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SECOND SEMESTER M.TECH. (AEROSPACE ENGINEERING)

END SEMESTER EXAMINATION APRIL /MAY 2017

**SUBJECT: SPACE ENVIRONMENT AND SYSTEM DEGRADATION IN
SPACE [ICE 5240]**

Time: 3 Hours

MAX. MARKS: 50

Instructions to Candidates:

- ❖ Answer **ALL** the questions.
- ❖ Missing data may be suitably assumed.

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| 1A. | Explain with the help of a table five families of spacecraft orbits. | 3 |
| 1B. | Sketch and explain the earth magnetosphere showing the magnetopause, magneto tail, neutral point, radiation belt and ring current. | 5 |
| 1C. | Write a short note on planetary atmosphere. | 2 |
| 2A. | Describe the meteoroid environment effects in space. | 4 |
| 2B. | With the help of diagram, explain NMOS transistor with trapped charges. | 4 |
| 2C. | Write an equation of aerodynamic force on a satellite system. | 2 |
| 3A. | Define photon radiation and discuss different types of radiation in space. | 3 |
| 3B. | Explain the MSISE-90 mean atomic oxygen density as a function of solar activity. | 4 |
| 3C. | Determine the scale height of the earth's atmosphere at the surface of the earth, given $M=29 \text{ kg kmol}^{-1}$, $T=298.15 \text{ K (25}^{\circ}\text{C)}$, $g=9.80665 \text{ ms}^{-2}$ and $R = 8314.472 \text{ J kmol}^{-1}\text{K}^{-1}$. | 3 |
| 4A. | Sketch the floating grounding option for solar array to the spacecraft. | 5 |
| 4B. | Explain in detail the daytime ionospheric layers. | 4 |
| 4C. | Write any two major components of F2 region. | 1 |
| 5A. | Explain in detail the capture and removal of active debris. | 4 |
| 5B. | Write any four factors taken into account in selecting a thermal coating in spacecraft. | 2 |
| 5C. | Define solar environment and list its various effects on spacecraft subsystem. | 4 |