

**Q1.**

- 13 (a) correct signal voltages.....(-1 each error or omission)..... B2  
corresponding binary numbers...(-1 each error or omission)..... B2 [4]
- (b) signal changes at correct positions ..... B1  
correct levels ..... B1 [2]
- (c) (use ADC and DAC with) larger number of bits..... M1  
makes smaller 'step height' ..... A1  
sample more frequently ..... M1  
makes smaller 'step depth' ..... A1 [4]

**Q2.**

- 14 (a) central conductor with outer screening..... B1  
insulation between inner and outer and also as cladding ..... B1 [2]
- (b) e.g. greater bandwidth  
immune to e.m. interference  
radiates less e.m. power  
less cross-talk  
lower noise levels..... (1 each, max 3)..... B3 [3]

**Q3.**

- 15 10 m → 100 m worldwide  
more than 100 m 1000 km  
less than 10 m line of sight or worldwide using satellites  
(-1 each error or omission)..... B5 [5]

**Q4.**

- 10 (a) correct values of 2, 5, 10, 15 and 4 (-1 each error) B2  
graph drawn as a series of steps M1  
steps occurring at correct times A1 [4]
- (b) sample more frequently B1  
greater number of bits B1 [2]

**Q5.**



- 10 (a) correct values of 2, 5, 10, 15 and 4 (*−1 each error*)  
graph drawn as a series of steps  
steps occurring at correct times B2  
M1  
A1 [4]
- (b) sample more frequently  
greater number of bits B1  
B1 [2]

## Q6.

- 11 (a) (i) frequency of carrier wave varies  
in synchrony with displacement of information signal M1  
A1 [2]
- (ii) 1. zero (accept constant) B1 [1]  
2. upper limit 530 kHz  
lower limit 470 kHz  
changes upper limit → lower limit → upper limit at  $8000 \text{ s}^{-1}$  B1  
B1 [3]
- (b) e.g. more radio stations required / shorter range  
more complex electronics  
larger bandwidth required  
(*any two sensible suggestions, 1 each*) B2 [2]

## Q7.

- 12 (a) (i) picking up of signal in one cable  
from a second (nearby) cable M1  
A1 [2]
- (ii) random (unwanted) signal / power  
that masks / added to / interferes with / distorts transmitted signal  
(*allow this mark in (i) or (ii)*) B1  
B1 [2]
- (b) if  $P$  is power at receiver,  
 $30 = 10\lg(P / (6.5 \times 10^{-6}))$  C1  
 $P = 6.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W}$  C1  
loss along cable =  $10\lg(\{26 \times 10^{-3}\} / \{6.5 \times 10^{-3}\})$  C1  
= 6.0 dB C1  
length =  $6.0 / 0.2 = 30 \text{ km}$  A1 [5]

## Q8.

- 12 (a) loss / reduction in power / energy / voltage/ amplitude (of the signal) B1 [1]
- (b) (i) attenuation =  $125 \times 7 = 875$  dB A1 [1]
- (ii) 20 amplifiers  
gain =  $20 \times 43 = 860$  dB A1 [1]
- (c) gain =  $10 \lg(P_1/P_2)$  C1  
overall gain =  $-15$  dB / attenuation is 15 dB C1  
 $-15 = 10 \lg(P / 450)$   
 $P = 14$  mW A1 [3]

### Q9.

- 13 (a) switch; tuning cct; (r.f.) amplifier; demodulator;  
serial-to-parallel converter; DAC; (a.f.) amplifier  
*mark as 2 sets of 2 marks each*
- 5 blocks identified correctly B2  
(each error or omission, deduct 1 mark)  
5 blocks in correct order B2 [4]  
(4 or 3 blocks in correct order, allow 1 mark)
- (b) phone transmits signal (to identify itself) (1)  
signal received by (several) base stations (1)  
transferred to cellular exchange (1)  
computer selects base station with strongest signal (1)  
assigns a (carrier) frequency (1)  
(any four, 1 each, max 4) B4 [4]

### Q10.

- 11 (a) frequency of carrier wave varies (in synchrony) with signal M1  
(in synchrony) with displacement of signal A1 [2]
- (b) advantages e.g. less noise / less interference  
greater bandwidth / better quality  
(1 each, max 2)  
disadvantages e.g. short range / more transmitters / line of sight  
more complex circuitry  
greater expense  
(1 each, max 2) B4 [4]

### Q11.



- 12 (a) gain / loss/dB =  $10 \lg(P_1/P_2)$  C1  
 $190 = 10 \lg(18 \times 10^3 / P_2)$   
 or  $-190 = 10 \lg P_2 / 18 \times 10^3$  C1  
 power =  $1.8 \times 10^{-15} \text{ W}$  A1 [3]
- (b) (i) 11 GHz / 12 GHz B1 [1]
- (ii) e.g. so that input signal to satellite will not be 'swamped'  
 to avoid interference of uplink with / by downlink B1 [1]

## Q12.

- 12 (a) signal becomes distorted / noisy B1  
 signal loses power / energy / intensity / is attenuated B1 [2]
- (b) (i) *either* numbers involved are smaller / more manageable / cover wider range  
 or calculations involve addition & subtraction rather than multiplication and division B1 [1]
- (ii)  $25 = 10 \lg(P_{\min} / (6.1 \times 10^{-19}))$  C1  
 minimum signal power =  $1.93 \times 10^{-16} \text{ W}$  C1  
 signal loss =  $10 \lg(6.5 \times 10^{-3} / (1.93 \times 10^{-16}))$   
 = 135 dB C1  
 maximum cable length =  $135 / 1.6$  C1  
 = 85 km so no repeaters necessary A1 [5]

## Q13.

- 11 (a) frequency of carrier wave varies M1  
 (in synchrony) with the displacement of the information signal A1 [2]
- (b) (i) 5.0V A1 [1]
- (ii) 640kHz A1 [1]
- (iii) 560kHz A1 [1]
- (iv) 7000 (*condone unit*) A1 [1]

## Q14.

- 12 (a) e.g. acts as 'return' for the signal  
shields inner core from noise / interference / cross-talk  
(any two sensible answers, 1 each, max 2) B2 [2]
- (b) e.g. greater bandwidth  
less attenuation (per unit length)  
less noise / interference  
(any two sensible answers, 1 each, max 2) B2 [2]
- (c) attenuation is 2.4 dB  
attenuation =  $10 \lg(P_1 / P_2)$   
ratio = 1.7 C1  
C1  
A1 [3]

### Q15.

- 11 (a) e.g. unreliable communication (M1)  
because ion layers vary in height / density (A1)  
e.g. cannot carry all information required (M1)  
bandwidth too narrow (A1)  
e.g. coverage limited (M1)  
reception poor in hilly areas (A1)  
(any two sensible suggestions, M1 & A1 for each, max 4) [4]
- (b) signal must be amplified (greatly) before transmission back to Earth  
uplink signal would be swamped by downlink signal B1  
B1 [2]

### Q16.

- 12 (a) (i) ratio / dB =  $10 \lg(P_1 / P_2)$  C1  
 $24 = 10 \lg(P_1 / \{5.6 \times 10^{-19}\})$  C1  
 $P_1 = 1.4 \times 10^{-16} \text{ W}$  A1 [3]
- (ii) attenuation per unit length =  $1 / L \times 10 \lg(P_1 / P_2)$  C1  
 $1.9 = 1 / L \times 10 \lg(\{3.5 \times 10^{-3}\} / \{1.4 \times 10^{-16}\})$  C1  
 $L = 1 \text{ km}$  A1 [3]  
or  
attenuation =  $10 \lg(\{3.5 \times 10^{-3}\} / \{5.6 \times 10^{-19}\})$  (C1)  
= 158 dB  
attenuation along fibre = (158 – 24) (C1)  
 $L = (158 - 24) / 1.9 = 71 \text{ km}$  (A1)
- (b) less attenuation (per unit length) / longer uninterrupted length of fibre B1 [1]

### Q17.





- 13 (a) (i) no interference (between signals) near boundaries (of cells) B1 [1]
- (ii) for large area, signal strength would have to be greater and this could be hazardous to health B1 [1]
- (b) mobile phone is sending out an (identifying) signal M1  
computer/cellular exchange continuously selects cell/base station with strongest signal A1  
computer/cellular exchange allocates (carrier) frequency (and slot) A1 [3]

## Q18.

- 11 (a) (i) loss of (signal) power B1 [1]
- (ii) unwanted power (on signal) that is random M1  
A1 [2]
- (b) for digital, only the 'high' and the 'low' / 1 and 0 are necessary variation between 'highs' and 'lows' caused by noise not required M1  
A1 [2]
- (c) attenuation =  $10 \lg(P_2 / P_1)$  C1  
either  $195 = 10 \lg\{2.4 \times 10^3 / P\}$   
or  $-195 = 10 \lg(P / 2.4 \times 10^3)$  C1  
 $P = 7.6 \times 10^{-17} \text{ W}$  A1 [3]

## Q19.

- 12 (a) (i) modulator B1 [1]
- (ii) serial-to-parallel converter (*accept series-to-parallel converter*) B1 [1]
- (b) (i) enables one aerial to be used for transmission and receipt of signals A1 [1]
- (ii) all bits for one number arrive at one time B1  
bits are sent out one after another B1 [2]

## Q20.

- 11 (a) (i) amplitude of the carrier wave varies  
(in synchrony) with the displacement of the information signal M1  
A1 [2]
- (ii) e.g. more than one radio station can operate in same region/less interference  
enables shorter aerial  
increased range/less power required/less attenuation  
less distortion  
(any two sensible answers, 1 each) B2 [2]
- (b) (i) frequency = 909 kHz C1  
wavelength =  $(3.0 \times 10^8) / (909 \times 10^3)$   
= 330 m A1 [2]
- (ii) bandwidth = 18 kHz A1 [1]
- (iii) frequency = 9000 Hz A1 [1]

## Q21.

- 12 (a) for received signal,  $28 = 10 \lg(P / \{0.36 \times 10^{-6}\})$  C1  
 $P = 2.3 \times 10^{-4} \text{ W}$  A1 [2]
- (b) loss in fibre =  $10 \lg(\{9.8 \times 10^{-3}\} / \{2.27 \times 10^{-4}\})$  C1  
= 16 dB A1 [2]
- (c) attenuation per unit length =  $16 / 85$   
=  $0.19 \text{ dB km}^{-1}$  A1 [1]

## Q22.



- 12 (a) takes all the simultaneous digits for one number and 'sends' them one after another (along the transmission line) B1  
B1 [2]
- (b) (i) 0111 A1 [1]  
(ii) 0110 A1 [1]
- (c) levels shown
- |     |   |     |     |     |     |     |     |
|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| $t$ | 0 | 0.2 | 0.4 | 0.6 | 0.8 | 1.0 | 1.2 |
|     | 0 | 8   | 7   | 15  | 6   | 5   | 8   |
- (-1 for each error or omission)  
correct basic shape of graph i.e. series of steps  
with levels staying constant during correct time intervals  
(vertical lines in steps do not need to be shown) A2  
M1  
A1 [4]
- (d) increasing number of bits reduces step height M1  
increasing sampling frequency reduces step depth / width M1  
reproduction of signal is more exact A1 [3]

## Q23.

- 10 (a) (i) amplitude (modulated) (allow 'AM') ..... B1 [1]  
(ii) carrier (frequency / wave) ..... B1 [1]  
(iii) sideband (frequency) ..... B1 [1]
- (b) 10 kHz ..... B1 [1]
- (c) sketch: general shape i.e. any wave that is amplitude modulated ..... M1  
correct period for modulating waveform (200  $\mu$ s) ..... A1  
correct period for carrier waveform (20  $\mu$ s) ..... A1 [3]

## Q24.

- 11 (a) carrier frequencies can be re-used (simultaneously without interference) ..... B1  
so that number of handsets possible is increased ..... B1  
OR anything sensible e.g. UHF used (B1)  
so 'line of sight' (B1) [2]
- (b) handset sends out an (identifying) signal ..... M1  
communicated by base stations to (computer at) exchange ..... A1  
computer selects base station with strongest signal ..... B1  
and allocates a (carrier) frequency ..... B1 [4]



**Q25.**

- 9 (a) IR has less attenuation (per unit length) B1  
fewer (repeater) amplifiers / longer uninterrupted length B1 [2]
- (b) *either* limited range B1  
(so) cells do not overlap (appreciably) B1 [2]  
*or* short wavelength (B1)  
so convenient length aerial (on mobile phone) (B1)
- (c) large bandwidth / large information carrying capacity B1  
different so that uplink signal not swamped by downlink B1 [2]

**Q26.**

- 12 (a) e.g. signal can be regenerated ..... M1  
so that there is minimal noise ..... A1  
e.g. extra data can be added ..... M1  
so that signal can be checked for errors ..... A1 [4]  
(any two, sensible suggestions, M1 + A1, max 4)
- (b) (i) 1101 ..... B1 [1]  
(ii) 5 ..... B1 [1]
- (c) (i) block X: serial-to parallel ..... B1  
block Y: DAC / digital-to-analogue (converter) ..... B1 [2]  
(ii) takes the simultaneous / all bits of a number ..... M1  
and transmits them one after another / down a single line ..... A1 [2]
- (d) increase number of bits in digital number at each sampling ..... M1  
so that step height is reduced ..... A1  
increase sampling frequency / reduce time between samples ..... M1  
so that depth / width of step is reduced ..... A1 [4]  
(do not allow 'smoother output')

[Total: 14]

**Q27.**



- 11 (a) amplitude modulation .....(allow AM) ..... B1 [1]
- (b) (i) frequency = 1 / period ..... C1  
               = 100 kHz ..... A1 [2]
- (ii) frequency = 10 kHz ..... A1 [1]
- (c) (i) vertical line at 100 kHz ..... B1  
           vertical lines at 90 kHz and 110 kHz ..... B1  
           lines at 90 kHz and 110 kHz same length and shorter than at 100 kHz ..... B1 [3]
- (ii) 20 kHz ..... B1 [1]
- [Total: 8]

**Q28.**

- 12 (a) (i) base stations ..... B1 [1]
- (ii) cellular exchange ..... B1 [1]
- (b) base station / X sends / receives signal to / from handset ..... B1  
       call relayed to cellular exchange / Y (and on to PSTN) ..... B1  
       computer at cellular exchange monitors signal from base stations ..... B1  
       selects base station with strongest signal ..... B1  
       allocates a (carrier) frequency / time slot for the call ..... B1 [5]
- [Total: 7]

**Q29.**

- 11 (a) (i) unwanted random power / signal / energy B1 [1]  
(ii) loss of (signal) power / energy B1 [1]
- (b) (i) *either* signal-to-noise ratio at mic.  $= 10 \lg (P_2 / P_1)$  C1  
 $= 10 \lg (\{2.9 \times 10^{-6}\} / \{3.4 \times 10^{-9}\})$   
 $= 29 \text{ dB}$  A1  
maximum length  $= (29 - 24) / 12$  C1  
 $= 0.42 \text{ km} = 420 \text{ m}$  A1 [4]
- or signal-to-noise ratio at receiver  $= 10 \lg (P_2 / P_1)$  (C1)  
at receiver, 24  $= 10 \lg (P / \{3.4 \times 10^{-9}\})$   
 $P = 8.54 \times 10^{-7} \text{ W}$  (A1)  
power loss in cables  $= 10 \lg (\{2.9 \times 10^{-6}\} / \{8.54 \times 10^{-7}\})$  (C1)  
 $= 5.3 \text{ dB}$   
length  $= 5.3 / 12 \text{ km}$  (A1)  
 $= 440 \text{ m}$

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- (ii) use an amplifier M1  
coupled to the microphone A1 [2]  
*(repeater amplifiers scores no mark)*

**Q30.**

- 12 (a) (carrier wave) transmitted from Earth to satellite (1)  
satellite receives greatly attenuated signal (1)  
signal amplified and transmitted back to Earth B1  
at a different (carrier) frequency B1  
different frequencies prevent swamping of uplink signal (1)  
e.g. of frequencies used (6/4 GHz, 14/11 GHz, 30/20 GHz) (1)  
*(two B1 marks plus any two other for additional physics)* B2 [4]
- (b) advantage: e.g. much shorter time delay M1  
because orbits are much lower A1  
e.g. whole Earth may be covered (M1)  
in several orbits / with network (A1)
- disadvantage: e.g. *either* must be tracked  
or limited use in any one orbit M1  
more satellites required for continuous operation A1 [4]

**Q31.**



- 12 (a) (i) 1. signal has same variation (with time) as the data B1  
 2. consists of (a series of) 'highs' and 'lows' B1  
*either* analogue is continuously variable (between limits)  
*or* digital has no intermediate values B1 [3]
- (ii) e.g. can be regenerated / noise can be eliminated  
 extra data can be added to check / correct transmitted signal  
 (any two reasonable suggestions, 1 each) B2 [2]
- (b) (i) analogue signal is sampled at (regular time) intervals B1  
 sampled signal is converted into a binary number B1 [2]
- (ii) one channel is required for each bit (of the digital number) B1 [1]

### Q32.

- 10 (a) e.g. large bandwidth/carries more information  
 low attenuation of signal  
 low cost  
 smaller diameter, easier handling, easier storage, less weight  
 high security/no crosstalk  
 low noise/no EM interference  
 (allow any four sensible suggestions, 1 each, max 4) B4 [4]
- (b) (i) infra-red B1 [1]
- (ii) lower attenuation than for visible light B1 [1]
- (c) (i)  $\text{gain/dB} = 10 \lg(P_2/P_1)$  C1  
 $26 = 10 \lg(P_2/9.3 \times 10^{-6})$   
 $P_2 = 3.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ W}$  A1 [2]
- (ii) power loss along fibre =  $30 \times 0.2 = 6.0 \text{ dB}$  C1  
*either*  $6 = 10 \lg(P/3.7 \times 10^{-3})$  or  $6 \text{ dB} = 4 \times 3.7 \times 10^{-3}$   
*or*  $32 = 10 \lg(P/9.3 \times 10^{-6})$   
 input power =  $1.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ W}$  A1 [2]

### Q33.



- 11 (a) (i) switch  
so that one aerial can be used for transmission and reception M1  
A1 [2]
- (ii) tuning circuit  
to select (one) carrier frequency (and reject others) M1  
A1 [2]
- (iii) analogue-to-digital converter/ADC  
converts microphone output to a digital signal M1  
A1 [2]
- (iv) (a.f.) amplifier (*not r.f. amplifier*)  
to increase (power of) signal to drive the loudspeaker M1  
A1 [2]
- (b) e.g. short aerial so easy to handle  
short range so less interference between base stations  
larger waveband so more carrier frequencies  
(any two sensible suggestions, 1 each, max 2) B2 [2]

### Q34.

- 12 (a) e.g. carrier frequencies can be re-used (without interference)  
so increased number of handsets can be used (M1)  
e.g. lower power transmitters (A1)  
so less interference (M1)  
e.g. UHF used (A1)  
so must be line-of-sight/short handset aerial (M1)  
(any two sensible suggestions with explanation, max 4) (A1)  
B4 [4]
- (b) computer at cellular exchange  
monitors the signal power B1  
relayed from several base stations B1  
switches call to base station with strongest signal B1 [4]

### Q35.

- 11 (a) e.g. noise can be eliminated/filtered/signal can be regenerated  
extra bits can be added to check for errors  
multiplexing possible  
digital circuits are more reliable/cheaper  
data can be encrypted for security  
any sensible advantages, 1 each, max. 3 B3 [3]
- (b) (i) 1. higher frequencies can be reproduced B1 [1]  
2. smaller changes in loudness/amplitude can be detected B1 [1]
- (ii) bit rate =  $44.1 \times 10^3 \times 16$  C1  
=  $7.06 \times 10^5 \text{ s}^{-1}$   
number =  $7.06 \times 10^6 \times 340$   
=  $2.4 \times 10^8$  A1 [2]

### Q36.





- 12 (a) (i) signal in one wire (pair) is picked up by a neighbouring wire (pair) B1 [1]  
 (ii) outer of coaxial cable is earthed B1  
 outer shields the core from noise / external signals B1 [2]

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- (b) attenuation per unit length =  $1/L \times 10 \lg(P_2/P_1)$  C1  
 signal power at receiver =  $10^{2.5} \times 3.8 \times 10^{-8}$   
 $= 1.2 \times 10^{-5} \text{ W}$  C1  
 attenuation in wire pair =  $10 \lg(\{3.0 \times 10^{-3}\} / \{1.2 \times 10^{-5}\})$   
 $= 24 \text{ dB}$  C1  
 attenuation per unit length =  $24 / 1.4$   
 $= 17 \text{ dB km}^{-1}$  A1 [4]  
*(other correct methods of calculation are possible)*

### Q37.

- 11 (a) high frequency wave B1  
 the amplitude or the frequency is varied M1  
 the variation represents the information signal /  
 in synchrony with (the displacement of) the information signal. A1 [3]

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- (b) e.g. shorter aerial required  
 longer transmission range / lower transmitter power / less attenuation  
 allows more than one station in a region  
 less distortion  
*(allow any three sensible suggestions, 1 mark each)* B3 [3]

### Q38.

- 12 (a) (i) e.g. linking a (land) telephone to the (local) exchange B1 [1]  
 (ii) e.g. connecting an aerial to a television B1 [1]  
 (iii) e.g. linking a ground station to a satellite B1 [1]
- (b) (i) attenuation =  $10 \lg (P_2 / P_1)$  C1  
 total attenuation =  $2.1 \times 40$  (= 84 dB) C1  
 $84 = 10 \lg \{(450 \times 10^{-3}) / P\}$   
 $P = 1.8 \times 10^{-9} \text{ W}$  A1 [3]  
 (answer  $1.1 \times 10^8 \text{ W}$  scores 1 mark only)
- (ii) maximum attenuation =  $10 \lg \{(450 \times 10^{-3}) / \{7.2 \times 10^{-11}\}\}$  C1  
 = 98 dB  
 maximum length =  $98 / 2.1$  A1 [2]  
 = 47 km

### Q39.

- 11 (a) left-hand bit underlined B1 [1]
- (b) 1010, 1110, 1111, 1010, 1001 A2 [2]  
 (5 correct scores 2, 4 correct scores 1)
- (c) significant changes in detail of V between samplings M1  
 so frequency too low A1 [2]

### Q40.

- 12 (a) e.g. logarithm provides a smaller number  
 gain of amplifiers is series found by addition, (not multiplication)  
 (any sensible suggestion) B1 [1]
- (b) (i) optic fibre B1 [1]
- (ii) attenuation dB =  $10 \lg (P_2 / P_1)$  C1  
 =  $10 \lg \{(6.5 \times 10^{-3}) / \{1.5 \times 10^{-15}\}\}$  C1  
 = 126  
 length =  $126 / 1.8$   
 = 70 km A1 [3]

### Q41.

- 11 (a) (i) *either* series of 'highs' and 'lows' or two discrete values with no intermediate values M1  
A1 [2]
- (ii) e.g. noise can be eliminated (NOT 'no noise')  
signal can be regenerated  
addition of extra data to check for errors  
larger data carrying capacity  
cheaper circuits  
more reliable circuits (*any three, 1 each*) B3 [3]

- (b) (i) 1. amplifier B1 [1]  
2. digital-to-analogue converter (*allow DAC*) B1 [1]
- (ii) output of ADC is number of digits all at one time B1  
parallel-to-serial sends digits one after another B1 [2]

## Q42.

- 12 (a) e.g. no/little ionospheric reflection  
large information carrying capacity  
(*any two sensible suggestions, 1 each*) B2 [2]
- (b) prevents (very) low power signal received at satellite  
being swamped by high-power transmitted signal M1  
A1 [2]
- (c) attenuation / dB =  $10 \lg(P_2/P_1)$   
 $185 = 10 \lg(\{3.1 \times 10^3\}/P)$   
 $P = 9.8 \times 10^{-16} \text{ W}$  C1  
C1  
A1 [3]

## Q43.

- 13 (a) e.g. noise can be eliminated/waveform can be regenerated  
extra bits of data can be added to check for errors  
cheaper/more reliable  
greater rate of transfer of data  
(*1 each, max 2*) B2 [2]
- (b) receives bits all at one time B1  
transmits the bits one after another B1 [2]
- (c) sampling frequency must be higher than/(at least) twice frequency to be sampled M1  
*either* higher (range of) frequencies reproduced on the disc  
*or* lower (range of) frequencies on phone A1  
*either* higher quality (of sound) on disc  
*or* high quality (of sound) not required for phone B1 [3]

## Q44.

- 14 (a) reduction in power (allow intensity/amplitude) B1 [1]
- (b) (i) attenuation =  $2.4 \times 30$   
= 72 dB A1 [1]
- (ii) gain/attenuation/dB =  $10 \lg(P_2/P_1)$  C1  
 $72 = 10 \lg(P_{IN}/P_{OUT})$  or  $-72 = 10 \lg(P_{OUT}/P_{IN})$  C1  
 ratio =  $1.6 \times 10^7$  A1 [3]
- (c) e.g. enables smaller/more manageable numbers to be used B1 [1]  
 e.g. gains in dB for series amplifiers are added, not multiplied

**Q45.**

- 12 (a) (i) satellite is in equatorial orbit B1  
 travelling from west to east B1  
 period of 24 hours / 1 day B1 [3]

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- (ii) either uplink signal is highly attenuated B1  
 or signal is highly amplified (before transmission) as downlink signal B1 [2]  
 prevents downlink signal swamping the uplink signal
- (b) speed of signal is same order of magnitude in both systems B1  
 optic fibre link (much) shorter than via satellite M1  
 time delay using optic fibre is less A1 [3]

**Q46.**



- 12 (a) (i) e.g. satellite communication, mobile phones, line of sight communication, wifi B1 [1]  
 (ii) e.g. connection of TV to aerial, loudspeaker, microphone (if clearly identified) B1 [1]  
 (iii) e.g. a.f. amplifier to loudspeaker, landline for phone B1 [1]
- (b) (i) attenuation/dB =  $10 \lg (P_2/P_1)$  C1  
 $-190 = 10 \lg (P_2/3.1)$   
 $P_2 = 3.1 \times 10^{-19} \text{ kW}$  A1 [2]
- (ii) signal is amplified M1  
 frequency is changed M1  
 to prevent swamping of up-link signal by down-link (signal) A1 [3]

### Q47.

- 13 (a) *either* for transmission and reception of signal M1  
*or* switching between transmitted and received signals  
*either* so that one aerial may be used A1 [2]  
*or* so that transmission and reception can occur in quick succession
- (b) gives large signal for one (input) frequency M1  
 (and) rejects/very small signal for all other frequencies A1 [2]

### Q48.

- 12 (a) analogue: continuously variable B1  
 digital: two/distinct levels only *or* 1s and 0s *or* highs and lows B1 [2]
- (b) (i) 5 A1 [1]  
 (ii) 1 1 0 1 A1 [1]

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- (c) greater number of voltage/signal levels B1  
 smaller step heights in reproduced signal B1  
 smaller voltage/signal changes can be seen B1 [3]

### Q49.





- 12 (a) analogue: continuously variable B1  
digital: two/distinct levels only or 1 s and 0 s or highs and lows B1 [2]
- (b) (i) 5 A1 [1]
- (ii) 1 1 0 1 A1 [1]

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