

Results for sample extra2016 test paper

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✓ **A. You got this question right, this is your correct answer.**

✗ *A. You got this question wrong, this is your incorrect answer.*

✓ *A. You got this question wrong, this is the correct answer.*

✓ **A. You didnt answer this question but this would be the correct answer.**

Subelement E0

1: E0A03

Which of the following would be a practical way to estimate whether the RF fields produced by an amateur radio station are within permissible MPE limits?

- A. Use a calibrated antenna analyzer
- B. Use a hand calculator plus Smith-chart equations to calculate the fields
- ✓ **C. Use an antenna modeling program to calculate field strength at accessible locations**
- D. All of the choices are correct

Subelement E1

2: E1A13

Who must be in physical control of the station apparatus of an amateur station aboard any vessel or craft that is documented or registered in the United States?

- A. Only a person with an FCC Marine Radio
- ✓ **B. Any person holding an FCC issued amateur license or who is authorized for alien reciprocal operation**
- C. Only a person named in an amateur station license grant
- D. Any person named in an amateur station license grant or a person holding an unrestricted Radiotelephone Operator Permit

3: E1B11

What is the permitted mean power of any spurious emission relative to the mean power of the fundamental emission from a station transmitter or external RF amplifier installed after January 1, 2003 and transmitting on a frequency below 30 MHZ?

- ✓ **A. At least 43 dB below**
- B. At least 53 dB below

- C. At least 63 dB below
- D. At least 73 dB below

4: E1C11

Which of the following operating arrangements allows an FCC-licensed U.S. citizen to operate in many European countries, and alien amateurs from many European countries to operate in the U.S.?

- ☒ **A. CEPT agreement**
- B. IARP agreement
- C. ITU reciprocal license
- D. All of these choices are correct

5: E1D01

What is the definition of the term telemetry?

- ☒ **A. One-way transmission of measurements at a distance from the measuring instrument**
- B. Two-way radiotelephone transmissions in excess of 1000 feet
- C. Two-way single channel transmissions of data
- D. One-way transmission that initiates, modifies, or terminates the functions of a device at a distance

6: E1E10

What must the administering VEs do after the administration of a successful examination for an amateur operator license?

- A. They must collect and send the documents to the NCVEC for grading
- B. They must collect and submit the documents to the coordinating VEC for grading
- ☒ **C. They must submit the application document to the coordinating VEC according to the coordinating VEC instructions**
- D. They must collect and send the documents to the FCC according to instructions

7: E1F05

Amateur stations may not transmit in which of the following frequency segments if they are located in the contiguous 48 states and north of Line A?

- ☒ **xA. 440 MHz - 450 MHz**
- B. 53 MHz - 54 MHz
- C. 222 MHz - 223 MHz
- ☒ **D. 420 MHz - 430 MHz**

Subelement E2

8: E2A12

What is one way to predict the location of a satellite at a given time?

- A. By means of the Doppler data for the specified satellite
- B. By subtracting the mean anomaly from the orbital inclination
- C. By adding the mean anomaly to the orbital inclination
- ☒ **D. By calculations using the Keplerian elements for the specified satellite**

9: E2B07

What is the name of the signal component that carries color information in NTSC video?

- A. Luminance
- ✓ B. Chroma
- C. Hue
- D. Spectral Intensity

10: E2C07

What is the Cabrillo format?

- ✓ A. A standard for submission of electronic contest logs
- B. A method of exchanging information during a contest QSO
- C. The most common set of contest rules
- D. The rules of order for meetings between contest sponsors

11: E2D04

What is the purpose of digital store-and-forward functions on an Amateur Radio satellite?

- A. To upload operational software for the transponder
- B. To delay download of telemetry between satellites
- ✓ C. To store digital messages in the satellite for later download by other stations
- D. To relay messages between satellites

12: E2E09

Which of the following HF digital modes uses variable-length coding for bandwidth efficiency?

- A. RTTY
- B. PACTOR
- C. MT63
- ✓ D. PSK31

Subelement E3

13: E3A16

Which of the following best describes electromagnetic waves traveling in free space?

- A. Electric and magnetic fields become aligned as they travel
- B. The energy propagates through a medium with a high refractive index
- xC. The waves are reflected by the ionosphere and return to their source
- ✓ D. Changing electric and magnetic fields propagate the energy

14: E3B10

What is the cause of gray-line propagation?

- A. At midday, the Sun super heats the ionosphere causing increased refraction of radio waves
- ✓ B. At twilight and sunrise, D-layer absorption is low while E-layer and F-layer propagation remains high

C. In darkness, solar absorption drops greatly while atmospheric ionization remains steady

D. At mid-afternoon, the Sun heats the ionosphere decreasing radio wave refraction and the MUF

15: E3C12

How does the maximum distance of ground-wave propagation change when the signal frequency is increased?

A. It stays the same

B. It increases

✓ **C. It decreases**

D. It peaks at roughly 14 MHz

Subelement E4

16: E4A04

What determines the upper frequency limit for a computer soundcard-based oscilloscope program?

✓ **A. Analog-to-digital conversion speed of the soundcard**

B. Amount of memory on the soundcard

C. Q of the interface of the interface circuit

D. All of these choices are correct

17: E4B06

How much power is being absorbed by the load when a directional power meter connected between a transmitter and a terminating load reads 100 watts forward power and 25 watts reflected power?

A. 100 watts

B. 125 watts

C. 25 watts

✓ **D. 75 watts**

18: E4C12

What is an undesirable effect of using too wide a filter bandwidth in the IF section of a receiver?

A. Output-offset overshoot

B. Filter ringing

C. Thermal-noise distortion

✓ **D. Undesired signals may be heard**

19: E4D06

What is the term for unwanted signals generated by the mixing of two or more signals?

A. Amplifier desensitization

B. Neutralization

C. Adjacent channel interference

✓ **D. Intermodulation interference**

20: E4E03

Which of the following signals might a receiver noise blanker be able to remove from desired signals?

- A. Signals which are constant at all IF levels
- ✓ B. Signals which appear across a wide bandwidth
- C. Signals which appear at one IF but not another
- D. Signals which have a sharply peaked frequency distribution

Subelement E5

21: E5A09

How is the Q of an RLC parallel resonant circuit calculated?

- A. Reactance of either the inductance or capacitance divided by the resistance
- B. Reactance of either the inductance or capacitance multiplied by the resistance
- ✓ C. Resistance divided by the reactance of either the inductance or capacitance
- D. Reactance of the inductance multiplied by the reactance of the capacitance

22: E5B04

What is the time constant of a circuit having two 220 microfarad capacitors and two 1 megohm resistors, all in parallel?

- A. 55 seconds
- B. 110 seconds
- C. 440 seconds
- ✓ D. 220 seconds

23: E5C06

What does the impedance $50 - j25$ represent?

- A. 50 ohms resistance in series with 25 ohms inductive reactance
- ✓ B. 50 ohms resistance in series with 25 ohms capacitive reactance
- C. 25 ohms resistance in series with 50 ohms inductive reactance
- D. 25 ohms resistance in series with 50 ohms capacitive reactance

24: E5D04

Why are short connections necessary at microwave frequencies?

- A. To increase neutralizing resistance
- ✓ B. To reduce phase shift along the connection
- C. Because of ground reflections
- D. To reduce noise figure

Subelement E6

25: E6A02

Which of the following semiconductor materials contains excess free electrons?

- ✓ A. N-type

- B. P-type
- C. Bipolar
- D. Insulated gate

26: E6B13

What type of bias is required for an LED to emit light?

- A. Reverse bias
- ✓ **B. Forward bias**
- C. Zero bias
- D. Inductive bias

27: E6C13

Which of the following is an advantage of BiCMOS logic?

- A. Its simplicity results in much less expensive devices than standard CMOS
- B. It is totally immune to electrostatic damage
- ✓ **C. It has the high input impedance of CMOS and the low output impedance of bipolar transistors**
- D. All of these choices are correct

28: E6D07

What is the usable frequency range of inductors that use toroidal cores, assuming a correct selection of core material for the frequency being used?

- A. From a few kHz to no more than 30 MHz
- ✓ **B. From less than 20 Hz to approximately 300 MHz**
- C. From approximately 10 Hz to no more than 3000 kHz
- D. From about 100 kHz to at least 1000 GHz

29: E6E05

Which of the following noise figure values is typical of a low-noise UHF preamplifier?

- ✓ **A. 2 dB**
- B. -10 dB
- C. 44 dBm
- D. -20 dBm

30: E6F14

Which of the following is true of LCD displays?

- A. They are hard to view in high ambient light conditions
- ✓ **B. They may be hard view through polarized lenses**
- C. They only display alphanumeric symbols
- D. All of these choices are correct

Subelement E7

31: E7A05

Which of the following is a circuit that continuously alternates between two states without an external clock?

- A. Monostable multivibrator
- B. J-K flip-flop
- C. T flip-flop

✓ **D. Astable multivibrator**

32: E7B10

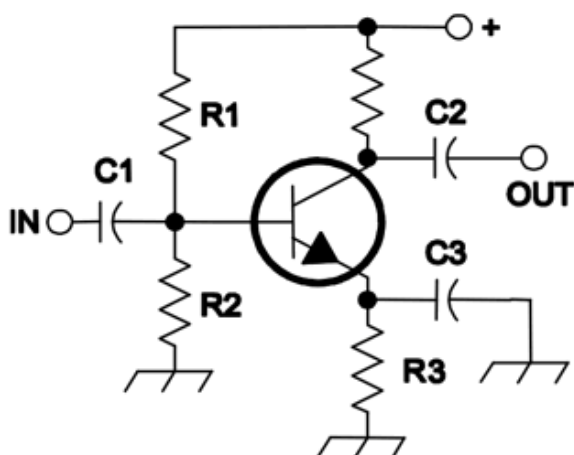
In Figure E7-1, what is the purpose of R1 and R2?

- A. Load resistors

✓ **B. Fixed bias**

- C. Self bias
- D. Feedback

Figure E7-1



33: E7C08

Which of the following factors has the greatest effect in helping determine the bandwidth and response shape of a crystal ladder filter?

✓ **A. The relative frequencies of the individual crystals**

- B. The DC voltage applied to the quartz crystal
- C. The gain of the RF stage preceding the filter
- D. The amplitude of the signals passing through the filter

34: E7D01

What is one characteristic of a linear electronic voltage regulator?

- A. It has a ramp voltage as its output
- B. It eliminates the need for a pass transistor
- C. The control element duty cycle is proportional to the line or load conditions

✓ **D. The conduction of a control element is varied to maintain a constant output voltage**

35: E7E09

What occurs when an excessive amount of signal energy reaches a mixer circuit?

✓ **A. Spurious mixer products are generated**

- B. Mixer blanking occurs
- C. Automatic limiting occurs
- D. A beat frequency is generated

36: E7F07

What function can a Fast Fourier Transform perform?

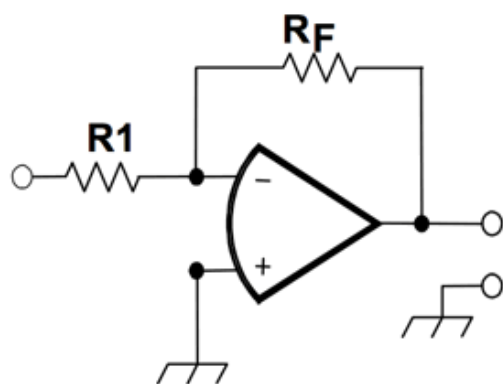
- A. Converting analog signals to digital form
- B. Converting digital signals to analog form
- ✓ **C. Converting digital signals from the time domain to the frequency domain**
- D. Converting 8-bit data to 16 bit data

37: E7G09

What will be the output voltage of the circuit shown in Figure E7-4 if R1 is 1000 ohms, R_F is 10,000 ohms, and 0.23 volts DC is applied to the input?

- A. 0.23 volts
- B. 2.3 volts
- C. -0.23 volts
- ✓ **D. -2.3 volts**

Figure E7-4



38: E7H11

What are the major spectral impurity components of direct digital synthesizers?

- A. Broadband noise
- ✗ B. Digital conversion noise
- ✓ **C. Spurious signals at discrete frequencies**
- D. Nyquist limit noise

Subelement E8

39: E8A04

What is "dither" with respect to analog to digital converters?

- A. An abnormal condition where the converter cannot settle on a value to represent the signal
- ✓ **B. A small amount of noise added to the input signal to allow more precise representation of a signal over time**
- C. An error caused by irregular quantization step size
- D. A method of decimation by randomly skipping samples

40: E8B04

What is the modulation index of an FM-phone signal having a maximum carrier deviation of plus or minus 6 kHz when modulated with a 2 kHz modulating

frequency?

A. 6000

✓ **B. 3**

C. 2000

D. 1/3

41: E8C07

What is the necessary bandwidth of a 4800-Hz frequency shift, 9600-baud ASCII FM transmission?

✓ **A. 15.36 kHz**

B. 9.6 kHz

C. 4.8 kHz

D. 5.76 kHz

42: E8D02

What spread spectrum communications technique uses a high speed binary bit stream to shift the phase of an RF carrier?

A. Frequency hopping

✓ **B. Direct sequence**

C. Binary phase-shift keying

D. Phase compandored spread spectrum

Subelement E9

43: E9A10

Which of the following choices is a way to improve the efficiency of a ground-mounted quarter-wave vertical antenna?

✓ **A. Install a good radial system**

B. Isolate the coax shield from ground

C. Shorten the radiating element

D. Reduce the diameter of the radiating element

44: E9B05

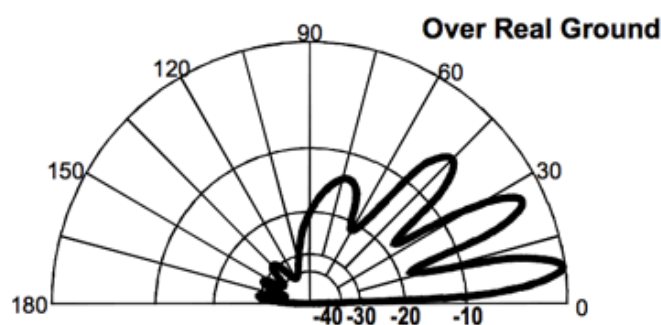
What type of antenna pattern over real ground is shown in Figure E9-2?

✓ **A. Elevation**

B. Azimuth

C. Radiation resistance

D. Polarization

Figure E9-2

45: E9C08

What is a folded dipole antenna?

- A. A dipole one-quarter wavelength long
- B. A type of ground-plane antenna
- ✓ C. A dipole consisting of one wavelength of wire forming a very thin loop
- D. A dipole configured to provide forward gain

46: E9D03

Where should a high Q loading coil be placed to minimize losses in a shortened vertical antenna?

- ✓ A. Near the center of the vertical radiator
- B. As low as possible on the vertical radiator
- C. As close to the transmitter as possible
- D. At a voltage node

47: E9E01

What system matches a higher impedance transmission line to a lower impedance antenna by connecting the line to the driven element in two places spaced a fraction of a wavelength each side of element center?

- A. The gamma matching system
- ✓ B. The delta matching system
- C. The omega matching system
- D. The stub matching system

48: E9F09

What is the approximate physical length of a solid polyethylene dielectric coaxial transmission line that is electrically one-quarter wavelength long at 7.2 MHz?

- A. 10 meters
- ✓ B. 6.9 meters
- C. 24 meters
- D. 50 meters

49: E9G11

How are the wavelength scales on a Smith chart calibrated?

- A. In fractions of transmission line electrical frequency
- ✓ B. In fractions of transmission line electrical wavelength
- C. In fractions of antenna electrical wavelength
- D. In fractions of antenna electrical frequency

50: E9H04

What is an advantage of using a shielded loop antenna for direction finding?

- A. It automatically cancels ignition noise in mobile installations
- ✓ **B. It is electro statically balanced against ground, giving better nulls**
- C. It eliminates tracking errors caused by strong out-of-band signals
- D. It allows stations to communicate without giving away their position

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