

# Modern Data Communications Test Preparation

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## Generalities

- 1 Not a test of memorisation.
- 2 30 questions (20 Cris, 10 Nevil) covering all material up to and including the lecture on the Monday before the test.
- 3 Each question has five answers, only one correct.
- 4 Questions carry 1 or 2 marks.
- 5 2 marks questions require some calculation (working paper is provided).

## Sample Question 1 [1 mark]

All ASCII codewords have the same length, so ASCII

- (a) is a prefix code.
- (b) is not a code.
- (c) has only 64 codewords.
- (d) is an infinite code.
- (e) is not uniquely decodable.

## Sample Question 2 [1 mark]

- (a) Sardinas-Patterson algorithm determines whether a given variable-length code is uniquely decodable.
- (b) Sardinas-Patterson algorithm determines whether a given infinite code is uniquely decodable.
- (c) Sardinas-Patterson algorithm determines whether a given code is a prefix code.
- (d) Sardinas-Patterson algorithm determines whether a given variable-length code is a prefix code.
- (e) Sardinas-Patterson algorithm determines whether a given uniquely decodable code is not a prefix code.

### Sample Question 3 [2 marks]

The numbers 10, 3, 5:

- (a) satisfy Kraft's inequality and the prefix code produced by Kraft's theorem is 000, 00100, 0010100000.
- (b) satisfy Kraft's inequality and the prefix code produced by Kraft's theorem is 00, 0100, 10000000000.
- (c) satisfy Kraft's inequality and the prefix code produced by Kraft's theorem is 100, 01000, 10000000000.
- (d) satisfy Kraft's inequality and the prefix code produced by Kraft's theorem is 000, 01000, 01000000000.
- (e) the numbers do not satisfy Kraft's inequality.