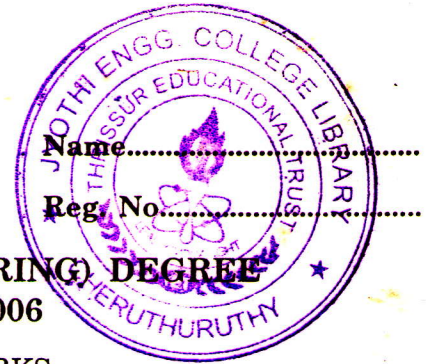


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**SEVENTH SEMESTER B.TECH. (ENGINEERING) DEGREE  
EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2006**

**EE 2K 705 E—COMPUTER NETWORKS**

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

*Answer all questions.*

**Section I**

1. List the four main types of network topology used for LANs and explain their operations.
2. Mention the advantages of a bridge relative to a repeater.
3. Discuss the services of ISDN.
4. Explain the Internet datagram format.
5. Explain how connections are established at the transport layer in TCP/IP.
6. Discuss the services of the transport layer.
7. Explain the following terms :
  - (a) Plaintext.
  - (b) Ciphertext.
  - (c) Listening.
  - (d) Masquerading.
8. Explain in brief the directory service model.

(8 × 5 = 40 marks)

**Section II**

9. (a) Describe the operation of the FDDI high-speed LAN. (9 marks)
  - (b) Explain the frame format of the token-ring network. (6 marks)
- Or*
10. (a) Describe the operation of the token bus network in detail. (10 marks)
  - (b) Describe the operation of a transparent bridged LAN in brief. (5 marks)
11. Discuss in detail the internet working issues. (15 marks)
- Or*
12. (a) Discuss the architecture of a private network. (5 marks)
  - (b) Sketch a time sequence diagram to illustrate the sequence in which PDUs are exchanged to implement the establishment of a virtual circuit. (10 marks)

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13. (a) With a sketch, explain the normal and abnormal connection termination alternatives of the TCP. (10 marks)

(b) Describe the UDP datagram header format. (5 marks)

Or

14. (a) Explain TCP/IP with associated PDV's and interlayer address selectors. (10 marks)

(b) Explain the flow control mechanism used in TCP. (5 marks)

15. (a) With the aid of a time sequence diagram, illustrate the user service primitives in the basic combined subset of the session layer. (8 marks)

(b) Explain any *one* method of data compression in detail. State the need for data compression. (7 marks)

Or

16. (a) Explain the principle of operation of a two-phase commit protocol with error recovery. (10 marks)

(b) Explain the client-server model. (5 marks)

[4 × 15 = 60 marks]