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SECOND SEMESTER M.TECH. (AEROSPACE ENGG.)

END SEMESTER DEGREE EXAMINATION, APRIL/MAY - 2019

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

TIME: 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS: 50

Instructions to candidates : *Answer ALL questions and missing data may be suitably assumed.*

- 1A List the impact of spacecraft environments on various spacecraft systems in tabular form.
- 1B Write a short note on bow shock.
- 1C Determine the magnetic rigidity of a proton with a kinetic energy of 25 MeV. (5+2+3)
- 2A Establish the pressure vs altitude relationships and sketch the graph for this relation.
- 2B Describe the single event upset due to heavy ions with neat diagram.
- 2C Determine the pressure of the earth's atmosphere at 5-km altitude a) not taking into account the lapse rate and b) then taking into account the lapse rate. (4+3+3)
- 3A Explain the Compton scattering of primary interactions of photons with matter.
- 3B Explain with the help of the graph MSISE-90 mean atomic oxygen density as a function of solar activity.
- 3C Write any two major components of E region. (5+4+1)
- 4A Sketch the floating type grounding option for solar array to the spacecraft.
- 4B Explain in details about the composition of air in the lungs as a function of altitude.
- 4C Write any two criteria for material out gassing. (4+4+2)
- 5A Describe the momentum exchange tethers for active debris removal.
- 5B Write a heat conduction equation for thermal control system.
- 5C Describe the albedo radiation in spacecraft thermal environment system. (5+3+2)
