHz & for 40 meters 7.000 MHz. to 7.300 MHz.
- (B) For 80 meters - 3.000 MHz. to 4.350 MHz & for 40 meters 7.000 MHz. to 7.500 MHz.
- (C) For 80 meters - 3.100 MHz. to 3.900 MHz & for 40 meters 7.100 MHz. to 7.300 MHz.
- (D) For 80 meters - 3.100 MHz. to 3.450 MHz & for 40 meters 7.100 MHz. to 7.700 MHz.

(G1-28) State the types of emissions which may not be used by a class "B" amateur station?

- (A) A1, F1,
- (B) A5, F5
- (C) F3, A3J
- (D) AO, A3,



(G1-29) Which International Telecommunication Union Region is Jamaica located?

- (A) Region 1
- (B) Region 2
- (C) Region 3
- (D) Region 4

(G1-30) At what point in your station is the transmitter power to be measured?

- (A) By measuring the final amplifier supply voltage inside the transmitter or amplifier.
- (B) By measuring the final amplifier supply current inside the transmitter or amplifier.
- (C) At the transmitter or amplifier antenna terminals.
- (D) On the antenna itself, after the feed line.

(G1-31) What is the maximum transmitter power permitted a class 'B' Amateur station on frequency 14.400 MHz?

- (A) 250 watts.
- (B) 500 watts.
- (C) 14.400 MHz. is out the band plan for the amateur radio service.
- (D) 1,000 watts.

(G1-32) What do the initials ITU stand for?

- (A) International Transmission Unit.
- (B) International Telephony Union.
- (C) International Telecommunications Union.
- (D) Interparish Telecommunications Unit.

(G1-33) Which side-band is commonly used for 15 meters phone operations?

- (A) Lower sideband.
- (B) Double sideband.
- (C) Upper sideband.
- (D) Single side band.



(G1-34) If the ITU allocates a frequency band to the Amateur Service on a Secondary basis, what does this mean?

- (A) The Amateur service can claim protection from other Primary services using the same band.
- (B) The Amateur service cannot claim protection from other Primary services using the same band.
- (C) The Amateur service must operate at very low transmit power
- (D) The Amateur service is prohibited from operating in certain areas.

(G1-35) What portion of the 10-meter band is available for repeater use?

- (A) The entire band
- (B) The portion between 28.1 MHz - 28.2 MHz
- (C) The portion between 28.3 MHz - 28.5 MHz
- (D) The portion between 29.5 MHz – 29.7 Mhz

(G1-36) What language must be used when identifying your station if you are using a language other than English in making a contact using phone emission?

- (A) The language being used for the contact
- (B) Any language recognized by the United Nations
- (C) English only
- (D) English, Spanish, French, or German

(G1-37) With which foreign countries is third party traffic prohibited, except for messages directly involving emergencies or disaster relief communications?

- (A) Countries in ITU Region 2
- (B) Countries in ITU Region 1
- (C) Every foreign country, unless there is a third party agreement in effect with that country
- (D) Any country which is not a member of the International Amateur Radio Union (IARU)

SUBELEMENT G2 - OPERATING PROCEDURES

G2A - Phone operating procedures; USB/LSB conventions; procedural signals; breaking into a contact; VOX operation

(G2A-01) Which sideband is most commonly used for voice communications on frequencies of 14 MHz or higher?

- (A) Upper side-band
- (B) Lower side-band
- (C) Vestigial side-band
- (D) Double side-band



(G2A-02) Which of the following modes is most commonly used for voice communications on the 160-meter, 75-meter, and 40-meter bands?

- (A) Upper side band
- (B) Lower side band
- (C) Vestigial side band
- (D) Double side band

(G2A-03) Which of the following is most commonly used for SSB voice communications in the VHF and UHF bands?

- (A) Upper side-band
- (B) Lower side-band
- (C) Vestigial side-band
- (D) Double sideband

(G2A-04) Which mode is most commonly used for voice communications on the 17-meter and 12-meter bands?

- (A) Upper sideband
- (B) Lower sideband
- (C) Vestigial sideband
- (D) Double sideband

(G2A-05) Which mode of voice communication is most commonly used on the HF amateur bands?

- (A) Frequency modulation
- (B) Double sideband
- (C) Single sideband
- (D) Phase modulation

(G2A-06) Which of the following is an advantage when using single sideband as compared to other analog voice modes on the HF amateur bands?

- (A) Very high fidelity voice modulation
- (B) Less bandwidth used and greater power efficiency
- (C) Ease of tuning on receive and immunity to impulse noise
- (D) Less subject to interference from atmospheric static crashes



(G2A-07) Which of the following statements is true of the single sideband voice mode?

- (A) Only one sideband and the carrier are transmitted; the other side-band is suppressed
- (B) Only one sideband is transmitted; the other side-band and carrier are suppressed
- (C) SSB is the only voice mode that is authorized on the 20-meter, 15 meter, and 10 meter amateur bands
- (D) SSB is the only voice mode that is authorized on the 160-meter, 75 meter and 40 meter amateur bands

(G2A-08) Which of the following is a recommended way to break into a contact when using phone?

- (A) Say "QRZ" several times followed by your call sign
- (B) Say your call sign during a break between transmissions by the other stations
- (C) Say "Break Break Break" and wait for a response
- (D) Say "CQ" followed by the call sign of either station

(G2A-09) Why do most amateur stations use lower sideband on the 160-meter, 75-meter and 40-meter bands?

- (A) Lower sideband is more efficient than upper sideband at these frequencies
- (B) Lower sideband is the only sideband legal on these frequency bands
- (C) Because it is fully compatible with an AM detector
- (D) Current amateur practice is to use lower sideband on these frequency bands

(G2A-10) Which of the following statements is true of voice VOX operation versus PTT operation?

- (A) The received signal is more natural sounding
- (B) It allows "hands free" operation
- (C) It occupies less bandwidth
- (D) It provides more power output

(G2A-11) What does the expression "CQ DX" usually indicate?

- (A) General call for any station
- (B) The caller is listening for a station in Germany
- (C) The caller is looking for any station outside their own country
- (D) A distress call



G2B - Operating courtesy; band plans; emergencies, including drills and emergency communications

(G2B-01) Which of the following is true concerning access to frequencies?

- (A) Nets always have priority
- (B) QSOs in process always have priority
- (C) No one has priority access to frequencies, common courtesy should be a guide
- (D) Contest operations must always yield to non-contest use of frequencies

(G2B-02) What is the first thing you should do if you are communicating with another amateur station and hear a station in distress break in?

- (A) Continue your communication because you were on the frequency first
- (B) Acknowledge the station in distress and determine what assistance may be needed
- (C) Change to a different frequency
- (D) Immediately cease all transmissions

(G2B-03) If propagation changes during your contact and you notice increasing interference from other activity on the same frequency, what should you do?

- (A) Tell the interfering stations to change frequency
- (B) Report the interference to your local Amateur Auxiliary Coordinator
- (C) As a common courtesy, move your contact to another frequency
- (D) Increase power to overcome interference

(G2B-04) When selecting a CW transmitting frequency, what minimum separation should be used to minimize interference to stations on adjacent frequencies?

- (A) 5 to 50 Hz
- (B) 150 to 500 Hz
- (C) 1 to 3 kHz
- (D) 3 to 6 kHz

(G2B-05) What is the customary minimum frequency separation between SSB signals under normal conditions?

- (A) Between 150 and 500 Hz
- (B) Approximately 3 kHz
- (C) Approximately 6 kHz
- (D) Approximately 10 kHz



(G2B-06) What is a practical way to avoid harmful interference on an apparently clear frequency before calling CQ on CW or phone?

- (A) Send "QRL?" on CW, followed by your call sign; or, if using phone, ask if the frequency is in use, followed by your call sign
- (B) Listen for 2 minutes before calling CQ
- (C) Send the letter "V" in Morse code several times and listen for a response or say "test" several times and listen for a response
- (D) Send "QSY" on CW or if using phone, announce "the frequency is in use", then give your call and listen for a response

(G2B-07) Which of the following complies with good amateur practice when choosing a frequency on which to initiate a call?

- (A) Check to see if the channel is assigned to another station
- (B) Identify your station by transmitting your call sign at least 3 times
- (C) Follow the voluntary band plan for the operating mode you intend to use
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G2B-10) When is an amateur station allowed to use any means at its disposal to assist another station in distress?

- (A) Only when transmitting in RACES
- (B) At any time when transmitting in an organized net
- (C) At any time during an actual emergency
- (D) Only on authorized HF frequencies

(G2B-11) What frequency should be used to send a distress call?

- (A) Whatever frequency has the best chance of communicating the distress message
- (B) Only frequencies authorized for RACES or ARES stations
- (C) Only frequencies that are within your operating privileges
- (D) Only frequencies used by police, fire or emergency medical services



G2C - CW operating procedures and procedural signals;
Q signals and common abbreviations: full break in

***NOTE:** Since proficiency in morse code is no longer a requirement for obtaining an amateur radio licence the questions in this section have been omitted from the exam pool of questions.*

(G2C-01) Which of the following describes full break-in telegraphy (QSK)?

- (A) Breaking stations send the Morse code prosign BK
- (B) Automatic keyers are used to send Morse code instead of hand keys
- (C) An operator must activate a manual send/receive switch before and after every transmission
- (D) Transmitting stations can receive between code characters and elements

(G2C-02) What should you do if a CW station sends "QRS"?

- (A) Send slower
- (B) Change frequency
- (C) Increase your power
- (D) Repeat everything twice

(G2C-03) What does it mean when a CW operator sends "KN" at the end of a transmission?

- (A) Listening for novice stations
- (B) Operating full break-in
- (C) Listening only for a specific station or stations
- (D) Closing station now

(G2C-04) What does it mean when a CW operator sends "CL" at the end of a transmission?

- (A) Keep frequency clear
- (B) Operating full break-in
- (C) Listening only for a specific station or stations
- (D) Closing station

(G2C-05) What is the best speed to use when answering a CQ in Morse code?

- (A) The fastest speed at which you are comfortable copying
- (B) The speed at which the CQ was sent
- (C) A slow speed until contact is established
- (D) 5 wpm, as all operators licensed to operate CW can copy this speed



(G2C-06) What does the term "zero beat" mean in CW operation?

- (A) Matching the speed of the transmitting station
- (B) Operating split to avoid interference on frequency
- (C) Sending without error
- (D) Matching your transmit frequency to the frequency of a received signal

(G2C-07) When sending CW, what does a "C" mean when added to the RST report?

- (A) Chirpy or unstable signal
- (B) Report was read from S meter reading rather than estimated
- (C) 100 percent copy
- (D) Key clicks

(G2C-08) What prosign is sent to indicate the end of a formal message when using CW?

- (A) SK
- (B) BK
- (C) AR
- (D) KN

(G2C-09) What does the Q signal "QSL" mean?

- (A) Send slower
- (B) We have already confirmed by card
- (C) I acknowledge receipt
- (D) We have worked before

(G2C-10) What does the Q signal "QRQ" mean?

- (A) Slow down
- (B) Send faster
- (C) Zero beat my signal
- (D) Quitting op

(G2C-11) What does the Q signal "QRV" mean?

- (A) You are sending too fast
- (B) There is interference on the frequency
- (C) I am quitting for the day
- (D) I am ready to receive messages



G2D - Amateur Auxiliary; minimizing interference; **HF operations**

(G2D-04) Which of the following describes an azimuthal projection map?

- (A) A world map that shows accurate land masses
- (B) A world map projection centered on a particular location
- (C) A world map that shows the angle at which an amateur satellite crosses the equator
- (D) A world map that shows the number of degrees longitude that an amateur satellite appears to move westward at the equator with each orbit

(G2D-05) Which of the following is a good way to indicate on a clear frequency in the HF phone bands that you are looking for a contact with any station?

- (A) Sign your call sign once, followed by the words "listening for a call" -- if no answer, change frequency and repeat
- (B) Say "QTC" followed by "this is" and your call sign -- if no answer, change frequency and repeat
- (C) Repeat "CQ" a few times, followed by "this is," then your call sign a few times, then pause to listen, repeat as necessary
- (D) Transmit an unmodulated carrier for approximately 10 seconds, followed by "this is" and your call sign, and pause to listen -- repeat as necessary

(G2D-06) How is a directional antenna pointed when making a "long-path" contact with another station?

- (A) Toward the rising Sun
- (B) Along the gray line
- (C) 180 degrees from its short-path heading
- (D) Toward the north

(G2D-07) Which of the following are examples of the NATO Phonetic Alphabet?

- (A) Able, Baker, Charlie, Dog
- (B) Adam, Boy, Charles, David
- (C) America, Boston, Canada, Denmark
- (D) Alpha, Bravo, Charlie, Delta

(G2D-09) What information is traditionally contained in a station log?

- (A) Date and time of contact
- (B) Band and/or frequency of the contact
- (C) Call sign of station contacted and the signal report given
- (D) All of these choices are correct



(G2D-10) What is QRP operation?

- (A. Remote piloted model control
- (B. Low power transmit operation
- (C. Transmission using Quick Response Protocol
- (D. Traffic relay procedure netoperation

(G2D-11) Which of the following is typical of the lower HF frequencies during the summer?

- (A) Poor propagation at any time of day
- (B) World-wide propagation during the daylight hours
- (C) Heavy distortion on signals due to photon absorption
- (D) High levels of atmospheric noise or "static"

G2E - Digital operating: procedures, procedural signals and common abbreviations

(G2E-01) Which mode is normally used when sending an RTTY signal via AFSK with an SSB transmitter?

- (A) USB
- (B) DSB
- (C) CW
- (D) LSB

(G2E-02) How can a PACTOR modem or controller be used to determine if the channel is in use by other PACTOR stations?

- (A) Unplug the data connector temporarily and see if the channel-busy indication is turned off
- (B) Put the modem or controller in a mode which allows monitoring communications without a connection
- (C) Transmit UI packets several times and wait to see if there is a response from another PACTOR station
- (D) Send the message: "Is this frequency in use?"

(G2E-03) What symptoms may result from other signals interfering with a PACTOR or WINMOR transmission?

- (A) Frequent retries or timeouts
- (B) Long pauses in message transmission
- (C) Failure to establish a connection between stations
- (D) All of these choices are correct



(G2E-04) What segment of the 20-meter band is most often used for digital transmissions?

- (A) 14.000 - 14.050 MHz
- (B) 14.070 - 14.100 MHz
- (C) 14.150 - 14.225 MHz
- (D) 14.275 - 14.350 MHz

(G2E-05) What is the standard sideband used to generate a JT65 or JT9 digital signal when using AFSK in any amateur band?

- (A) LSB
- (B) USB
- (C) DSB
- (D) SSB

(G2E-06) What is the most common frequency shift for RTTY emissions in the amateur HF bands?

- (A) 85 Hz
- (B) 170 Hz
- (C) 425 Hz
- (D) 850 Hz

(G2E-07) What segment of the 80-meter band is most commonly used for digital transmissions?

- (A) 3570 – 3600 kHz
- (B) 3500 – 3525 kHz
- (C) 3700 – 3750 kHz
- (D) 3775 – 3825 kHz

(G2E-08) In what segment of the 20-meter band are most PSK31 operations commonly found?

- (A) At the bottom of the slow-scan TV segment, near 14.230 MHz
- (B) At the top of the SSB phone segment, near 14.325 MHz
- (C) In the middle of the CW segment, near 14.100 MHz
- (D) Below the RTTY segment, near 14.070 MHz

(G2E-09) How do you join a contact between two stations using the PACTOR protocol?

- (A) Send broadcast packets containing your call sign while in MONITOR mode
- (B) Transmit a steady carrier until the PACTOR protocol times out and disconnects
- (C) Joining an existing contact is not possible, PACTOR connections are limited to two stations
- (D) Send a NAK response continuously so that the sending station has to pause



(G2E-10) Which of the following is a way to establish contact with a digital messaging system gateway station?

- (A) Send an email to the system control operator
- (B) Send QRL in Morse code
- (C) Respond when the station broadcasts its SSID
- (D) Transmit a connect message on the station's published frequency

(G2E-11) What is indicated on a waterfall display by one or more vertical lines adjacent to a PSK31 signal?

- (A). Long Path propagation
- (B). Backscatter propagation
- (C). Insufficient modulation
- (D) Overmodulation

(G2E-12) Which of the following connectors would be a good choice for a serial data port?

- (A) PL-259
- (B) Type N
- (C) Type SMA
- (D) DE-9

(G2E-13) Which communication system sometimes uses the Internet to transfer messages?

- (A) Winlink
- (B) RTTY
- (C) ARES
- (D) Skywarn

(G2E-14) What could be wrong if you cannot decode an RTTY or other FSK signal even though it is apparently tuned in properly?

- (A) The mark and space frequencies may be reversed
- (B) You may have selected the wrong baud rate
- (C) You may be listening on the wrong sideband
- (D) All of these choices are correct



SUBELEMENT G3 - RADIO WAVE PROPAGATION

G3A - Sunspots and solar radiation; ionospheric disturbances; propagation forecasting and indices

(G3A-01) What is the significance of the sunspot number with regard to HF propagation?

- (A) Higher sunspot numbers generally indicate a greater probability of good propagation at higher frequencies
- (B) Lower sunspot numbers generally indicate greater probability of sporadic E propagation
- (C) A zero sunspot number indicate radio propagation is not possible on any band
- (D) All of these choices are correct.

(G3A-02) What effect does a Sudden Ionospheric Disturbance have on the daytime ionospheric propagation of HF radio waves?

- (A) It enhances propagation on all HF frequencies
- (B) It disrupts signals on lower frequencies more than those on higher frequencies
- (C) It disrupts communications via satellite more than direct communications
- (D) None, because only areas on the night side of the Earth are affected

(G3A-03) Approximately how long does it take the increased ultraviolet and X-ray radiation from solar flares to affect radio propagation on the Earth?

- (A) 28 days
- (B) 1 to 2 hours
- (C) 8 minutes
- (D) 20 to 40 hours

(G3A-04) Which of the following are least reliable for long distance communications during periods of low solar activity?

- (A) 80 meters and 160 meters
- (B) 60 meters and 40 meters
- (C) 30 meters and 20 meters
- (D) 15 meters, 12 meters and 10 meters

(G3A-05) What is the solar flux index?

- (A) A measure of the highest frequency that is useful for ionospheric propagation between two points on the Earth
- (B) A count of sunspots which is adjusted for solar emissions
- (C) Another name for the American sunspot number
- (D) A measure of solar radiation at 10.7 centimeters wavelength



(G3A-06) What is a geomagnetic storm?

- (A) A sudden drop in the solar flux index
- (B) A thunderstorm which affects radio propagation
- (C) Ripples in the ionosphere
- (D) A temporary disturbance in the Earth's magnetosphere

(G3A-07) At what point in the solar cycle does the 20-meter band usually support worldwide propagation during daylight hours?

- (A) At the summer solstice
- (B) Only at the maximum point of the solar cycle
- (C) Only at the minimum point of the solar cycle
- (D) At any point in the solar cycle

(G3A-08) Which of the following effects can a geomagnetic storm have on radio propagation?

- (A) Improved high-latitude HF propagation
- (B) Degraded high-latitude HF propagation
- (C) Improved ground-wave propagation
- (D) Improved chances of UHF ducting

(G3A-09) What effect does a high sunspot number have on radio communications?

- (A) High-frequency radio signals become weak and distorted
- (B) Frequencies above 300 MHz become usable for long-distance communication
- (C) Long-distance communication in the upper HF and lower VHF range is enhanced
- (D) Microwave communications become unstable

(G3A-10) What causes HF propagation conditions to vary periodically in a 28 day cycle?

- (A) Long term oscillations in the upper atmosphere
- (B) Cyclic variation in the Earth's radiation belts
- (C) The Sun's rotation on its axis
- (D) The position of the Moon in its orbit

(G3A-11) How long does it take charged particles from coronal mass ejections to affect radio propagation on the Earth?

- (A) 28 days
- (B) 14 days
- (C) 4 to 8 minutes
- (D) 20 to 40 hours



(G3A-12) What does the K-index indicate?

- (A) The relative position of sunspots on the surface of the Sun
- (B) The short term stability of the Earth's magnetic field
- (C) The stability of the Sun's magnetic field
- (D) The solar radio flux at Boulder, Colorado

(G3A-13) What does the A-index indicate?

- (A) The relative position of sunspots on the surface of the Sun
- (B) The amount of polarization of the Sun's electric field
- (C) The long term stability of the Earth's geomagnetic field
- (D) The solar radio flux at Boulder, Colorado

(G3A-14) How are radio communications usually affected by the charged particles that reach the Earth from solar coronal holes?

- (A) HF communications are improved
- (B) HF communications are disturbed
- (C) VHF/UHF ducting is improved
- (D) VHF/UHF ducting is disturbed

(G3A-15) What is a possible benefit to radio communications resulting from periods of high geomagnetic activity?

- (A) Auroras that can reflect VHF signals
- (B) Higher signal strength for HF signals passing through the polar regions
- (C) Improved HF long path propagation
- (D) Reduced long delayed echoes

G3B - Maximum Usable Frequency; Lowest Usable Frequency; propagation

(G3B-01) How might a sky-wave signal sound if it arrives at your receiver by both short path and long path propagation?

- (A) Periodic fading approximately every 10 seconds
- (B) Signal strength increased by 3 dB
- (C) The signal might be cancelled causing severe attenuation
- (D) A well-defined echo might be heard



(G3B-02) What factor or factors affect the MUF?

- (A) Path distance and location
- (B) Time of day and season
- (C) Solar radiation and ionospheric disturbances
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G3B-03) Which of the following applies when selecting a frequency for lowest attenuation when transmitting on HF?

- (A) Select a frequency just below the MUF
- (B) Select a frequency just above the LUF
- (C) Select a frequency just below the critical frequency
- (D) Select a frequency just above the critical frequency

(G3B-04) What is a reliable way to determine if the MUF is high enough to support skip propagation between your station and a distant location on frequencies between 14 and 30 MHz?

- (A) Listen for signals from an international beacon in the frequency range you plan to use
- (B) Send a series of dots on the band and listen for echoes from your signal
- (C) Check the strength of TV signals from Western Europe
- (D) Check the strength of signals in the MF AM broadcast band

(G3B-05) What usually happens to radio waves with frequencies below the MUF and above the LUF when they are sent into the ionosphere?

- (A) They are bent back to the Earth
- (B) They pass through the ionosphere
- (C) They are amplified by interaction with the ionosphere
- (D) They are bent and trapped in the ionosphere to circle the Earth

(G3B-06) What usually happens to radio waves with frequencies below the LUF?

- (A) They are bent back to the Earth
- (B) They pass through the ionosphere
- (C) They are completely absorbed by the ionosphere
- (D) They are bent and trapped in the ionosphere to circle the Earth

(G3B-07) What does LUF stand for?

- (A) The Lowest Usable Frequency for communications between two points
- (B) The Longest Universal Function for communications between two points
- (C) The Lowest Usable Frequency during a 24 hour period
- (D) The Longest Universal Function during a 24 hour period



(G3B-08) What does MUF stand for?

- (A) The Minimum Usable Frequency for communications between twopoints
- (B) The Maximum Usable Frequency for communications between twopoints
- (C) The Minimum Usable Frequency during a 24 hour period
- (D) The Maximum Usable Frequency during a 24 hour period

(G3B-09) What is the approximate maximum distance along the Earth's surface that is normally covered in one hop using the F2 region?

- (A) 180 miles
- (B) 1,200 miles
- (C) 2,500 miles
- (D) 12,000 miles

(G3B-10) What is the approximate maximum distance along the Earth's surface that is normally covered in one hop using the E region?

- (A) 180 miles
- (B) 1,200 miles
- (C) 2,500 miles
- (D) 12,000 miles

(G3B-11) What happens to HF propagation when the LUF exceeds the MUF?

- (A) No HF radio frequency will support ordinary sky-wave communications over the path
- (B) HF communications over the path are enhanced
- (C) Double hop propagation along the path is more common
- (D) Propagation over the path on all HF frequencies is enhanced

**G3C - Ionospheric layers; critical angle and frequency;
HF scatter; Near Vertical Incidence Sky-wave**

(G3C-01) Which ionospheric layer is closest to the surface of the Earth?

- (A) The D layer
- (B) The E layer
- (C) The F1 layer
- (D) The F2 layer



(G3C-02) Where on the Earth do ionospheric layers reach their maximum height?

- (A) Where the Sun is overhead
- (B) Where the Sun is on the opposite side of the Earth
- (C) Where the Sun is rising
- (D) Where the Sun has just set

(G3C-03) Why is the F2 region mainly responsible for the longest distance radio wave propagation?

- (A) Because it is the densest ionospheric layer
- (B) Because it does not absorb radio waves as much as other ionospheric regions
- (C) Because it is the highest ionospheric region
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G3C-04) What does the term "critical angle" mean as used in radio wave propagation?

- (A) The long path azimuth of a distant station
- (B) The short path azimuth of a distant station
- (C) The lowest takeoff angle that will return a radio wave to the Earth under specific ionospheric conditions
- (D) The highest takeoff angle that will return a radio wave to the Earth under specific ionospheric conditions.

(G3C-05) Why is long distance communication on the 40-meter, 60-meter, 80-meter and 160-meter bands more difficult during the day?

- (A) The F layer absorbs signals at these frequencies during daylight hours
- (B) The F layer is unstable during daylight hours
- (C) The D layer absorbs signals at these frequencies during daylight hours
- (D) The E layer is unstable during daylight hours

(G3C-06) What is a characteristic of HF scatter signals?

- (A) They have high intelligibility
- (B) They have a wavering sound
- (C) They have very large swings in signal strength
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G3C-07) What makes HF scatter signals often sound distorted?

- (A) The ionospheric layer involved is unstable
- (B) Ground waves are absorbing much of the signal
- (C) The E-region is not present
- (D) Energy is scattered into the skip zone through several different radio wave paths



(G3C-08) Why are HF scatter signals in the skip zone usually weak?

- (A) Only a small part of the signal energy is scattered into the skip zone
- (B) Signals are scattered from the magnetosphere which is not a good reflector
- (C) Propagation is through ground waves which absorb most of the signal energy
- (D) Propagation is through ducts in F region which absorb most of the energy

(G3C-09) What type of radio wave propagation allows a signal to be detected at a distance too far for ground wave propagation but too near for normal sky-wave propagation?

- (A) Faraday rotation
- (B) Scatter
- (C) Sporadic-E skip
- (D) Short-path skip

(G3C-10) Which of the following might be an indication that signals heard on the HF bands are being received via scatter propagation?

- (A) The communication is during a sunspot maximum
- (B) The communication is during a sudden ionospheric disturbance
- (C) The signal is heard on a frequency below the Maximum Usable Frequency
- (D) The signal is heard on a frequency above the Maximum Usable Frequency

(G3C-11) Which of the following antenna types will be most effective for skip communications on 40-meters during the day?

- (A) A vertical antenna
- (B) A horizontal dipole placed between 1/8 and 1/4 wavelength above the ground
- (C) A left-hand circularly polarized antenna
- (D) A right-hand circularly polarized antenna

(G3C-12) Which ionospheric layer is the most absorbent of long skip signals during daylight hours on frequencies below 10 MHz?

- (A) The F2 layer
- (B) The F1 layer
- (C) The E layer
- (D) The D layer

(G3C-13) What is Near Vertical Incidence Sky-wave (NVIS) propagation?

- (A) Propagation near the MUF
- (B) Short distance MF or HF propagation using high elevation angles
- (C) Long path HF propagation at sunrise and sunset
- (D) Double hop propagation near the LUF

SUBELEMENT G4 - AMATEUR RADIO PRACTICES

G4A – Station Operation and set up

(G4A-01) What is the purpose of the "notch filter" found on many HF transceivers?

- (A) To restrict the transmitter voice bandwidth
- (B) To reduce interference from carriers in the receiver passband
- (C) To eliminate receiver interference from impulse noise sources
- (D) To enhance the reception of a specific frequency on a crowded band

(G4A-02) What is one advantage of selecting the opposite or "reverse" sideband when receiving CW signals on a typical HF transceiver?

- (A) Interference from impulse noise will be eliminated
- (B) More stations can be accommodated within a given signal passband
- (C) It may be possible to reduce or eliminate interference from other signals
- (D) Accidental out of band operation can be prevented

(G4A-03) What is normally meant by operating a transceiver in "split" mode?

- (A) The radio is operating at half power
- (B) The transceiver is operating from an external power source
- (C) The transceiver is set to different transmit and receive frequencies
- (D) The transmitter is emitting an SSB signal, as opposed to DSB operation

(G4A-04) What reading on the plate current meter of a vacuum tube RF power amplifier indicates correct adjustment of the plate tuning control?

- (A) A pronounced peak
- (B) A pronounced dip
- (C) No change will be observed
- (D) A slow, rhythmic oscillation

(G4A-05) What is a reason to use Automatic Level Control (ALC) with an RF power amplifier?

- (A) To balance the transmitter audio frequency response
- (B) To reduce harmonic radiation
- (C) To reduce distortion due to excessive drive
- (D) To increase overall efficiency



(G4A-06) What type of device is often used to match transmitter output impedance to an impedance not equal to 50 ohms?

- (A) Balanced modulator
- (B) SWR Bridge
- (C) Antenna coupler or antenna tuner
- (D) Q Multiplier

(G4A-07) What condition can lead to permanent damage to a solid-state RF power amplifier?

- (A) Insufficient drive power
- (B) Low input SWR
- (C) Shorting the input signal to ground
- (D) Excessive drive power

(G4A-08) What is the correct adjustment for the load or coupling control of a vacuum tube RF power amplifier?

- (A) Minimum SWR on the antenna
- (B) Minimum plate current without exceeding maximum allowable grid current
- (C) Highest plate voltage while minimizing grid current
- (D) Maximum power output without exceeding maximum allowable plate current

(G4A-09) Why is a time delay sometimes included in a transmitter keying circuit?

- (A) To prevent stations from interfering with one another
- (B) To allow the transmitter power regulators to charge properly
- (C) To allow time for transmit-receive changeover operations to complete properly before RF output is allowed
- (D) To allow time for a warning signal to be sent to other stations

(G4A-10) What is the purpose of an electronic keyer?

- (A) Automatic transmit/receive switching
- (B) Automatic generation of strings of dots and dashes for CW operation
- (C) VOX operation
- (D) Computer interface for PSK and RTTY operation

(G4A-11) Which of the following is a use for the IF shift control on a receiver?

- (A) To avoid interference from stations very close to the receive frequency
- (B) To change frequency rapidly
- (C) To permit listening on a different frequency from that on which you are transmitting
- (D) To tune in stations that are slightly off frequency without changing your transmit frequency



(G4A-12) Which of the following is a common use for the dual VFO feature on a transceiver?

- (A) To allow transmitting on two frequencies at once
- (B) To permit full duplex operation, that is transmitting and receiving at the same time
- (C) To permit monitoring of two different frequencies
- (D) To facilitate computer interface

(G4A-13) What is one reason to use the attenuator function that is present on many HF transceivers?

- (A) To reduce signal overload due to strong incoming signals
- (B) To reduce the transmitter power when driving a linear amplifier
- (C) To reduce power consumption when operating from batteries
- (D) To slow down received CW signals for better copy

(G4A-14) What is likely to happen if a transceiver's ALC system is not set properly when transmitting AFSK signals with the radio using single sideband mode?

- (A) ALC will invert the modulation of the AFSK mode
- (B) Improper action of ALC distorts the signal and can cause spurious emissions
- (C) When using digital modes, too much ALC activity can cause the transmitter to overheat
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G4A-15) Which of the following can be a symptom of transmitted RF being picked up by an audio cable carrying AFSK data signals between a computer and a transceiver?

- (A) The VOX circuit does not un-key the transmitter
- (B) The transmitter signal is distorted
- (C) Frequent connection timeouts
- (D) All of these choices are correct

G4B - Test and monitoring equipment; two-tone test

(G4B-01) What item of test equipment contains horizontal and vertical channel amplifiers?

- (A) An ohmmeter
- (B) A signal generator
- (C) An ammeter
- (D) An oscilloscope

(G4B-02) Which of the following is an advantage of an oscilloscope versus a digital voltmeter?

- (A) An oscilloscope uses less power
- (B) Complex impedances can be easily measured
- (C) Input impedance is much lower
- (D) Complex waveforms can be measured

(G4B-03) Which of the following is the best instrument to use when checking the keying waveform of a CW transmitter?

- (A) An oscilloscope
- (B) A field strength meter
- (C) A sidetone monitor
- (D) A wavemeter

(G4B-04) What signal source is connected to the vertical input of an oscilloscope when checking the RF envelope pattern of a transmitted signal?

- (A) The local oscillator of the transmitter
- (B) An external RF oscillator
- (C) The transmitter balanced mixer output
- (D) The attenuated RF output of the transmitter

(G4B-05) Why is high input impedance desirable for a voltmeter?

- (A) It improves the frequency response
- (B) It decreases battery consumption in the meter
- (C) It improves the resolution of the readings
- (D) It decreases the loading on circuits being measured

(G4B-06) What is an advantage of a digital voltmeter as compared to an analog voltmeter?

- (A) Better for measuring computer circuits
- (B) Better for RF measurements
- (C) Better precision for most uses
- (D) Faster response

(G4B-07) What signals are used to conduct a two-tone test?

- (A) Two audio signals of the same frequency shifted 90 degrees
- (B) Two non-harmonically related audio signals
- (C) Two swept frequency tones
- (D) Two audio frequency range square wave signals of equal amplitude

(G4B-08) Which of the following instruments may be used to monitor relative RF output when making antenna and transmitter adjustments?

- (A) A field strength meter
- (B) An antenna noise bridge
- (C) A multimeter
- (D) A Q meter



(G4B-09) Which of the following can be determined with a field strength meter?

- (A) The radiation resistance of an antenna
- (B) The radiation pattern of an antenna
- (C) The presence and amount of phase distortion of a transmitter
- (D) The presence and amount of amplitude distortion of a transmitter

(G4B-10) Which of the following can be determined with a directional wattmeter?

- (A) Standing wave ratio
- (B) Antenna front-to-back ratio
- (C) RF interference
- (D) Radio wave propagation

(G4B-11) Which of the following must be connected to an antenna analyzer when it is being used for SWR measurements?

- (A) Receiver
- (B) Transmitter
- (C) Antenna and feed line
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G4B-12) What problem can occur when making measurements on an antenna system with an antenna analyzer?

- (A) Permanent damage to the analyzer may occur if it is operated into a high SWR
- (B) Strong signals from nearby transmitters can affect the accuracy of measurements
- (C) The analyzer can be damaged if measurements outside the ham bands are attempted
- (D) Connecting the analyzer to an antenna can cause it to absorb harmonics

(G4B-13) What is a use for an antenna analyzer other than measuring the SWR of an antenna system?

- (A) Measuring the front to back ratio of an antenna
- (B) Measuring the turns ratio of a power transformer
- (C) Determining the impedance of an unknown or unmarked coaxial cable
- (D) Determining the gain of a directional antenna

(G4B-14) What is an instance in which the use of an instrument with analog readout may be preferred over an instrument with a digital readout?

- (A) When testing logic circuits
- (B) When high precision is desired
- (C) When measuring the frequency of an oscillator
- (D) When adjusting tuned circuits



(G4B-15) What type of transmitter performance does a two-tone test analyze?

- (A) Linearity
- (B) Percentage of suppression of carrier and undesired sideband for SSB
- (C) Percentage of frequency modulation
- (D) Percentage of carrier phase shift

G4C - Interference with consumer electronics; grounding; DSP

(G4C-01) Which of the following might be useful in reducing RF interference to audio frequency devices?

- (A) Bypass inductor
- (B) Bypass capacitor
- (C) Forward-biased diode
- (D) Reverse-biased diode

(G4C-02) Which of the following could be a cause of interference covering a wide range of frequencies?

- (A) Not using a balun or line isolator to feed balanced antennas
- (B) Lack of rectification of the transmitter's signal in powerconductors
- (C) Arcing at a poor electrical connection
- (D) Using a balun to feed an unbalanced antenna

(G4C-03) What sound is heard from an audio device or telephone if there is interference from a nearby single sideband phone transmitter?

- (A) On-and-off humming or clicking
- (B) A CW signal at a nearly pure audio frequency
- (C) A chirpy CW signal
- (D) Severely distorted audio

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(G4C-05) What might be the problem if you receive an RF burn when touching your equipment while transmitting on an HF band, assuming the equipment is connected to a ground rod?

- (A) Flat braid rather than round wire has been used for the ground wire
- (B) Insulated wire has been used for the ground wire
- (C) The ground rod is resonant
- (D) The ground wire has high impedance on that frequency

(G4C-06) What effect can be caused by a resonant ground connection?

- (A) Overheating of ground straps
- (B) Corrosion of the ground rod
- (C) High RF voltages on the enclosures of station equipment
- (D) A ground loop

(G4C-07) What is one good way to avoid unwanted effects of stray RF energy in an amateur

- (A) Connect all equipment grounds together
- (B) Install an RF filter in series with the ground wire
- (C) Use a ground loop for best conductivity
- (D) Install a few ferrite beads on the ground wire where it connects to your station

(G4C-08) Which of the following would reduce RF interference caused by common-mode current on an audio cable?

- (A) Placing a ferrite choke around the cable
- (B) Adding series capacitors to the conductors
- (C) Adding shunt inductors to the conductors
- (D) Adding an additional insulating jacket to the cable

(G4C-09) How can a ground loop be avoided?

- (A) Connect all ground conductors in series
- (B) Connect the AC neutral conductor to the ground wire
- (C) Avoid using lock washers and star washers when making ground connections
- (D) Connect all ground conductors to a single point

(G4C-10) What could be a symptom of a ground loop somewhere in your station?

- (A) You receive reports of "hum" on your station's transmitted signal
- (B) The SWR reading for one or more antennas is suddenly very high
- (C) An item of station equipment starts to draw excessive amounts of current
- (D) You receive reports of harmonic interference from your station



(G4C-11) Which of the following is a function of a digital signal processor?

- (A) To provide adequate grounding
- (B) To remove noise from received signals
- (C) To increase antenna gain
- (D) To increase antenna bandwidth

(G4C-12) Which of the following is an advantage of a receiver DSP IF filter as compared to an analog filter?

- (A) A wide range of filter bandwidths and shapes can be created
- (B) Fewer digital components are required
- (C) Mixing products are greatly reduced
- (D) The DSP filter is much more effective at VHF frequencies

(G4C-13) Which of the following can perform automatic notching of interfering carriers?

- (A) Bandpass tuning
- (B) A Digital Signal Processor (DSP) filter
- (C) Balanced mixing
- (D) A noise limiter

G4D - Speech processors; S meters; sideband operation near band edges

(G4D-01) What is the purpose of a speech processor as used in a modern transceiver?

- (A) Increase the intelligibility of transmitted phone signals during poor conditions
- (B) Increase transmitter bass response for more natural sounding SSB signals
- (C) Prevent distortion of voice signals
- (D) Decrease high-frequency voice output to prevent out of band operation

(G4D-02) Which of the following describes how a speech processor affects a transmitted single sideband phone signal?

- (A) It increases peak power
- (B) It increases average power
- (C) It reduces harmonic distortion
- (D) It reduces intermodulation distortion



(G4D-03) Which of the following can be the result of an incorrectly adjusted speech processor?

- (A) Distorted speech
- (B) Splatter
- (C) Excessive background pickup
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G4D-04) What does an S meter measure?

- (A) Conductance
- (B) Impedance
- (C) Received signal strength
- (D) Transmitter power output

(G4D-05) How does a signal that reads 20 dB over S9 compare to one that reads S9 on a receiver, assuming a properly calibrated S meter?

- (A) It is 10 times less powerful
- (B) It is 20 times less powerful
- (C) It is 20 times more powerful
- (D) It is 100 times more powerful

(G4D-06) Where is an S meter found?

- (A) In a receiver
- (B) In an SWR bridge
- (C) In a transmitter
- (D) In a conductance bridge

(G4D-07) How much must the power output of a transmitter be raised to change the S meter reading on a distant receiver from S8 to S9?

- (A) Approximately 1.5 times
- (B) Approximately 2 times
- (C) Approximately 4 times
- (D) Approximately 8 times

(G4D-08) What frequency range is occupied by a 3 kHz LSB signal when the displayed carrier frequency is set to 7.178 MHz?

- (A) 7.178 to 7.181 MHz
- (B) 7.178 to 7.184 MHz
- (C) 7.175 to 7.178 MHz
- (D) 7.1765 to 7.1795 MHz



(G4D-09) What frequency range is occupied by a 3 kHz USB signal with the displayed carrier frequency set to 14.347 MHz?

- (A) 14.347 to 14.647 MHz
- (B) 14.347 to 14.350 MHz
- (C) 14.344 to 14.347 MHz
- (D) 14.3455 to 14.3485 MHz

(G4D-10) How close to the lower edge of the 40-meter General Class phone segment should your displayed carrier frequency be when using 3 kHz wide LSB?

- (A) At least 3 kHz above the edge of the segment
- (B) At least 3 kHz below the edge of the segment
- (C) Your displayed carrier frequency may be set at the edge of the segment
- (D) At least 1 kHz above the edge of the segment

(G4D-11) How close to the upper edge of the 20-meter Cass B band should your displayed carrier frequency be when using 3 kHz wide USB?

- (A) At least 3 kHz above the edge of the band
- (B) At least 3 kHz below the edge of the band
- (C) Your displayed carrier frequency may be set at the edge of the band
- (D) At least 1 kHz below the edge of the segment

G4E - HF mobile radio installations; emergency and battery powered operation

(G4E-01) What is the purpose of a capacitance hat on a mobile antenna?

- (A) To increase the power handling capacity of a whip antenna
- (B) To allow automatic band changing
- (C) To electrically lengthen a physically short antenna
- (D) To allow remotetuning

(G4E-02) What is the purpose of a corona ball on a HF mobile antenna?

- (A) To narrow the operating bandwidth of the antenna
- (B) To increase the "Q" of the antenna
- (C) To reduce the chance of damage if the antenna should strike an object
- (D) To reduce high voltage discharge from the tip of the antenna



(G4E-03) Which of the following direct, fused power connections would be the best for a 100 watt HF mobile installation?

- (A) To the battery using heavy gauge wire
- (B) To the alternator or generator using heavy gauge wire
- (C) To the battery using resistor wire
- (D) To the alternator or generator using resistor wire

(G4E-04) Why is it best NOT to draw the DC power for a 100 watt HF transceiver from a vehicle's auxiliary power socket?

- (A) The socket is not wired with an RF-shielded power cable
- (B) The socket's wiring may be inadequate for the current drawn by the transceiver
- (C) The DC polarity of the socket is reversed from the polarity of modern HF transceivers
- (D) Drawing more than 50 watts from this socket could cause the engine to overheat

(G4E-05) Which of the following most limits an HF mobile installation?

- (A) "Picket fencing"
- (B) The wire gauge of the DC power line to the transceiver
- (C) Efficiency of the electrically short antenna
- (D) FCC rules limiting mobile output power on the 75-meterband

(G4E-06) What is one disadvantage of using a shortened mobile antenna as opposed to a full size antenna?

- (A) Short antennas are more likely to cause distortion of transmitted signals
- (B) Short antennas can only receive circularly polarized signals
- (C) Operating bandwidth may be very limited
- (D) Harmonic radiation may increase

(G4E-07) Which of the following may cause interference to be heard in the receiver of an HF radio installed in a recent model vehicle?

- (A) The battery charging system
- (B) The fuel delivery system
- (C) The vehicle control computer
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G4E-08) What is the name of the process by which sunlight is changed directly into electricity?

- (A) Photovoltaic conversion
- (B) Photon emission
- (C) Photosynthesis
- (D) Photon decomposition



(G4E-09) What is the approximate open-circuit voltage from a fully illuminated silicon photovoltaic cell?

- (A) 0.02 VDC
- (B) 0.5 VDC
- (C) 0.2 VDC
- (D) 1.38 VDC

(G4E-10) What is the reason that a series diode is connected between a solar panel and a storage battery that is being charged by the panel?

- (A) The diode serves to regulate the charging voltage to prevent overcharge
- (B) The diode prevents self-discharge of the battery though the panel during times of low or no illumination
- (C) The diode limits the current flowing from the panel to a safe value
- (D) The diode greatly increases the efficiency during times of high illumination

(G4E-11) Which of the following is a disadvantage of using wind as the primary source of power for an emergency station?

- (A) The conversion efficiency from mechanical energy to electrical energy is less than 2 percent
- (B) The voltage and current ratings of such systems are not compatible with amateur equipment
- (C) A large energy storage system is needed to supply power when the wind is not blowing
- (D) All of these choices are correct

SUBELEMENT G5 – ELECTRICAL PRINCIPLES

G5A – Reactance; inductance; capacitance; impedance; impedance matching

(G5A-01) What is impedance?

- (A) The electric charge stored by a capacitor
- (B) The inverse of resistance
- (C) The opposition to the flow of current in an AC circuit
- (D) The force of repulsion between two similar electric fields

(G5A-02) What is reactance?

- (A) Opposition to the flow of direct current caused by resistance
- (B) Opposition to the flow of alternating current caused by capacitance or inductance
- (C) A property of ideal resistors in AC circuits
- (D) A large spark produced at switch contacts when an inductor is de-energized



(G5A-03) Which of the following causes opposition to the flow of alternating current in an inductor?

- (A) Conductance
- (B) Reluctance
- (C) Admittance
- (D) Reactance

(G5A-04) Which of the following causes opposition to the flow of alternating current in a capacitor?

- (A) Conductance
- (B) Reluctance
- (C) Reactance
- (D) Admittance

(G5A-05) How does an inductor react to AC?

- (A) As the frequency of the applied AC increases, the reactance decreases
- (B) As the amplitude of the applied AC increases, the reactance increases
- (C) As the frequency of the applied AC increases, the reactance increases
- (D) As the frequency of the applied AC increases, the reactance increases

(G5A-06) How does a capacitor react to AC?

- (A) As the frequency of the applied AC increases, the reactance decreases
- (B) As the frequency of the applied AC increases, the reactance increases
- (C) As the amplitude of the applied AC increases, the reactance increases
- (D) As the amplitude of the applied AC increases, the reactance decreases

(G5A-07) What happens when the impedance of an electrical load is equal to the output impedance of a power source, assuming both impedances are resistive?

- (A) The source delivers minimum power to the load
- (B) The electrical load is shorted
- (C) No current can flow through the circuit
- (D) The source can deliver maximum power to the load

(G5A-08) Why is impedance matching important?

- (A) So the source can deliver maximum power to the load
- (B) So the load will draw minimum power from the source
- (C) To ensure that there is less resistance than reactance in the circuit
- (D) To ensure that the resistance and reactance in the circuit are equal



(G5A-09) What unit is used to measure reactance?

- (A) Farad
- (B) Ohm
- (C) Ampere
- (D) Siemens

(G5A-10) What unit is used to measure impedance?

- (A) Volt
- (B) Ohm
- (C) Ampere
- (D) Watt

(G5A-11) Which of the following describes one method of impedance matching between two AC circuits?

- (A) Insert an LC network between the two circuits
- (B) Reduce the power output of the first circuit
- (C) Increase the power output of the first circuit
- (D) Insert a circulator between the two circuits

(G5A-12) What is one reason to use an impedance matching transformer?

- (A) To minimize transmitter power output
- (B) To maximize the transfer of power
- (C) To reduce power supply ripple
- (D) To minimize radiation resistance

(G5A-13) Which of the following devices can be used for impedance matching at radio frequencies?

- (A) A transformer
- (B) A Pi-network
- (C) A length of transmission line
- (D) All the choices are correct



G5B - The Decibel; current and voltage dividers; electrical power calculations; sine wave root-mean-square (RMS) values; PEP calculations

(G5B-01) What dB change represents a two-times increase or decrease in power?

- (A) Approximately 2 dB
- (B) Approximately 3 dB
- (C) Approximately 6 dB
- (D) Approximately 12 dB

(G5B-02) How does the total current relate to the individual currents in each branch of a purely resistive parallel circuit?

- (A) It equals the average of each branch current
- (B) It decreases as more parallel branches are added to the circuit
- (C) It equals the sum of the currents through each branch
- (D) It is the sum of the reciprocal of each individual voltage drop

(G5B-03) How many watts of electrical power are used if 400 VDC is supplied to an 800 ohm load?

- (A) 0.5 watts
- (B) 200 watts
- (C) 400 watts
- (D) 3200 watts

(G5B-04) How many watts of electrical power are used by a 12 VDC light bulb that draws 0.2 amperes?

- (A) 2.4 watts
- (B) 24 watts
- (C) 6 watts
- (D) 60 watts

(G5B-05) How many watts are dissipated when a current of 7.0 milliamperes flows through 1.25 kilohms resistance?

- (A) Approximately 61 milliwatts
- (B) Approximately 61 watts
- (C) Approximately 11 milliwatts
- (D) Approximately 11 watts



(G5B-06) What is the output PEP from a transmitter if an oscilloscope measures 200 volts peak-to-peak across a 50 ohm dummy load connected to the transmitter output?

- (A) 1.4 watts
- (B) 100 watts
- (C) 353.5 watts
- (D) 400 watts

(G5B-07) What value of an AC signal produces the same power dissipation in a resistor as a DC voltage of the same value?

- (A) The peak-to-peak value
- (B) The peak value
- (C) The RMS value
- (D) The reciprocal of the RMS value

(G5B-09) What is the RMS voltage of a sine wave with a value of 17 volts peak?

- (A) 8.5 volts
- (B) 12 volts
- (C) 24 volts
- (D) 34 volts

(G5B-10) What percentage of power loss would result from a transmission line loss of 1 dB?

- (A) 10.9 percent
- (B) 12.2 percent
- (C) 20.5 percent
- (D) 25.9 percent

(G5B-11) What is the ratio of peak envelope power to average power for an unmodulated carrier?

- (A) 0.707
- (B) 1.00
- (C) 1.414
- (D) 2.00

(G5B-12) What would be the RMS voltage across a 50 ohm dummy load dissipating 1200 watts?

- (A) 173 volts
- (B) 245 volts
- (C) 346 volts
- (D) 692 volts



(G5B-13) What is the output PEP of an unmodulated carrier if an average reading wattmeter connected to the transmitter output indicates 1060 watts?

- (A) 530 watts
- (B) 1060 watts
- (C) 1500 watts
- (D) 2120 watts

(G5B-14) What is the output PEP from a transmitter if an oscilloscope measures 500 volts peak-to-peak across a 50 ohm resistive load connected to the transmitter output?

- (A) 8.75 watts
- (B) 625 watts
- (C) 2500 watts
- (D) 5000 watts

G5C – Resistors, capacitors, and inductors in series and parallel; transformers

(G5C-01) What causes a voltage to appear across the secondary winding of a transformer when an AC voltage source is connected across its primary winding?

- (A) Capacitive coupling
- (B) Displacement current coupling
- (C) Mutual inductance
- (D) Mutual capacitance

(G5C-02) What happens if you reverse the primary and secondary windings of a 4:1 voltage step down transformer?

- (A) The secondary voltage becomes 4 times the primary voltage
- (B) The transformer no longer functions as it is a unidirectional device
- (C) Additional resistance must be added in series with the primary to prevent overload
- (D) Additional resistance must be added in parallel with the secondary to prevent overload

(G5C-03) Which of the following components should be added to an existing resistor to increase the resistance?

- (A) A resistor in parallel
- (B) A resistor in series
- (C) A capacitor in series
- (D) A capacitor in parallel



(G5C-04) What is the total resistance of three 100 ohm resistors in parallel?

- (A) 0.30 ohms
- (B) 0.33 ohms
- (C) 33.3 ohms
- (D) 300 ohms

(G5C-05) If three equal value resistors in series produce 450 ohms, what is the value of each resistor?

- (A) 1500 ohms
- (B) 90 ohms
- (C) 150 ohms
- (D) 175 ohms

(G5C-06) What is the RMS voltage across a 500-turn secondary winding in a transformer if the 2250-turn primary is connected to 120VAC?

- (A) 2370 volts
- (B) 540 volts
- (C) 26.7 volts
- (D) 5.9 volts

(G5C-07) What is the turns ratio of a transformer used to match an audio amplifier having 600 ohm output impedance to a speaker having 4 ohm impedance?

- (A) 12.2 to 1
- (B) 24.4 to 1
- (C) 150 to 1
- (D) 300 to 1

(G5C-08) What is the equivalent capacitance of two 5.0 nanofarad capacitors and one 750 picofarad capacitor connected in parallel?

- (A) 576.9 nanofarads
- (B) 1733 picofarads
- (C) 3583 picofarads
- (D) 10.750 nanofarads

(G5C-09) What is the capacitance of three 100 microfarad capacitors connected in series?

- (A) 0.30 microfarads
- (B) 0.33 microfarads
- (C) 33.3 microfarads
- (D) 300 microfarads



(G5C-10) What is the inductance of three 10 millihenry inductors connected in parallel?

- (A) 0.30 henrys
- (B) 3.3 henrys
- (C) 3.3 millihenrys
- (D) 30 millihenrys

(G5C-11) What is the inductance of a 20 millihenry inductor connected in series with a 50 millihenry inductor?

- (A) 0.07 millihenrys
- (B) 14.3 millihenrys
- (C) 70 millihenrys
- (D) 1000 millihenrys

(G5B-12) What is the capacitance of a 20 microfarad capacitor connected in series with a 50 microfarad capacitor?

- (A) 0.07 microfarads
- (B) 14.3 microfarads
- (C) 70 microfarads
- (D) 1000 microfarads

(G5B-13) Which of the following components should be added to a capacitor to increase the capacitance?

- (A) An inductor in series
- (B) A resistor in series
- (C) A capacitor in parallel
- (D) A capacitor in series

(G5B-14) Which of the following components should be added to an inductor to increase the inductance?

- (A) A capacitor in series
- (B) A resistor in parallel
- (C) An inductor in parallel
- (D) An inductor in series



(G5B-15) What is the total resistance of a 10 ohm, a 20 ohm, and a 50 ohm resistor connected in parallel?

- (A) 5.9 ohms
- (B) 0.17 ohms
- (C) 10000 ohms
- (D) 80 ohms

(G5B-16) Why is the conductor of the primary winding of many voltage step up transformers larger in diameter than the conductor of the secondary winding?

- (A) To improve the coupling between the primary and secondary
- (B) To accommodate the higher current of the primary
- (C) To prevent parasitic oscillations due to resistive losses in the primary
- (D) To insure that the volume of the primary winding is equal to the volume of the secondary winding

(G5B-17) What is the value in nanofarads (nF) of a 22,000 pF capacitor?

- (A) 0.22 nF
- (B) 2.2 nF
- (C) 22 nF
- (D) 220 nF

(G5B-18) What is the value in microfarads of a 4700 nanofarad (nF) capacitor?

- (A) 47 μ F
- (B) 0.47 μ F
- (C) 47,000 μ F
- (D) 4.7 μ F

SUBELEMENT G6 – CIRCUIT COMPONENTS

G6A – Resistors; Capacitors; Inductors; Rectifiers; solid state diodes and transistors; vacuum tubes; batteries

(G6A-01) What is the minimum allowable discharge voltage for maximum life of a standard 12 volt lead acid battery?

- (A) 6 volts
- (B) 8.5 volts
- (C) 10.5 volts
- (D) 12 volts



(G6A-02) What is an advantage of the low internal resistance of nickel-cadmium batteries?

- (A) Long life
- (B) High discharge current
- (C) High voltage
- (D) Rapid recharge

(G6A-03) What is the approximate junction threshold voltage of a germanium diode?

- (A) 0.1 volt
- (B) 0.3 volts
- (C) 0.7 volts
- (D) 1.0 volts

(G6A-04) When is it acceptable to recharge a carbon-zinc primary cell?

- (A) As long as the voltage has not been allowed to drop below 1.0 volt
- (B) When the cell is kept warm during the recharging period
- (C) When a constant current charger is used
- (D) Never

(G6A-05) What is the approximate junction threshold voltage of a conventional silicon diode?

- (A) 0.1 volt
- (B) 0.3 volts
- (C) 0.7 volts
- (D) 0 volts

(G6A-06) Which of the following is an advantage of using a Schottky diode in an RF switching circuit rather than a standard silicon diode?

- (A) Lower capacitance
- (B) Lower inductance
- (C) Longer switching times
- (D) Higher breakdown voltage

(G6A-07) What are the stable operating points for a bipolar transistor used as a switch in a logic circuit?

- (A) Its saturation and cutoff regions
- (B) Its active region (between the cutoff and saturation regions)
- (C) Its peak and valley current points
- (D) Its enhancement and depletion modes



(G6A-08) Why must the cases of some large power transistors be insulated from ground?

- (A) To increase the beta of the transistor
- (B) To improve the power dissipation capability
- (C) To reduce stray capacitance
- (D) To avoid shorting the collector or drain voltage to ground

(G6A-09) Which of the following describes the construction of a MOSFET?

- (A) The gate is formed by a back-biased junction
- (B) The gate is separated from the channel with a thin insulating layer
- (C) The source is separated from the drain by a thin insulating layer
- (D) The source is formed by depositing metal on silicon

(G6A-10) Which element of a triode vacuum tube is used to regulate the flow of electrons between cathode and plate?

- (A) Control grid
- (B) Heater
- (C) Screen Grid
- (D) Trigger electrode

(G6A-11) Which of the following solid state devices is most like a vacuum tube in its general operating characteristics?

- (A) A bipolar transistor
- (B) A field effect transistor
- (C) A tunnel diode
- (D) A varistor

(G6A-12) What is the primary purpose of a screen grid in a vacuum tube?

- (A) To reduce grid-to-plate capacitance
- (B) To increase efficiency
- (C) To increase the control grid resistance
- (D) To decrease plate resistance

(G6A-13) Why is the polarity of applied voltages important for polarized capacitors?

- (A) Incorrect polarity can cause the capacitor to short-circuit
- (B) Reverse voltages can destroy the dielectric layer of an electrolytic capacitor
- (C) The capacitor could overheat and explode
- (D) All of these choices are correct



(G6A-14) Which of the following is an advantage of ceramic capacitors as compared to other types of capacitors?

- (A) Tight tolerance
- (B) High stability
- (C) High capacitance for given volume
- (D) Comparatively low cost

(G6A-15) Which of the following is an advantage of an electrolytic capacitor?

- (A) Tight tolerance
- (B) Much less leakage than any other type
- (C) High capacitance for a given volume
- (D) Inexpensive RF capacitor

(G6A-16) What will happen to the resistance if the temperature of a resistor is increased?

- (A) It will change depending on the resistor's reactance coefficient
- (B) It will stay the same
- (C) It will change depending on the resistor's temperature coefficient
- (D) It will become time dependent

(G6A-17) Which of the following is a reason not to use wire-wound resistors in an RF circuit?

- (A) The resistor's tolerance value would not be adequate for such a circuit
- (B) The resistor's inductance could make circuit performance unpredictable
- (C) The resistor could overheat
- (D) The resistor's internal capacitance would detune the circuit

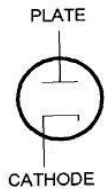
(G6A-18) What is an advantage of using a ferrite core toroidal inductor?

- (A) Large values of inductance may be obtained
- (B) The magnetic properties of the core may be optimized for a specific range of frequencies
- (C) Most of the magnetic field is contained in the core
- (D) All of these choices are correct

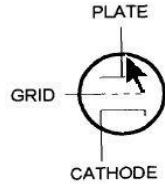
(G6A-19) How should the winding axes of two solenoid inductors be oriented to minimize their mutual inductance?

- (A) In line
- (B) Parallel to each other
- (C) At right angles to each other
- (D) Interleaved

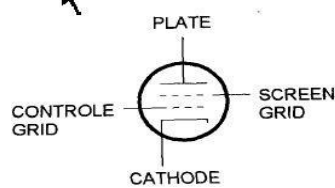
(G6A-20) Which of the tubes shown below is a triode?



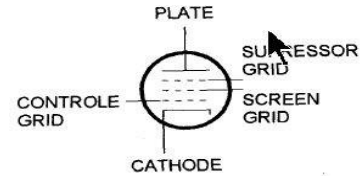
(A)



(B)



(C)



(D)

G6B - Analog and digital integrated circuits (ICs); microprocessors; memory; I/O devices; microwave ICs (MMICs); display devices

(G6B-01) Which of the following is an analog integrated circuit?

- (A) NAND Gate
- (B) Microprocessor
- (C) Frequency Counter
- (D) Linear voltage regulator

(G6B-02) What is meant by the term MMIC?

- (A) Multi Megabyte Integrated Circuit
- (B) Monolithic Microwave Integrated Circuit
- (C) Military Manufactured Integrated Circuit
- (D) Mode Modulated Integrated Circuit

(G6B-03) Which of the following is an advantage of CMOS integrated circuits compared to TTL integrate circuits?

- (A) Low power consumption
- (B) High power handling capability
- (C) Better suited for RF amplification
- (D) Better suited for power supply regulation

(G6B-04) What is meant by the term ROM?

- (A) Resistor Operated Memory
- (B) Read Only Memory
- (C) Random Operational Memory
- (D) Resistant to Overload Memory



(G6B-05) What is meant when memory is characterized as non-volatile?

- (A) It is resistant to radiation damage
- (B) It is resistant to high temperatures
- (C) The stored information is maintained even if power is removed
- (D) The stored information cannot be changed once written

(G6B-06) What kind of device is an integrated circuit operational amplifier?

- (A) Digital
- (B) MMIC
- (C) Programmable Logic
- (D) Analog

(G6B-07) Which of the following is an advantage of an LED indicator compared to an incandescent indicator?

- (A) Lower power consumption
- (B) Faster response time
- (C) Longer life
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G6B-08) How is an LED biased when emitting light?

- (A) Beyond cutoff
- (B) At the Zener voltage
- (C) Reverse Biased
- (D) Forward Biased

(G6B-09) Which of the following is a characteristic of a liquid crystal display?

- (A) It requires ambient or back lighting
- (B) It offers a wide dynamic range
- (C) It has a wide viewing angle
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G6B-10) What two devices in an Amateur Radio station might be connected using a USB interface?

- (A) Computer and transceiver
- (B) Microphone and transceiver
- (C) Amplifier and antenna
- (D) Power supply and amplifier



(G6B-11) What is a microprocessor?

- (A) A low power analog signal processor used as a microwave detector
- (B) A computer on a single integrated circuit
- (C) A microwave detector, amplifier, and local oscillator on a single integrated circuit
- (D) A low voltage amplifier used in a microwave transmitter modulator stage

(G6B-12) Which of the following connectors would be a good choice for a serial data port?

- (A) PL-259
- (B) Type N
- (C) Type SMA
- (D) DE-9

(G6B-13) Which of these connector types is commonly used for RF connections at frequencies up to 150 MHz?

- (A) Octal
- (B) RJ-11
- (C) PL-259
- (D) DB-25

(G6B-14) Which of these connector types is commonly used for audio signals in Amateur Radio stations?

- (A) PL-259
- (B) BNC
- (C) RCA Phono
- (D) Type N 44

(G6B-15) What is the main reason to use keyed connectors instead of non-keyed types?

- (A) Prevention of use by unauthorized persons
- (B) Reduced chance of incorrect mating
- (C) Higher current carrying capacity
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G6B-16) Which of the following describes a type N connector?

- (A) A moisture-resistant RF connector useful to 10 GHz
- (B) A small bayonet connector used for data circuits
- (C) A threaded connector used for hydraulic systems
- (D) An audio connector used in surround-sound installations



(G6B-17) What is the general description of a DIN type connector?

- (A) A special connector for microwave interfacing
- (B) A DC power connector rated for currents between 30 and 50 amperes
- (C) A family of multiple circuit connectors suitable for audio and control signals
- (D) A special watertight connector for use in marine applications

(G6B-18) What is a type SMA connector?

- (A) A large bayonet connector usable at power levels in excess of 1 KW
- (B) A small threaded connector suitable for signals up to several GHz
- (C) A connector designed for serial multiple access signals
- (D) Type of push-on connector intended for high voltage applications

G7 – PRACTICAL CIRCUITS

G7A Power supplies; and schematic symbols

(G7A-01) What useful feature does a power supply bleeder resistor provide?

- (A) It acts as a fuse for excess voltage
- (B) It ensures that the filter capacitors are discharged when power is removed
- (C) It removes shock hazards from the induction coils
- (D) It eliminates ground loop current

(G7A-02) Which of the following components are used in a power supply filter network?

- (A) Diodes
- (B) Transformers and transducers
- (C) Quartz crystals
- (D) Capacitors and inductors

(G7A-03) What is the peak-inverse-voltage across the rectifiers in a full-wave bridge power supply?

- (A) One-quarter the normal output voltage of the power supply
- (B) Half the normal output voltage of the power supply
- (C) Double the normal peak output voltage of the power supply
- (D) Equal to the normal peak output voltage of the power supply



(G7A-04) What is the peak-inverse-voltage across the rectifier in a half-wave power supply?

- (A) One-half the normal peak output voltage of the powersupply
- (B) One-half the normal output voltage of the powersupply
- (C) Equal to the normal output voltage of the power supply
- (D) Two times the normal peak output voltage of the power supply

(G7A-05) What portion of the AC cycle is converted to DC by a half-wave rectifier?

- (A) 90 degrees
- (B) 180 degrees
- (C) 270 degrees
- (D) 360 degrees

(G7A-06) What portion of the AC cycle is converted to DC by a full-wave rectifier?

- (A) 90 degrees
- (B) 180 degrees
- (C) 270 degrees
- (D) 360 degrees

(G7A-07) What is the output waveform of an unfiltered full-wave rectifier connected to a resistive load?

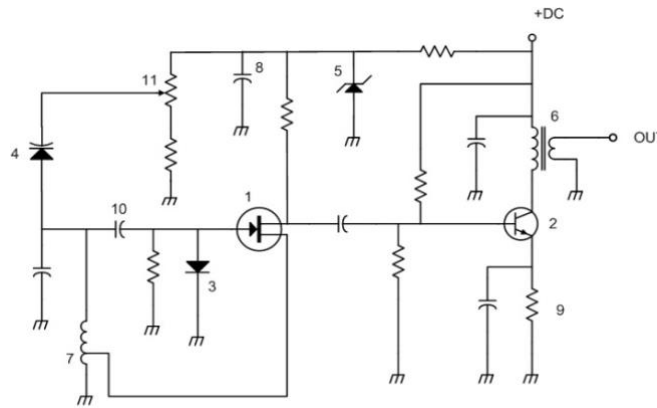
- (A) A series of DC pulses at twice the frequency of the AC input
- (B) A series of DC pulses at the same frequency as the AC input
- (C) A sine wave at half the frequency of the AC input
- (D) A steady DC voltage

(G7A-08) Which of the following is an advantage of a switchmode power supply as compared to a linear power supply?

- (A) Faster switching time makes higher output voltage possible
- (B) Fewer circuit components are required
- (C) High frequency operation allows the use of smaller components
- (D) All of these choices are correct

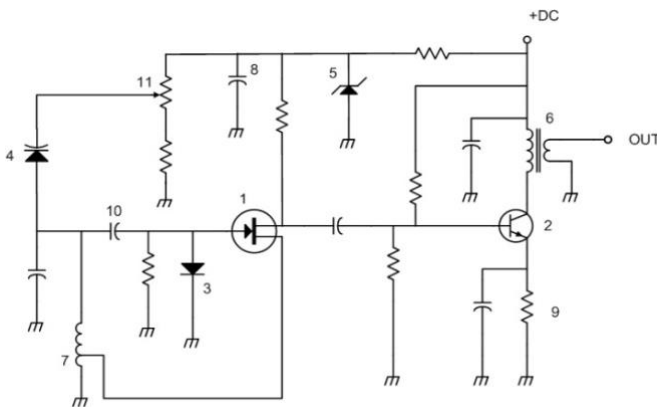
(G7A-09) Which symbol in figure below represents a field effect transistor?

- (A) Symbol 2
- (B) Symbol 5
- (C) Symbol 1
- (D) Symbol 4



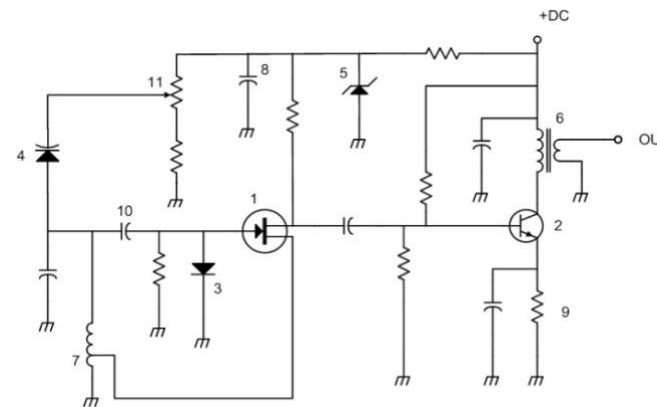
(G7A-10) Which symbol in figure below represents a Zener diode?

- (A) Symbol 2
- (B) Symbol 5
- (C) Symbol 1
- (D) Symbol 4



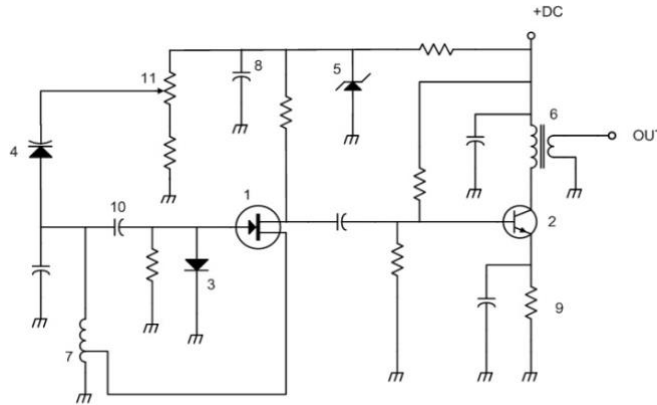
(G7A-11) Which symbol in figure below represents an NPN junction transistor?

- (A) Symbol 2
- (B) Symbol 5
- (C) Symbol 1
- (D) Symbol 4



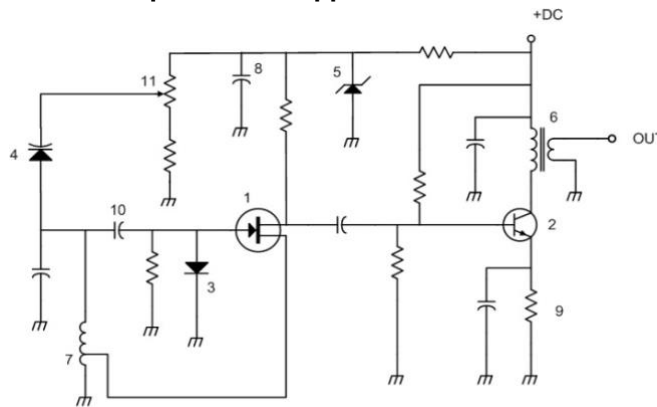
(G7A-12) Which symbol in Figure below represents a multiple-winding transformer?

- (A) Symbol 2
- (B) Symbol 6
- (C) Symbol 1
- (D) Symbol 4



(G7A-13) Which symbol in Figure below represents a tapped inductor?

- (A) Symbol 2
- (B) Symbol 5
- (C) Symbol 1
- (D) Symbol 7



G7B - Digital circuits; amplifiers and oscillators

(G7B-01) Complex digital circuitry can often be replaced by what type of integrated circuit?

- (A) Microcontroller
- (B) Charge-coupled device
- (C) Phase detector
- (D) Window comparator

(G7B-02) Which of the following is an advantage of using the binary system when processing digital signals?

- (A) Binary "ones" and "zeros" are easy to represent by an "on" or "off" state
- (B) The binary number system is most accurate
- (C) Binary numbers are more compatible with analog circuitry
- (D) All of these choices are correct



(G7B-03) Which of the following describes the function of a two input AND gate?

- (A) Output is high when either or both inputs are low
- (B) Output is high only when both inputs are high
- (C) Output is low when either or both inputs are high
- (D) Output is low only when both inputs are high

(G7B-04) Which of the following describes the function of a two input NOR gate?

- (A) Output is high when either or both inputs are low
- (B) Output is high only when both inputs are high
- (C) Output is low when either or both inputs are high
- (D) Output is low only when both inputs are high

(G7B-05) How many states does a 3-bit binary counter have?

- (A) 3
- (B) 6
- (C) 8
- (D) 16

(G7B-06) What is a shift register?

- (A) A clocked array of circuits that passes data in steps along the array
- (B) An array of operational amplifiers used for tri-state arithmetic operations
- (C) A digital mixer
- (D) An analog mixer

(G7B-07) What are the basic components of virtually all sine wave oscillators?

- (A) An amplifier and a divider
- (B) A frequency multiplier and a mixer
- (C) A circulator and a filter operating in a feed-forward loop
- (D) A filter and an amplifier operating in a feedback loop

(G7B-08) How is the efficiency of an RF power amplifier determined?

- (A) Divide the DC input power by the DC output power
- (B) Divide the RF output power by the DC input power
- (C) Multiply the RF input power by the reciprocal of the RF output power
- (D) Add the RF input power to the DC output power



(G7B-09) What determines the frequency of an LC oscillator?

- (A) The number of stages in the counter
- (B) The number of stages in the divider
- (C) The inductance and capacitance in the tank circuit
- (D) The time delay of the lag circuit

(G7B-10) Which of the following is a characteristic of a Class A amplifier?

- (A) Low standby power
- (B) High Efficiency
- (C) No need for bias
- (D) Low distortion

(G7B-11) For which of the following modes is a Class C power stage appropriate for amplifying a modulated signal?

- (A) SSB
- (B) CW
- (C) AM
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G7B-12) Which of these classes of amplifiers has the highest efficiency?

- (A) Class A
- (B) Class B
- (C) Class AB
- (D) Class C

(G7B-13) What is the reason for neutralizing the final amplifier stage of a transmitter?

- (A) To limit the modulation index
- (B) To eliminate self-oscillations
- (C) To cut off the final amplifier during standby periods
- (D) To keep the carrier on frequency

(G7B-14) Which of the following describes a linear amplifier?

- (A) Any RF power amplifier used in conjunction with an amateur transceiver
- (B) An amplifier in which the output preserves the input waveform
- (C) A Class C high efficiency amplifier
- (D) An amplifier used as a frequency multiplier



G7C - Receivers and transmitters; filters, oscillators

(G7C-01) Which of the following is used to process signals from the balanced modulator then send them to the mixer in some single sideband phone transmitters?

- (A) Carrier oscillator
- (B) Filter
- (C) IF amplifier
- (D) RF amplifier

(G7C-02) Which circuit is used to combine signals from the carrier oscillator and speech amplifier then send the result to the filter in some single sideband phone transmitters?

- (A) Discriminator
- (B) Detector
- (C) IF amplifier
- (B) Balanced modulator

(G7C-03) What circuit is used to process signals from the RF amplifier and local oscillator then send the result to the IF filter in a superheterodyne receiver?

- (A) Balanced modulator
- (B) IF amplifier
- (C) Mixer
- (D) Detector

(G7C-04) What circuit is used to combine signals from the IF amplifier and BFO and send the result to the AF amplifier in some single sideband receivers?

- (A) RF oscillator
- (B) IF filter
- (C) Balanced modulator
- (D) Product detector

(G7C-05) Which of the following is an advantage of a transceiver controlled by a direct digital synthesizer (DDS)?

- (A) Wide tuning range and no need for band switching
- (B) Relatively high power output
- (C) Relatively low power consumption
- (D) Variable frequency with the stability of a crystal oscillator



(G7C-06) What should be the impedance of a low-pass filter as compared to the impedance of the transmission line into which it is inserted?

- (A) Substantially higher
- (B) About the same
- (C) Substantially lower
- (D) Twice the transmission line impedance

(G7C-07) What is the simplest combination of stages that implement a superheterodyne receiver?

- (A) RF amplifier, detector, audio amplifier
- (B) RF amplifier, mixer, IF discriminator
- (C) HF oscillator, mixer, detector
- (D) HF oscillator, prescaler, audio amplifier

(G7C-08) What type of circuit is used in many FM receivers to convert signals coming from the IF amplifier to audio?

- (A) Product detector
- (B) Phase inverter
- (C) Mixer
- (D) Discriminator

(G7C-09) Which of the following is needed for a Digital Signal Processor IF filter?

- (A) An analog to digital converter
- (B) A digital to analog converter
- (C) A digital processor chip
- (D) All of the these choices are correct

(G7C-10) How is Digital Signal Processor filtering accomplished?

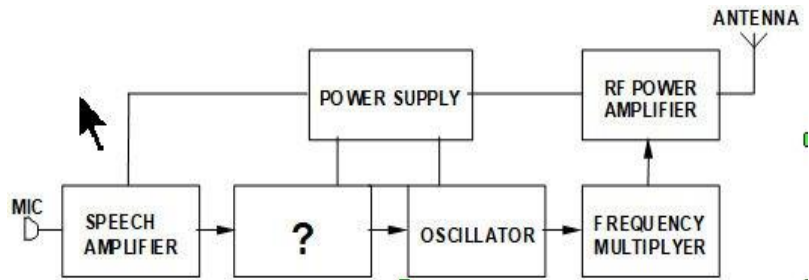
- (A) By using direct signal phasing
- (B) By converting the signal from analog to digital and using digital processing
- (C) By differential spurious phasing
- (D) By converting the signal from digital to analog and taking the difference of mixing products

(G7C-11) What is meant by the term "software defined radio" (SDR)?

- (A) A radio in which most major signal processing functions are performed by software
- (B) A radio that provides computer interface for automatic logging of band and frequency
- (C) A radio that uses crystal filters designed using software
- (D) A computer model that can simulate performance of a radio to aid in the design process

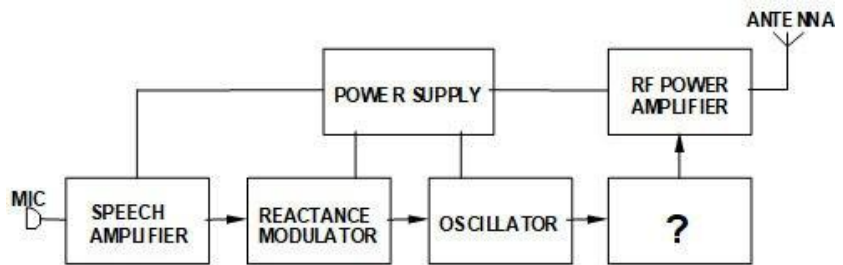
(G7C-12) What is the unlabeled block in the FM transmitter diagram below ?

- (A) Band-pass filter.
- (B) A crystal oscillator.
- (C) A reactance modulator.
- (D) A rectifier modulator



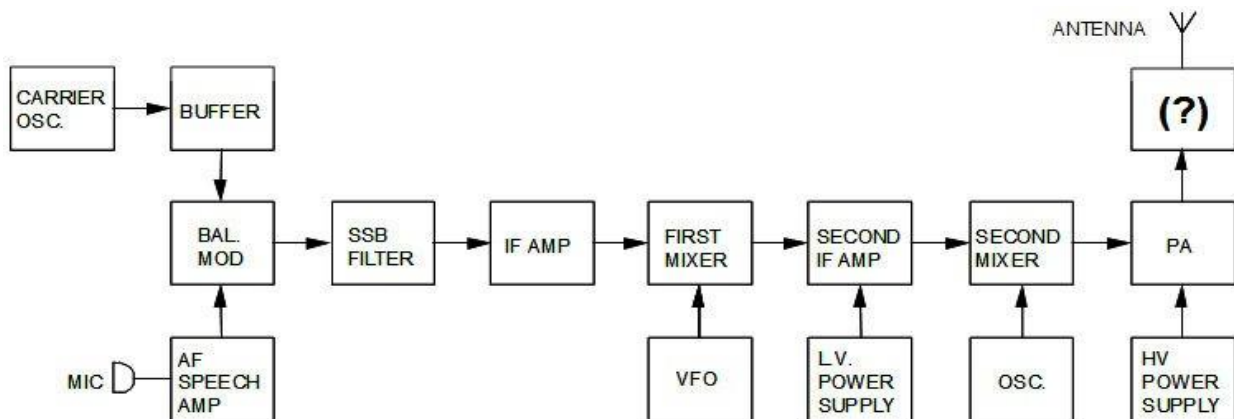
(G7C-13) What is the unlabeled block in the FM transmitter diagram below ?

- (A) Band-pass filter.
- (B) A crystal oscillator.
- (C) Frequency multiplier
- (D) A rectifier modulator



(G7C-14) What is the unlabeled block in the SSB transmitter diagram below ?

- (A) A low-pass filter
- (B) A SSB filter
- (C) A buffer
- (D) IF amplifier.





SUBELEMENT G8 – SIGNALS AND EMISSIONS

G8A - Carriers and modulation: AM; FM; single sideband; modulation envelope; digital modulation; overmodulation

(G8A-01) How is an FSK signal generated?

- (A) By keying an FM transmitter with a sub-audible tone
- (B) By changing an oscillator's frequency directly with a digital control signal
- (C) By using a transceiver's computer data interface protocol to change frequencies
- (D) By reconfiguring the CW keying input to act as a tone generator

(G8A-02) What is the name of the process that changes the phase angle of an RF wave to convey information?

- (A) Phase convolution
- (B) Phase modulation
- (C) Angle convolution
- (D) Radian inversion

(G8A-03) What is the name of the process that changes the instantaneous frequency of an RF wave to convey information?

- (A) Frequency convolution
- (B) Frequency transformation
- (C) Frequency conversion
- (D) Frequency modulation

(G8A-04) What emission is produced by a reactance modulator connected to a transmitter RF amplifier stage?

- (A) Multiplex modulation
- (B) Phase modulation
- (C) Amplitude modulation
- (D) Pulse modulation

(G8A-05) What type of modulation varies the instantaneous power level of the RF signal?

- (A) Frequency shift keying
- (B) Phase modulation
- (C) Frequency modulation
- (D) Amplitude modulation



(G8A-06) What is one advantage of carrier suppression in a single sideband phone transmission versus full carrier amplitude modulation?

- (A) Audio fidelity is improved
- (B) Greater modulation percentage is obtainable with lower distortion
- (C) Available transmitter power can be used more effectively
- (D) Simpler receiving equipment can be used

(G8A-07) Which of the following phone emissions uses the narrowest bandwidth?

- (A) Single sideband
- (B) Double sideband
- (C) Phase modulation
- (D) Frequency modulation

(G8A-08) Which of the following is an effect of overmodulation?

- (A) Insufficient audio
- (B) Insufficient bandwidth
- (C) Frequency drift
- (D) Excessive bandwidth

(G8A-09) What control is typically adjusted for proper ALC setting on an amateur single sideband transceiver?

- (A) The RF clipping level
- (B) Transmit audio or microphone gain
- (C) Antenna inductance or capacitance
- (D) Attenuator level

(G8A-10) What is meant by the term flat-topping when referring to a single sideband phone transmission?

- (A) Signal distortion caused by insufficient collector current
- (B) The transmitter's automatic level control (ALC) is properly adjusted
- (C) Signal distortion caused by excessive drive
- (D) The transmitter's carrier is properly suppressed

(G8A-11) What is the modulation envelope of an AM signal?

- (A) The waveform created by connecting the peak values of the modulated signal
- (B) The carrier frequency that contains the signal
- (C) Spurious signals that envelop nearby frequencies
- (D) The bandwidth of the modulated signal



G8B - Frequency mixing; multiplication; bandwidths of various modes; deviation; duty cycle

(G8B-01) What receiver stage combines a 14.250 MHz input signal with a 13.795 MHz oscillator signal to produce a 455 kHz intermediate frequency (IF) signal?

- (A) Mixer
- (B) BFO
- (C) VFO
- (D) Discriminator

(G8B-02) If a receiver mixes a 13.800 MHz VFO with a 14.255 MHz received signal to produce a 455 kHz intermediate frequency (IF) signal, what type of interference will a 13.345 MHz signal produce in the receiver?

- (A) Quadrature noise
- (B) Image response
- (C) Mixer interference
- (D) Intermediate interference

(G8B-03) What is another term for the mixing of two RF signals?

- (A) Heterodyning
- (B) Synthesizing
- (C) Cancellation
- (D) Phase inverting

(G8B-04) What is the stage in a VHF FM transmitter that generates a harmonic of a lower frequency signal to reach the desired operating frequency?

- (A) Mixer
- (B) Reactance modulator
- (C) Pre-emphasis network
- (D) Multiplier

(G8B-05) What is the approximate bandwidth of a PACTOR3 signal at maximum data rate?

- (A) 31.5 Hz
- (B) 500 Hz
- (C) 1800 Hz
- (D) 2300 Hz



(G8B-06) What is the total bandwidth of an FM phone transmission having 5 kHz deviation and 3 kHz modulating frequency?

- (A) 3 kHz
- (B) 5 kHz
- (C) 8 kHz
- (D) 16 kHz

(G8B-07) What is the frequency deviation for a 12.21 MHz reactance modulated oscillator in a 5 kHz deviation, 146.52 MHz FM phone transmitter?

- (A) 101.75 Hz
- (B) 416.7 Hz
- (C) 5 kHz
- (D) 60 kHz

(G8B-08) Why is it important to know the duty cycle of the mode you are using when transmitting?

- (A) To aid in tuning your transmitter
- (B) Some modes have high duty cycles which could exceed the transmitter's average power rating
- (C) To allow time for the other station to break in during a transmission
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G8B-09) Why is it good to match receiver bandwidth to the bandwidth of the operating mode?

- (A) It is required by FCC rules
- (B) It minimizes power consumption in the receiver
- (C) It improves impedance matching of the antenna
- (D) It results in the best signal to noise ratio

(G8B-10) What is the relationship between transmitted symbol rate and bandwidth?

- (A) Symbol rate and bandwidth are not related
- (B) Higher symbol rates require wider bandwidth
- (C) Lower symbol rates require wider bandwidth
- (D) Bandwidth is always half the symbol rate



G8C – Digital emission modes

(G8C-01) Which of the following digital modes is designed to operate at extremely low signal strength on the HF bands?

- (A) FSK441 and Hellschreiber
- (B) JT9 and JT65
- (C) Clover
- (D) RTTY

(G8C-02) How many data bits are sent in a single PSK31 character?

- (A) The number varies
- (B) 5
- (C) 7
- (D) 8

(G8C-03) What part of a data packet contains the routing and handling information?

- (A) Directory
- (B) Preamble
- (C) Header
- (D) Footer

(G8C-04) Which of the following describes Baudot code?

- (A) A 7-bit code with start, stop and parity bits
- (B) A code using error detection and correction
- (C) A 5-bit code with additional start and stop bits
- (D) A code using SELCAL and LISTEN

(G8C-05) In the PACTOR protocol, what is meant by a NAK response to a transmitted packet?

- (A) The receiver is requesting the packet be retransmitted
- (B) The receiver is reporting the packet was received without error
- (C) The receiver is busy decoding the packet
- (D) The entire file has been received correctly



(G8C-06) What action results from a failure to exchange information due to excessive transmission attempts when using PACTOR or WINMOR?

- (A) The checksum overflows
- (B) The connection is dropped
- (C) Packets will be routed incorrectly
- (D) Encoding reverts to the default character set

(G8C-07) How does the receiving station respond to an ARQ data mode packet containing errors?

- (A) It terminates the contact
- (B) It requests the packet be retransmitted
- (C) It sends the packet back to the transmitting station
- (D) It requests a change in transmitting protocol

(G8C-08) Which of the following statements is true about PSK31?

- (A) Upper case letters make the signal stronger
- (B) Upper case letters use longer Varicode signals and thus slow down transmission
- (C) Varicode Error Correction is used to ensure accurate message reception
- (D) Higher power is needed as compared to RTTY for similar error rates

(G8C-09) What does the number 31 represent in "PSK31"?

- (A) The approximate transmitted symbol rate
- (B) The version of the PSK protocol
- (C) The year in which PS was invented
- (D) The number of characters that can be represented by PSK31

(G8C-10) How does forward error correction (FEC) allow the receiver to correct errors in received data packets?

- (A) By controlling transmitter output power for optimum signal strength
- (B) By using the varicode character set
- (C) By transmitting redundant information with the data
- (D) By using a parity bit with each character

(G8C-11) How are the two separate frequencies of a Frequency Shift Keyed (FSK) signal identified?

- (A) Dot and Dash
- (B) On and Off
- (C) High and Low
- (D) Mark and Space



(G8C-12) Which type of code is used for sending characters in a PSK31 signal?

- (B) Vericode
- (B) Viterbi
- (C) Volumetric
- (D) Binary

SUBELEMENT G9 – ANTENNAS AND FEED LINES

G9A - Antenna feed lines: characteristic impedance, and attenuation; SWR calculation, measurement and effects; matching networks

(G9A-01) Which of the following factors determine the characteristic impedance of a parallel conductor antenna feed line?

- (A) The distance between the centers of the conductors and the radius of the conductors
- (B) The distance between the centers of the conductors and the length of the line
- (C) The radius of the conductors and the frequency of the signal
- (D) The frequency of the signal and the length of the line

(G9A-02) What are the typical characteristic impedances of coaxial cables used for antenna feed lines at amateur stations?

- (A) 25 and 30 ohms
- (B) 50 and 75 ohms
- (C) 80 and 100 ohms
- (D) 500 and 750 ohms

(G9A-03) What is the characteristic impedance of flat ribbon TV type twinlead?

- (A) 50 ohms
- (B) 75 ohms
- (C) 100 ohms
- (D) 300 ohms

(G9A-04) What might cause reflected power at the point where a feed line connects to an antenna?

- (A) Operating an antenna at its resonant frequency
- (B) Using more transmitter power than the antenna can handle
- (C) A difference between feed line impedance and antenna feed point impedance
- (D) Feeding the antenna with unbalanced feed line



(G9A-05) How does the attenuation of coaxial cable change as the frequency of the signal it is carrying increases?

- (A) Attenuation is independent of frequency
- (B) Attenuation increases
- (C) Attenuation decreases
- (D) Attenuation reaches a maximum at approximately 18 MHz

(G9A-06) In what units is RF feed line loss usually expressed?

- (A) Ohms per 1000 feet
- (B) Decibels per 1000 feet
- (C) Ohms per 100 feet
- (D) Decibels per 100 feet

(G9A-07) What must be done to prevent standing waves on an antenna feed line?

- (A) The antenna feed point must be at DC ground potential
- (B) The feed line must be cut to a length equal to an odd number of electrical quarter wavelengths
- (C) The feed line must be cut to a length equal to an even number of physical half wavelengths
- (D) The antenna feed point impedance must be matched to the characteristic impedance of the feed line

(G9A-08) If the SWR on an antenna feed line is 5 to 1, and a matching network at the transmitter end of the feed line is adjusted to 1 to 1 SWR, what is the resulting SWR on the feed line?

- (A) 1 to 1
- (B) 5 to 1
- (C) Between 1 to 1 and 5 to 1 depending on the characteristic impedance of the line
- (D) Between 1 to 1 and 5 to 1 depending on the reflected power at the transmitter

(G9A-09) What standing wave ratio will result when connecting a 50 ohm feed line to a non-reactive load having 200 ohm impedance?

- (A) 4:1
- (B) 1:4
- (C) 2:1
- (D) 1:2



(G9A-10) What standing wave ratio will result when connecting a 50 ohm feed line to a non-reactive load having 10 ohm impedance?

- (A) 2:1
- (B) 50:1
- (C) 1:5
- (D) 5:1

(G9A-11) What standing wave ratio will result when connecting a 50 ohm feed line to a non-reactive load having 50 ohm impedance?

- (A) 2:1
- (B) 1:1
- (C) 50:50
- (D) 0:0 59

(G9A-12) What standing wave ratio will result when connecting a 50 ohm feed line to a non-reactive load having 25 ohm impedance?

- (A) 2:1
- (B) 2.5:1
- (C) 1.25:1
- (D) You cannot determine SWR from impedance values

(G9A-13) What standing wave ratio will result when connecting a 50 ohm feed line to an antenna that has a purely resistive 300 ohm feed point impedance?

- (A) 1.5:1
- (B) 3:1
- (C) 6:1
- (D) You cannot determine SWR from impedance values

(G9A-14) What is the interaction between high standing wave ratio (SWR) and transmission line loss?

- (A) There is no interaction between transmission line loss and SWR
- (B) If a transmission line is lossy, high SWR will increase the loss
- (C) High SWR makes it difficult to measure transmission line loss
- (D) High SWR reduces the relative effect of transmission line loss



(G9A-15) What is the effect of transmission line loss on SWR measured at the input to the line?

- (A) The higher the transmission line loss, the more the SWR will read artificially low
- (B) The higher the transmission line loss, the more the SWR will read artificially high
- (C) The higher the transmission line loss, the more accurate the SWR measurement will be
- (D) Transmission line loss does not affect the SWR measurement

G9B - Basic Antennas and Feed Lines

(G9B-01) What is one disadvantage of a directly fed random-wire HF antenna?

- (A) It must be longer than 1 wavelength
- (B) You may experience RF burns when touching metal objects in your station
- (C) It produces only vertically polarized radiation
- (D) It is more effective on the lower HF bands than on the higher bands

(G9B-02) Which of the following is a common way to adjust the feed point impedance of a quarter wave ground plane vertical antenna to be approximately 50 ohms?

- (A) Slope the radials upward
- (B) Slope the radials downward
- (C) Lengthen the radials
- (D) Shorten the radials

(G9B-03) Which of the following best describes the radiation pattern of a quarter-wave, ground-plane vertical antenna?

- (A) Bi-directional in azimuth
- (B) Isotropic
- (C) Hemispherical
- (D) Omnidirectional in azimuth

(G9B-04) What is the radiation pattern of a dipole antenna in free space in the plane of the conductor?

- (A) It is a figure-eight at right angles to the antenna
- (B) It is a figure-eight off both ends of the antenna
- (C) It is a circle (equal radiation in all directions)
- (D) It has a pair of lobes on one side of the antenna and a single lobe on the other side



(G9B-05) How does antenna height affect the horizontal (azimuthal) radiation pattern of a horizontal dipole HF antenna?

- (A) If the antenna is too high, the pattern becomes unpredictable
- (B) Antenna height has no effect on the pattern
- (C) If the antenna is less than 1/2 wavelength high, the azimuthal pattern is almost omnidirectional
- (D) If the antenna is less than 1/2 wavelength high, radiation off the ends of the wire is eliminated

(G9B-06) Where should the radial wires of a ground-mounted vertical antenna system be placed?

- (A) As high as possible above the ground
- (B) Parallel to the antenna element
- (C) On the surface of the Earth or buried a few inches below the ground
- (D) At the center of the antenna

(G9B-07) How does the feed point impedance of a 1/2 wave dipole antenna change as the antenna is lowered below 1/4 wave above ground?

- (A) It steadily increases
- (B) It steadily decreases
- (C) It peaks at about 1/8 wavelength above ground
- (D) It is unaffected by the height above ground

(G9B-08) How does the feed point impedance of a 1/2 wave dipole change as the feed point is moved from the center toward the ends?

- (A) It steadily increases
- (B) It steadily decreases
- (C) It peaks at about 1/8 wavelength from the end
- (D) It is unaffected by the location of the feed point

(G9B-09) Which of the following is an advantage of a horizontally polarized as compared to a vertically polarized HF antenna?

- (A) Lower ground reflection losses
- (B) Lower feed point impedance
- (C) Shorter Radials
- (D) Lower radiation resistance



(G9B-10) What is the approximate length for a 1/2 wave dipole antenna cut for 14.250 MHz in meters?

- (A) 8 feet
- (B) 16 feet
- (C) 6.71 meters
- (D) 10.01 meters

(G9B-11) What is the approximate length for a 1/2 wave dipole antenna cut for 3.550 MHz in meters?

- (A) 42 feet
- (B) 84 feet
- (C) 132 feet
- (D) 263 feet

(G9B-12) What is the approximate length for a 1/4 wave vertical antenna cut for 28.5 MHz?

- (A) 8 feet
- (B) 11 feet
- (C) 16 feet
- (D) 21 feet

G9C - Directional antennas

(G9C-01) Which of the following would increase the bandwidth of a Yagi antenna?

- (A) Larger diameter elements
 - (B) Closer element spacing
 - (C) Loading coils in series with the element
 - (D) Tapered-diameter elements
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- (A) 1/4 wavelength
 - (B) 1/2 wavelength
 - (C) 3/4 wavelength
 - (D) 1 wavelength

(G9C-02) What is the approximate length of the driven element of a Yagi antenna?

- (A) 1/4 wavelength
- (B) 1/2 wavelength
- (C) 3/4 wavelength
- (D) 1 wavelength



(G9C-03) How do the lengths of a three-element Yagi reflector and director compare to that of the driven element?

- (A) The reflector is longer, and the director is shorter
- (B) The reflector is shorter, and the director is longer
- (C) They are all the same length
- (D) Relative length depends on the frequency of operation

(G9C-04) How does antenna gain stated in dBi compare to gain stated in dBd for the same antenna?

- (A) dBi gain figures are 2.15 dB lower than dBd gain figures
- (B) dBi gain figures are 2.15 dB higher than dBd gain figures
- (C) dBi gain figures are the same as the square root of dBd gain figures multiplied by 2.15
- (D) dBi gain figures are the reciprocal of dBd gain figures + 2.15 dB

(G9C-05) How does increasing boom length and adding directors affect a Yagi antenna?

- (A) Gain increases
- (B) Beamwidth increases
- (C) Front to back ratio decreases
- (D) Front to side ratio decreases

(G9C-06) What configuration of the loops of a two-element quad antenna must be used for the antenna to operate as a beam antenna, assuming one of the elements is used as a reflector?

- (A) The driven element must be fed with a balun transformer
- (B) There must be an open circuit in the driven element at the point opposite the feed point
- (C) The reflector element must be approximately 5 percent shorter than the driven element
- (D) The reflector element must be approximately 5 percent longer than the driven element

(G9C-07) What does "front-to-back ratio" mean in reference to a Yagi antenna?

- (A) The number of directors versus the number of reflectors
- (B) The relative position of the driven element with respect to the reflectors and directors
- (C) The power radiated in the major radiation lobe compared to the power radiated in exactly the opposite direction
- (D) The ratio of forward gain to dipole gain

(G9C-08) What is meant by the "main lobe" of a directive antenna?

- (A) The magnitude of the maximum vertical angle of radiation
- (B) The point of maximum current in a radiating antenna element
- (C) The maximum voltage standing wave point on a radiating element
- (D) The direction of maximum radiated field strength from the antenna



(G9C-09) How does the gain of two 3-element horizontally polarized Yagi antennas spaced vertically $\frac{1}{2}$ wavelength apart typically compare to the gain of a single 3-element Yagi?

- (A) Approximately 1.5 dB higher
- (B) Approximately 3 dB higher
- (C) Approximately 6 dB higher
- (D) Approximately 9 dB higher

(G9C-10) Which of the following is a Yagi antenna design variable that could be adjusted to optimize forward gain, front-to-back ratio, or SWR bandwidth?

- (A) The physical length of the boom
- (B) The number of elements on the boom
- (C) The spacing of each element along the boom
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G9C-11) What is the purpose of a gamma match used with Yagi antennas?

- (A) To match the relatively low feed point impedance to 50 ohms
- (B) To match the relatively high feed point impedance to 50 ohms
- (C) To increase the front-to-back ratio
- (D) To increase the main lobe gain

(G9C-12) Which of the following is an advantage of using a gamma match for impedance matching of a Yagi antenna to 50 ohm coax feed line?

- (A) It does not require that the elements be insulated from the boom
- (B) It does not require any inductors or capacitors
- (C) It is useful for matching multiband antennas
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G9C-13) Approximately how long is each side of the driven element of a quad antenna?

- (A) $\frac{1}{4}$ wavelength
- (B) $\frac{1}{2}$ wavelength
- (C) $\frac{3}{4}$ wavelength
- (D) 1 wavelength

(G9C-14) How does the forward gain of a two-element quad antenna compare to the forward gain of a three-element Yagi antenna?

- (A) About the same
- (B) About $\frac{2}{3}$ as much
- (C) About 1.5 times as much
- (D) About twice as much



(G9C-15) What is meant by the terms dBi and dBd when referring to antenna gain?

- (A) dBi refers to an isotropic antenna, dBd refers to a dipole antenna
- (B) dBi refers to an ionospheric reflecting antenna, dBd refers to a dissipative antenna
- (C) dBi refers to an inverted-vee antenna, dBd refers to a downward reflecting antenna
- (D) dBi refers to an isometric antenna, dBd refers to a discone antenna

(G9C-16) What is a beta or hairpin match?

- (A) It is a shorted transmission line stub placed at the feed point of a Yagi antenna to provide impedance matching
- (B) It is a 1/4 wavelength section of 75 ohm coax in series with the feed point of a Yagi to provide impedance matching
- (C) It is a series capacitor selected to cancel the inductive reactance of a folded dipole antenna
- (D) It is a section of 300 ohm twinlead used to match a folded dipole antenna

G9D - Specialized antennas

(G9D-01) Which of the following antenna types will be most effective as a Near Vertical Incidence Skywave (NVIS) antenna for short-skip communications on 40 meters during the day?

- (A) A horizontal dipole placed between 1/10 and 1/4 wavelength above the ground
- (B) A vertical antenna placed between 1/4 and 1/2 wavelength above the ground
- (C) A left-hand circularly polarized antenna
- (D) A right-hand circularly polarized antenna

(G9D-02) What is the feed-point impedance of an end-fed half-wave antenna?

- (A) Very low
- (B) Approximately 50 ohms
- (C) Approximately 300 ohms
- (D) Very high

(G9D-03) In which direction is the maximum radiation from a portable VHF/UHF "halo" antenna?

- (A) Broadside to the plane of the halo
- (B) Opposite the feed point
- (C) Omnidirectional in the plane of the halo
- (D) Toward the halo's supporting mast



(G9D-04) What is the primary purpose of antenna traps?

- (A) To permit multiband operation
- (B) To notch spurious frequencies
- (C) To provide balanced feed point impedance
- (D) To prevent out of band operation

(G9D-05) What is an advantage of vertical stacking of horizontally polarized Yagi antennas?

- (A) It allows quick selection of vertical or horizontal polarization
- (B) It allows simultaneous vertical and horizontal polarization
- (C) It narrows the main lobe in azimuth
- (D) It narrows the main lobe in elevation

(G9D-06) Which of the following is an advantage of a log periodic antenna?

- (A) Wide bandwidth
- (B) Higher gain per element than a Yagi antenna
- (C) Harmonic suppression
- (D) Polarization diversity

(G9D-07) Which of the following describes a log periodic antenna?

- (A) Length and spacing of the elements increase logarithmically from one end of the boom to the other
- (B) Impedance varies periodically as a function of frequency
- (C) Gain varies logarithmically as a function of frequency
- (D) SWR varies periodically as a function of boom length

(G9D-08) Why is a Beverage antenna not used for transmitting?

- (A) Its impedance is too low for effective matching
- (B) It has high losses compared to other types of antennas
- (C) It has poor directivity
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G9D-09) Which of the following is an application for a Beverage antenna?

- (A) Directional transmitting for low HF bands
- (B) Directional receiving for low HF bands
- (C) Portable direction finding at higher HF frequencies
- (D) Portable direction finding at lower HF frequencies



(G9D-10) Which of the following describes a Beverage antenna?

- (A) A vertical antenna
- (B) A broad-band mobile antenna
- (C) A helical antenna for space reception
- (D) A very long and low directional receiving antenna

(G9D-11) Which of the following is a disadvantage of multiband antennas?

- (A) They present low impedance on all design frequencies
- (B) They must be used with an antenna tuner
- (C) They must be fed with open wire line
- (D) They have poor harmonic rejection

SUBELEMENT G0 – ELECTRICAL AND RF SAFETY

G0A - RF safety principles, rules and guidelines; **routine station evaluation**

(G0A-01) What is one way that RF energy can affect human body tissue?

- (A) It heats body tissue
- (B) It causes radiation poisoning
- (C) It causes the blood count to reach a dangerously low level
- (D) It cools body tissue

(G0A-02) Which of the following properties is important in estimating whether an RF signal exceeds the maximum permissible exposure (MPE)?

- (A) Its duty cycle
- (B) Its frequency
- (C) Its power density
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G0A-04) What does "time averaging" mean in reference to RF radiation exposure?

- (A) The average amount of power developed by the transmitter over a specific 24 hour period
- (B) The average time it takes RF radiation to have any long-term effect on the body
- (C) The total time of the exposure
- (D) The total RF exposure averaged over a certain time



(G0A-05) What must you do if an evaluation of your station shows RF energy radiated from your station exceeds permissible limits?

- (A) Take action to prevent human exposure to the excessive RF fields
- (B) File an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS-97) with the FCC
- (C) Secure written permission from your neighbors to operate above the controlled MPE limits
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G0A-06) What precaution should be taken when installing a ground-mounted antenna?

- (A) It should not be installed higher than you can reach
- (B) It should not be installed in a wet area
- (C) It should be limited to 10 feet in height
- (D) It should be installed such that it is protected against unauthorized access

(G0A-07) What effect does transmitter duty cycle have when evaluating RF exposure?

- (A) A lower transmitter duty cycle permits greater short-term exposure levels
- (B) A higher transmitter duty cycle permits greater short-term exposure levels
- (C) Low duty cycle transmitters are exempt from RF exposure evaluation requirements
- (D) High duty cycle transmitters are exempt from RF exposure requirements

(G0A-08) What type of instrument can be used to accurately measure an RF field?

- (A) A receiver with an Smeter
- (B) A calibrated field-strength meter with a calibrated antenna
- (C) A betascope with a dummy antenna calibrated at 50 ohms
- (D) An oscilloscope with a high-stability crystal marker generator

(G0A-09) What is one thing that can be done if evaluation shows that a neighbor might receive more than the allowable limit of RF exposure from the main lobe of a directional antenna?

- (A) Change from horizontal polarization to vertical polarization
- (B) Change from horizontal polarization to circular polarization
- (C) Use an antenna with a higher front-to-back ratio
- (D) Take precautions to ensure that the antenna cannot be pointed in their direction



(G0A-10) What precaution should you take if you install an indoor transmitting antenna?

- (A) Locate the antenna close to your operating position to minimize feed line radiation
- (B) Position the antenna along the edge of a wall to reduce parasitic radiation
- (C) Make sure that MPE limits are not exceeded in occupied areas
- (D) Make sure the antenna is properly shielded

(G0A-11) What precaution should you take whenever you make adjustments or repairs to an antenna?

- (A) Ensure that you and the antenna structure are grounded
- (B) Turn off the transmitter and disconnect the feed line
- (C) Wear a radiation badge
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G0A-12) What precaution should be taken when installing a ground-mounted antenna?

- (A) It should not be installed higher than you can reach
- (B) It should not be installed in a wet area
- (C) It should be limited to 10 feet in height
- (D) It should be installed so no one can be exposed to RF radiation in excess of maximum permissible limits

GOB - Safety in the ham shack: electrical shock and treatment, safety grounding, fusing, interlocks, wiring, antenna and tower safety

(GOB-01) Which wire or wires in a four-conductor connection should be attached to fuses or circuit breakers in a device operated from a 240 VAC single phase source?

- (A) Only the two wires carrying voltage
- (B) Only the neutral wire
- (C) Only the ground wire
- (D) All wires

(GOB-02) What is the minimum wire size that may be safely used for a circuit that draws up to 20 amperes of continuous current?

- (A) AWG number 20
- (B) AWG number 16
- (C) AWG number 12
- (D) AWG number 8



(G0B-03) Which size of fuse or circuit breaker would be appropriate to use with a circuit that uses AWG number 14 wiring?

- (A) 100 amperes
- (B) 60 amperes
- (C) 30 amperes
- (D) 15 amperes

(G0B-04) Which of the following is a primary reason for not placing a gasoline-fueled generator inside an occupied area?

- (A) Danger of carbon monoxide poisoning
- (B) Danger of engine over torque
- (C) Lack of oxygen for adequate combustion
- (D) Lack of nitrogen for adequate combustion

(G0B-05) Which of the following conditions will cause a Ground Fault Circuit Interrupter (GFCI) to disconnect the 120 or 240 Volt AC line power to a device?

- (A) Current flowing from one or more of the voltage-carrying wires to the neutral wire
- (B) Current flowing from one or more of the voltage-carrying wires directly to ground
- (C) Overvoltage on the voltage-carrying wires
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G0B-06) Why must the metal enclosure of every item of station equipment be grounded?

- (A) It prevents a blown fuse in the event of an internal short circuit
- (B) It prevents signal overload
- (C) It ensures that the neutral wire is grounded
- (D) It ensures that hazardous voltages cannot appear on the chassis

(G0B-07) Which of the following should be observed for safety when climbing on a tower using a safety belt or harness?

- (A) Never lean back and rely on the belt alone to support your weight
- (B) Always attach the belt safety hook to the belt D-ring with the hook opening away from the tower
- (C) Ensure that all heavy tools are securely fastened to the belt D-ring
- (D) Make sure that your belt is grounded at all times



(G0B-08) What should be done by any person preparing to climb a tower that supports electrically powered devices?

- (A) Notify the electric company that a person will be working on the tower
- (B) Make sure all circuits that supply power to the tower are locked out and tagged
- (C) Unground the base of the tower
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G0B-09) Why should soldered joints not be used with the wires that connect the base of a tower to a system of ground rods?

- (A) The resistance of solder is too high
- (B) Solder flux will prevent a low conductivity connection
- (C) Solder has too high a dielectric constant to provide adequate lightning protection
- (D) A soldered joint will likely be destroyed by the heat of a lightning strike

(G0B-10) Which of the following is a danger from lead-tin solder?

- (A) Lead can contaminate food if hands are not washed carefully after handling the solder
- (B) High voltages can cause lead-tin solder to disintegrate suddenly
- (C) Tin in the solder can "cold flow" causing shorts in the circuit
- (D) RF energy can convert the lead into a poisonous gas

(G0B-11) Which of the following is good practice for lightning protection grounds?

- (A) They must be bonded to all buried water and gas lines
- (B) Bends in ground wires must be made as close as possible to a right angle
- (C) Lightning grounds must be connected to all ungrounded wiring
- (D) They must be bonded together with all other grounds

(G0B-12) What is the purpose of a power supply interlock?

- (A) To prevent unauthorized changes to the circuit that would void the manufacturer's warranty
- (B) To shut down the unit if it becomes too hot
- (C) To ensure that dangerous voltages are removed if the cabinet is opened
- (D) To shut off the power supply if too much voltage is produced



(G0B-13) What must you do when powering your house from an emergency generator?

- (A) Disconnect the incoming utility power feed
- (B) Ensure that the generator is not grounded
- (C) Ensure that all lightning grounds are disconnected
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G0B-14) Which of the following is covered by the National Electrical Code?

- (A) Acceptable bandwidth limits
- (B) Acceptable modulation limits
- (C) Electrical safety inside the ham shack
- (D) RF exposure limits of the human body

(G0B-15) Which of the following is true of an emergency generator installation?

- (A) The generator should be located in a well-ventilated area
- (B) The generator must be insulated from ground
- (C) Fuel should be stored near the generator for rapid refueling in case of an emergency
- (D) All of these choices are correct

(G0B-16) When might a lead acid storage battery give off explosive hydrogen gas?

- (A) When stored for long periods of time
- (B) When being discharged
- (C) When being charged
- (D) When not placed on a level surface