

# 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: E0A06

**Why are there separate electric (E) and magnetic (H) field MPE limits?**

- A. The body reacts to electromagnetic radiation from both the E and H fields
- B. Ground reflections and scattering make the field impedance vary with location
- C. E field and H field radiation intensity peaks can occur at different locations

✓ **D. All of these choices are correct**

## Subelement E1

2: E1A04

**With your transceiver displaying the carrier frequency of phone signals, you hear a DX station calling CQ on 3.601 MHz LSB. Is it legal to return the call using lower sideband on the same frequency?**

- A. Yes, because the DX station initiated the contact
- B. Yes, because the displayed frequency is within the 75 meter phone band segment

✓ **C. No, the sideband will extend beyond the edge of the phone band segment**

- D. No, U.S. stations are not permitted to use phone emissions below 3.610 MHz

3: E1B08

**What limitations may the FCC place on an amateur station if its signal causes interference to domestic broadcast reception, assuming that the receivers involved are of good engineering design?**

- A. The amateur station must cease operation
- B. The amateur station must cease operation on all frequencies below 30 MHz
- C. The amateur station must cease operation on all frequencies above 30 MHz

✓ **D. The amateur station must avoid transmitting during certain hours on**

**frequencies that cause the interference**

4: E1C10

**What types of amateur stations may automatically retransmit the radio signals of other amateur stations?**

- A. Only beacon, repeater or space stations
- ✓ **B. Only auxiliary, repeater or space stations**
- C. Only earth stations, repeater stations or model craft
- D. Only auxiliary, beacon or space stations

5: E1D03

**What is a telecommand station in the amateur satellite service?**

- A. An amateur station located on the Earth's surface for communication with other Earth stations by means of Earth satellites
- ✓ **B. An amateur station that transmits communications to initiate, modify or terminate functions of a space station**
- C. An amateur station located more than 50 km above the Earth's surface
- D. An amateur station that transmits telemetry consisting of measurements of upper atmosphere

6: E1E03

**What is a Volunteer Examiner Coordinator?**

- A. A person who has volunteered to administer amateur operator license examinations
- B. A person who has volunteered to prepare amateur operator license examinations
- ✓ **C. An organization that has entered into an agreement with the FCC to coordinate amateur operator license examinations**
- D. The person who has entered into an agreement with the FCC to be the VE session manager

7: E1F10

**What is the maximum permitted transmitter peak envelope power for an amateur station transmitting spread spectrum communications?**

- A. 1 W
- B. 1.5 W
- ✓ **C. 10 W**
- D. 1.5 kW

## **Subelement E2**

8: E2A05

**What do the letters in a satellite's mode designator specify?**

- A. Power limits for uplink and downlink transmissions
- B. The location of the ground control station
- C. The polarization of uplink and downlink signals
- ✓ **D. The uplink and downlink frequency ranges**

9: E2B11

**What is the function of the Vertical Interval Signaling (VIS) code sent as part of an SSTV transmission?**

- ☐ A. To lock the color burst oscillator in color SSTV images
- ☒ B. To identify the SSTV mode being used
- ☐ C. To provide vertical synchronization
- ☐ D. To identify the call sign of the station transmitting

10: E2C08

**Which of the following contacts may be confirmed through the U.S. QSL bureau system?**

- ☐ A. Special event contacts between stations in the U.S.
- ☒ B. Contacts between a U.S. station and a non-U.S. station
- ☐ C. Repeater contacts between U.S. club members
- ☐ D. Contacts using tactical call signs

11: E2D10

**How can an APRS station be used to help support a public service communications activity?**

- ☐ A. An APRS station with an emergency medical technician can automatically transmit medical data to the nearest hospital
- ☐ B. APRS stations with General Personnel Scanners can automatically relay the participant numbers and time as they pass the check points
- ☒ C. An APRS station with a GPS unit can automatically transmit information to show a mobile station's position during the event
- ☐ D. All of these choices are correct

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
- ☐ C. The waves are reflected by the ionosphere and return to their source
- ☒ D. Changing electric and magnetic fields propagate the energy

14: E3B12

**What is the primary characteristic of chordal hop propagation?**

- A. Propagation away from the great circle bearing between stations
- ☒ **B. Successive ionospheric reflections without an intermediate reflection from the ground**
- C. Propagation across the geomagnetic equator
- D. Signals reflected back toward the transmitting station

15: E3C03

**Which of the following signal paths is most likely to experience high levels of absorption when the A index or K index is elevated?**

- A. Transequatorial propagation
- ☒ **B. Polar paths**
- C. Sporadic-E
- D. NVIS

## Subelement E4

16: E4A06

**What is the effect of aliasing in a digital or computer-based oscilloscope?**

- ☒ **A. False signals are displayed**
- B. All signals will have a DC offset
- C. Calibration of the vertical scale is no longer valid
- D. False triggering occurs

17: E4B07

**What do the subscripts of S parameters represent?**

- ☒ **A. The port or ports at which measurements are made**
- B. The relative time between measurements
- C. Relative quality of the data
- D. Frequency order of the measurements

18: E4C13

**How does a narrow-band roofing filter affect receiver performance?**

- A. It improves sensitivity by reducing front end noise
- B. It improves intelligibility by using low Q circuitry to reduce ringing
- ☒ **C. It improves dynamic range by attenuating strong signals near the receive frequency**
- D. All of these choices are correct

19: E4D09

**What is the purpose of the preselector in a communications receiver?**

- ☒ **A. To store often-used frequencies**
- B. To provide a range of AGC time constants
- ☒ **C. To increase rejection of unwanted signals**

D. To allow selection of the optimum RF amplifier device

20: E4E01

**Which of the following types of receiver noise can often be reduced by use of a receiver noise blanker?**

- ☒ **A. Ignition noise**
- B. Broadband white noise
- C. Heterodyne interference
- D. All of these choices are correct

## Subelement E5

21: E5A10

**How is the Q of an RLC series resonant circuit calculated?**

- ☒ **A. Reactance of either the inductance or capacitance divided by the resistance**
- B. Reactance of either the inductance or capacitance times the resistance
- C. Resistance divided by the reactance of either the inductance or capacitance
- D. Reactance of the inductance times the reactance of the capacitance

22: E5B06

**What is susceptance?**

- A. The magnetic impedance of a circuit
- B. The ratio of magnetic field to electric field
- ☒ **C. The inverse of reactance**
- D. A measure of the efficiency of a transformer

23: E5C07

**What is a vector?**

- A. The value of a quantity that changes over time
- ☒ **B. A quantity with both magnitude and an angular component**
- C. The inverse of the tangent function
- D. The inverse of the sine function

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: E6A08

**What term indicates the frequency at which the grounded-base current gain of a transistor has decreased to 0.7 of the gain obtainable at 1 kHz?**

- A. Corner frequency
- B. Alpha rejection frequency
- C. Beta cutoff frequency

✓ **D. Alpha cutoff frequency**

26: E6B05

**What characteristic of a PIN diode makes it useful as an RF switch or attenuator?**

- A. Extremely high reverse breakdown voltage
- B. Ability to dissipate large amounts of power

xC. Reverse bias controls its forward voltage drop

✓ **D. A large region of intrinsic material**

27: E6C12

**What is BiCMOS logic?**

- A. A logic device with two CMOS circuits per package
- B. A FET logic family based on bimetallic semiconductors
- C. A logic family based on bismuth CMOS devices

✓ **D. An integrated circuit logic family using both bipolar and CMOS transistors**

28: E6D01

**How many turns will be required to produce a 5-microhenry inductor using a powdered-iron toroidal core that has an inductance index (A L) value of 40 microhenrys/100 turns?**

✓ **A. 35 turns**

- B. 13 turns
- C. 79 turns
- D. 141 turns

29: E6E01

**Which of the following is true of a charge-coupled device (CCD)?**

- A. Its phase shift changes rapidly with frequency
- B. It is a CMOS analog-to-digital converter

✓ **C. It samples an analog signal and passes it in stages from the input to the output**

- D. It is used in a battery charger circuit

30: E6F07

**What is a solid state relay?**

- A. A relay using transistors to drive the relay coil

✓ **B. A device that uses semiconductors to implement the functions of an electromechanical relay**

- C. A mechanical relay that latches in the on or off state each time it is pulsed
- D. A passive delay line

## Subelement E7

31: E7A10

**What is a truth table?**

- A. A table of logic symbols that indicate the high logic states of an op-amp
- B. A diagram showing logic states when the digital device output is true
- ✓ C. A list of inputs and corresponding outputs for a digital device
- D. A table of logic symbols that indicate the logic states of an op-amp

32: E7B08

**How can an RF power amplifier be neutralized?**

- A. By increasing the driving power
- B. By reducing the driving power
- ✓ C. By feeding a 180-degree out-of-phase portion of the output back to the input
- D. By feeding an in-phase component of the output back to the input

33: E7C07

**What kind of filter would you use to attenuate an interfering carrier signal while receiving an SSB transmission?**

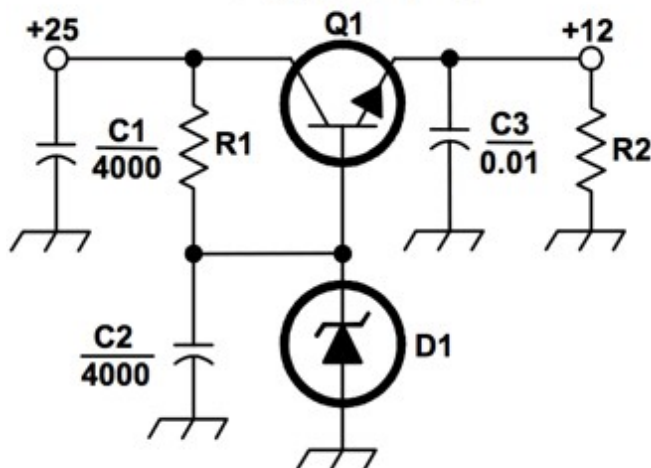
- A. A band-pass filter
- ✓ B. A notch filter
- C. A Pi-network filter
- D. An all-pass filter

34: E7D06

**What is the purpose of Q1 in the circuit shown in Figure E7-3?**

- A. It provides negative feedback to improve regulation
- B. It provides a constant load for the voltage source
- ✓ C. It increases the current-handling capability of the regulator
- D. It provides D1 with current

**Figure E7- 3**



35: E7E02

**What is the function of a reactance modulator?**

- A. To produce PM signals by using an electrically variable resistance
- B. To produce AM signals by using an electrically variable inductance or capacitance
- C. To produce AM signals by using an electrically variable resistance

✓ **D. To produce PM signals by using an electrically variable inductance or capacitance**

36: E7F12

**What digital process is applied to I and Q signals in order to recover the baseband modulation information?**

✓ **A. Fast Fourier Transform**

- B. Decimation
- C. Signal conditioning
- D. Quadrature mixing

37: E7G03

**What is the typical input impedance of an integrated circuit op-amp?**

- A. 100 ohms
- B. 1000 ohms
- C. Very low

✓ **D. Very high**

38: E7H03

**How is positive feedback supplied in a Hartley oscillator?**

✓ **A. Through a tapped coil**

- B. Through a capacitive divider
- C. Through link coupling
- D. Through a neutralizing capacitor

## 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: E8B10

**What describes frequency division multiplexing?**

A. The transmitted signal jumps from band to band at a predetermined rate

✓ **B. Two or more information streams are merged into a baseband, which then modulates the transmitter**

- C. The transmitted signal is divided into packets of information
- D. Two or more information streams are merged into a digital combiner, which then pulse



position modulates the transmitter

41: E8C06

What is the necessary bandwidth of a 170-hertz shift, 300-baud ASCII transmission?

- A. 0.1 Hz
- B. 0.3 kHz
- ✓ C. 0.5 kHz
- D. 1.0 kHz

42: E8D02

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

- xA. Frequency hopping
- ✓ B. Direct sequence
- C. Binary phase-shift keying
- D. Phase compandored spread spectrum

## Subelement E9

43: E9A18

What term describes station output, taking into account all gains and losses?

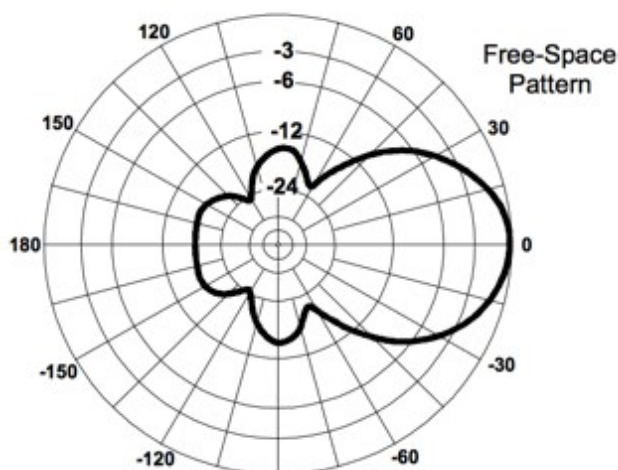
- xA. Power factor
- B. Half-power bandwidth
- ✓ C. Effective radiated power
- D. Apparent power

44: E9B02

In the antenna radiation pattern shown in Figure E9-1, what is the front-to-back ratio?

- ✓ B. 18 dB
- C. 24 dB
- D. 14 dB

Figure E9-1



45: E9C12

**Which of the following describes an extended double Zepp antenna?**

- A. A wideband vertical antenna constructed from precisely tapered aluminum tubing
- B. A portable antenna erected using two push support poles
- ☒ **C. A center fed 1.25 wavelength antenna (two 5/8 wave elements in phase)**
- D. An end fed folded dipole antenna

46: E9D06

**What happens to the bandwidth of an antenna as it is shortened through the use of loading coils?**

- A. It is increased
- ☒ **B. It is decreased**
- C. No change occurs
- D. It becomes flat

47: E9E04

**What is the purpose of the series capacitor in a gamma-type antenna matching network?**

- A. To provide DC isolation between the feed line and the antenna
- ☒ **B. To cancel the inductive reactance of the matching network**
- C. To provide a rejection notch that prevents the radiation of harmonics
- D. To transform the antenna impedance to a higher value

48: E9F03

**Why is the physical length of a coaxial cable transmission line shorter than its electrical length?**

- A. Skin effect is less pronounced in the coaxial cable
- B. The characteristic impedance is higher in a parallel feed line
- C. The surge impedance is higher in a parallel feed line
- ☒ **D. Electrical signals move more slowly in a coaxial cable than in air**

49: E9G02

**What type of coordinate system is used in a Smith chart?**

- A. Voltage circles and current arcs
- ☒ **B. Resistance circles and reactance arcs**
- C. Voltage lines and current chords
- D. Resistance lines and reactance chords

50: E9H08

**What is the function of a sense antenna?**

- ☒ **A. It modifies the pattern of a DF antenna array to provide a null in one direction**
- B. It increases the sensitivity of a DF antenna array
- C. It allows DF antennas to receive signals at different vertical angles
- D. It provides diversity reception that cancels multipath signals

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