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TEL/Q6222: SATCOM Operation Technician

Brief Job Description

SATCOM Operation Technician is responsible for installing antennas at remote ends, establishing links, and operating ground stations. They conduct signal analysis, maintain ground stations, and implement security measures. Additionally, they manage Network Operation Centre (NOC) or Hub, handle incident management or PM activities, and oversee network management, performance optimization, and testing for seamless SATCOM operations.

Personal Attributes

This job requires the individual to have good knowledge of wireless communication with basic knowledge of satellite communication, frequency band and some basic communication Technique.

Applicable National Occupational Standards (NOS)

Compulsory NOS:

- 1. TEL/N6267: Install of Antenna at remote end and establish link
- 2. TEL/N6268: Set up and Operate Ground Station
- 3. TEL/N6269: Signal Analysis, Ground Station Maintenance, and Security Implementation
- 4. TEL/N6270: Manage Network Operation Centre (NOC) or Hub
- 5. TEL/N6271: Incident management or PM Activity
- 6. TEL/N6272: Network Management, Performance Optimization and Testing
- 7. TEL/N9104: Manage Work, Resources and Safety at workplace
- 8. DGT/VSQ/N0102: Employability Skills (60 Hours)

Qualification Pack (QP) Parameters

Sector	Telecom
Sub-Sector	Passive Infrastructure
Occupation	Network Operation and Maintenance
Country	India









NSQF Level	5
Credits	19
Aligned to NCO/ISCO/ISIC Code	NCO-2015/3114.0701
Minimum Educational Qualification & Experience	Completed 2nd year of UG (UG Diploma) (of 3- years/4-years UG BE, B. Tech (Electrical/ Electronics & Instrumentation/ Mechanical, Civil Engineering)) OR Completed 2nd year diploma after 12th (in relevant field with 1 year of relevant experience) OR Completed 3 year diploma after 10th (in relevant field with 1 year of relevant experience) OR Previous relevant Qualification of NSQF Level (4 (Infrastructure Technician-5G Network, Technician 5G- Active Network Installation)) with 3 Years of experience
Minimum Level of Education for Training in School	
Pre-Requisite License or Training	NA
Minimum Job Entry Age	18 Years
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TEL/N6267: Install of Antenna at remote end and establish link

Description

This OS unit is about installation of antenna at remote end to provide end to end connectivity

Scope

The scope covers the following :

- Tools and Equipment Preparation
- Antenna Assembly
- Software Installation and Configuration
- Network Configuration and Connectivity
- System Libraries and Files

Elements and Performance Criteria

Tools and Equipment Preparation

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC1. identify the telenet tools and IPv4 setting in laptop
- **PC2.** assemble the antenna as per provided guidelines using prescribed tools
- **PC3.** review the necessary guidelines, including the antenna assembly instructions, safety precautions, and any specific requirements
- **PC4.** collect the necessary tools like wrenches, screwdrivers, cable cutters, crimping tools, torque wrenches, alignment tools, and any specialized tools mentioned in the instructions

Antenna Assembly

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC5. test and commission the antenna
- PC6. set up a clean and organized work area with enough space to assemble the antenna
- **PC7.** identify and familiarize with the various components of the antenna system, such as the reflector, feed assembly, mounting brackets, cables, and connectors
- PC8. follow the guidelines to mount the antenna on the designated structure or mount
- PC9. prescribe tools to secure the antenna assembly properly
- **PC10.** attach the cables to the appropriate connectors on the feed assembly and ensure they are securely fastened
- **PC11.** use cable cutters, crimping tools, or other specified tools for cable termination or connector installation
- PC12. use a torque wrench to tighten bolts and nuts to the recommended torque values
- **PC13.** ensure proper grounding of the antenna system to minimize the risk of electrical hazards and protect against lightning strikes
- PC14. double-check all connections, ensuring they are correctly installed and tightened
- **PC15.** inspect the entire antenna assembly for any visible damage, loose components, or irregularities









Software Installation and Configuration

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC16. install and configure software according to IDU (Indoor Unit-Modem)
- **PC17.** ensure that the computer or server where the software will be installed meets the minimum requirements specified by the manufacturer like hardware specifications, operating system compatibility, and available storage space
- **PC18.** physically connect the IDU modem to the computer or server using the appropriate interface, such as Ethernet, USB, or serial connection
- **PC19.** access the management software or configuration interface provided by the manufacturer to configure network settings for the IDU modem which include IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and any other network parameters required for communication with other devices or networks
- PC20. check for any available firmware or software updates for the IDU modem
- **PC21.** verify the connectivity between the IDU modem and the satellite network or other associated devices
- **PC22.** perform tests to ensure proper signal acquisition, data transmission, and system functionality
- **PC23.** maintain a record of the software installation and configuration details, including any changes made to default settings
- PC24. regularly monitor the performance and health of the IDU modem software

Network Configuration and Connectivity

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC25. access modem with master IP in web browser
- **PC26.** master IP address is a unique address assigned to the modem or gateway device in the SATCOM network
- **PC27.** obtain the master IP address from the network administrator or refer to the modem's documentation
- PC28. connect computer with network IP modem
- **PC29.** connect computer to the network using an Ethernet cable or via a Wi-Fi connection
- PC30. open a Web Browser and use Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Microsoft Edge, or Safari
- **PC31.** exact options and menus available will depend on the specific modem model and manufacturer
- PC32. set the master IP to 192.168.0.1
- **PC33.** connect to the device or system that manages the SATCOM operations, typically a network router, switch, or satellite modem
- PC34. enter the appropriate username and password to log in to the configuration interface
- **PC35.** look for the IP address configuration settings. This can typically be found under a section called "LAN Settings," "Network Setup," or similar.
- PC36. along with the IP address, and need to specify the subnet mask and default gateway
- PC37. apply IP assignment on laptop or computer

System Libraries and Files

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

PC38. identify and understand features of system libraries and files related to be installed









- **PC39.** consult system manuals, documentation, and vendor-provided information to understand the required libraries and files for installation and operation
- **PC40.** review the system requirements provided by the SATCOM system vendor or manufacturer
- **PC41.** examine the SATCOM system's architecture and components to identify any specific libraries and files associated with each component
- PC42. review the release notes and change logs provided by the SATCOM system vendor
- **PC43.** look for system libraries, configuration files, and any additional files that are essential for SATCOM operations
- **PC44.** conduct thorough testing to ensure that all required system libraries and files are present and functioning correctly
- **PC45.** regularly check for new versions of libraries and files associated with the system to ensure that you are using the latest and most stable versions
- **PC46.** use mutimeter for voltage measurement

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- KU1. antenna size and type
- KU2. basic knowledge of satellite direction
- **KU3.** requirements of the work area and weather it is free from clutter and provides adequate lighting
- **KU4.** follow the instructions for cable routing and make sure to avoid any sharp bends or excessive tension on the cables
- **KU5.** follow the prescribed grounding procedures and connect the necessary grounding wires or conductors
- KU6. prescribed tools or testing equipment to carry out RF tests accurately
- KU7. safety features like protective covers or shields are in place as specified
- KU8. follow the manufacturer's instructions to install the software on the computer or server
- **KU9.** firmware updates often bring bug fixes, performance improvements, and new features
- **KU10.** configuration files or settings to facilitate easy recovery in case of system failures or the need for reinstallation
- **KU11.** manufacturer's documentation and support channels to address any issues, apply patches, or troubleshoot problems that may arise
- **KU12.** the subnet mask for a typical local network is often "255.255.255.0.", the default gateway is usually the IP address of the router or main network device
- KU13. the necessary software components, libraries, and files needed for proper operation
- KU14. basic knowledge of RF parameter
- KU15. basic knowledge of RG cables
- KU16. operation of LNB (receiver) and transmitter (BUC)
- KU17. satellite parameters should be correct
- KU18. basic knowledge of frequency band (KU, KA and C-band)
- KU19. communication technique







- **KU20.** half and full duplex concept
- **KU21.** internet concept of operation

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** understanding of project need
- GS2. communicate with client for specific need
- GS3. listen and coordination with others
- **GS4.** probe customers using appropriate open and close ended questions to understand the nature of problem, without any pre-conclusions
- GS5. plan the development activities
- GS6. organize all hardware/software components required for setup
- **GS7.** manage time and work
- GS8. read and comprehend/understand equipment installation manual







Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Tools and Equipment Preparation	4	4	-	-
PC1. identify the telenet tools and IPv4 setting in laptop	1	1	-	-
PC2. assemble the antenna as per provided guidelines using prescribed tools	1	1	-	-
PC3. review the necessary guidelines, including the antenna assembly instructions, safety precautions, and any specific requirements	1	1	-	-
PC4. collect the necessary tools like wrenches, screwdrivers, cable cutters, crimping tools, torque wrenches, alignment tools, and any specialized tools mentioned in the instructions	1	1	-	-
Antenna Assembly	9	16	-	3
PC5. test and commission the antenna	-	1	-	1
PC6. set up a clean and organized work area with enough space to assemble the antenna	1	1	-	-
PC7. identify and familiarize with the various components of the antenna system, such as the reflector, feed assembly, mounting brackets, cables, and connectors	-	2	-	-
PC8. follow the guidelines to mount the antenna on the designated structure or mount	1	1	-	-
PC9. prescribe tools to secure the antenna assembly properly	2	1	-	1
PC10. attach the cables to the appropriate connectors on the feed assembly and ensure they are securely fastened	1	2	-	-
PC11. use cable cutters, crimping tools, or other specified tools for cable termination or connector installation	1	1	-	-
PC12. use a torque wrench to tighten bolts and nuts to the recommended torque values	1	1	-	-









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC13. ensure proper grounding of the antenna system to minimize the risk of electrical hazards and protect against lightning strikes	1	2	-	-
PC14. double-check all connections, ensuring they are correctly installed and tightened	-	2	-	1
PC15. inspect the entire antenna assembly for any visible damage, loose components, or irregularities	1	2	-	-
Software Installation and Configuration	5	13	-	2
PC16. install and configure software according to IDU (Indoor Unit-Modem)	-	1	-	1
PC17. ensure that the computer or server where the software will be installed meets the minimum requirements specified by the manufacturer like hardware specifications, operating system compatibility, and available storage space	1	2	-	-
PC18. physically connect the IDU modem to the computer or server using the appropriate interface, such as Ethernet, USB, or serial connection	-	2	-	-
PC19. access the management software or configuration interface provided by the manufacturer to configure network settings for the IDU modem which include IP address, subnet mask, default gateway, and any other network parameters required for communication with other devices or networks	1	1	_	-
PC20. check for any available firmware or software updates for the IDU modem	1	2	-	-
PC21. verify the connectivity between the IDU modem and the satellite network or other associated devices	1	2	-	-
PC22. perform tests to ensure proper signal acquisition, data transmission, and system functionality	1	1	_	-
PC23. maintain a record of the software installation and configuration details, including any changes made to default settings	-	1	-	-









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC24. regularly monitor the performance and health of the IDU modem software	-	1	-	1
Network Configuration and Connectivity	6	15	-	2
PC25. access modem with master IP in web browser	-	1	-	-
PC26. master IP address is a unique address assigned to the modem or gateway device in the SATCOM network	1	1	-	-
PC27. obtain the master IP address from the network administrator or refer to the modem's documentation	-	1	-	-
PC28. connect computer with network IP modem	-	1	-	-
PC29. connect computer to the network using an Ethernet cable or via a Wi-Fi connection	-	1	-	-
PC30. open a Web Browser and use Google Chrome, Mozilla Firefox, Microsoft Edge, or Safari	-	1	-	-
PC31. exact options and menus available will depend on the specific modem model and manufacturer	1	1	-	1
PC32. set the master IP to 192.168.0.1	-	1	-	-
PC33. connect to the device or system that manages the SATCOM operations, typically a network router, switch, or satellite modem	1	2	-	-
PC34. enter the appropriate username and password to log in to the configuration interface	1	1	-	-
PC35. look for the IP address configuration settings. This can typically be found under a section called "LAN Settings," "Network Setup," or similar.	1	2	-	1
PC36. along with the IP address, and need to specify the subnet mask and default gateway	1	1	-	-
PC37. apply IP assignment on laptop or computer	-	1	-	-
System Libraries and Files	6	12	-	3









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC38. identify and understand features of system libraries and files related to be installed	-	1	-	-
PC39. consult system manuals, documentation, and vendor-provided information to understand the required libraries and files for installation and operation	1	1	-	-
PC40. review the system requirements provided by the SATCOM system vendor or manufacturer	_	1	-	1
PC41. examine the SATCOM system's architecture and components to identify any specific libraries and files associated with each component	1	1	-	1
PC42. review the release notes and change logs provided by the SATCOM system vendor	1	1	-	-
PC43. look for system libraries, configuration files, and any additional files that are essential for SATCOM operations	1	1	-	-
PC44. conduct thorough testing to ensure that all required system libraries and files are present and functioning correctly	1	1	-	_
PC45. regularly check for new versions of libraries and files associated with the system to ensure that you are using the latest and most stable versions	1	2	-	-
PC46. use mutimeter for voltage measurement	-	3	-	1
NOS Total	30	60	-	10









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	TEL/N6267
NOS Name	Install of Antenna at remote end and establish link
Sector	Telecom
Sub-Sector	Passive Infrastructure
Occupation	Network Operation and Maintenance
NSQF Level	5
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TEL/N6268: Set up and Operate Ground Station

Description

This OS unit is about various activities carried out while setting up ground station.

Scope

The scope covers the following :

- Ground Station Antenna Installation and Alignment
- Antenna Tracking and Pointing

Elements and Performance Criteria

Ground Station Antenna Installation and Alignment

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** properly install and align the ground station antenna, thermal control system, power system, attitude and orbit control system to achieve the required gain and polarization, ensuring optimal signal reception and transmission
- **PC2.** choose an appropriate location for the ground station antenna that provides a clear line of sight to the satellite
- **PC3.** install a sturdy and stable mounting structure, such as a tripod, tower, or rooftop platform, that can support the weight and size of the antenna
- **PC4.** position the antenna on the mounting structure while ensuring that it is level and plumb
- **PC5.** use a bubble level or inclinometer to achieve precise positioning
- **PC6.** determine the azimuth angle required to align the antenna with the satellite
- PC7. determine the elevation angle required for the antenna to point toward the satellite
- **PC8.** fine-tune the antenna's azimuth, elevation, and polarization adjustments by referring to a signal strength meter or receiver connected to the antenna
- **PC9.** use the appropriate equipment, such as a spectrum analyzer or satellite signal meter, to verify the signal quality and strength
- **PC10.** monitor the signal parameters, including Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR), Carrier-to-Noise Ratio (C/N), and Bit Error Rate (BER), to ensure optimal signal reception
- **PC11.** securely fasten all mounting brackets, bolts, and nuts to ensure that the antenna remains stable and maintains its alignment over time
- **PC12.** implement proper grounding for the antenna system to protect against electrical hazards and lightning strikes
- **PC13.** connect the grounding wire to a designated ground point or grounding rod as per local electrical codes and safety guidelines

Antenna Tracking and Pointing

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

PC14. Perform accurate tracking and pointing of the antenna towards the satellite, maintaining precise azimuth and elevation angles for a stable communication link









- **PC15.** technical identify the specifications of the antenna, including its range of motion, azimuth, and elevation angles, and any associated tracking mechanisms or software
- **PC16.** Gather information about the satellite that intend to communicate with, including its orbital parameters, position in the sky, and azimuth and elevation angles required for optimal signal reception
- PC17. identify the initial position from which to start tracking the satellite
- **PC18.** Ensure that the azimuth and elevation indicators on the antenna and tracking system are calibrated and accurate. This may involve using reference markers, measuring instruments, or software tools to align the indicators properly
- **PC19.** adjust the azimuth and elevation angles of the antenna, keeping an eye on the signal strength or quality indicators
- PC20. utilize tracking software or mechanisms provided with the ground station setup
- **PC21.** monitor the signal strength and quality indicators while making adjustments to the antenna's position
- **PC22.** make small adjustments to further refine the antenna's position. Pay attention to any fluctuations in signal strength or quality and make slight changes to maintain the best possible communication link

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** frequency bands used in satellite communication
- **KU2.** modulation techniques employed in satellite communication
- KU3. different satellite orbits and their characteristics
- KU4. link budgets and their importance in satellite communication
- **KU5.** propagation characteristics and their impact on satellite communication
- **KU6.** different components in a ground station, such as antennas, transceivers, amplifiers, modems, routers, switches, and power systems
- **KU7.** functions and roles of each component in the ground station setup
- **KU8.** commonly used communication protocols in SATCOM, such as TCP/IP, UDP, SNMP, and satellite-specific protocols
- **KU9.** communication protocols in establishing network connectivity and ensuring interoperability with other systems
- **KU10.** different components of a ground station setup
- **KU11.** interconnections and dependencies between various components
- KU12. satellite tracking techniques used to maintain communication links
- KU13. frequency allocation regulations and their impact on SATCOM operations
- KU14. licensing procedures and requirements for satellite communication
- KU15. protocols for handling equipment in a ground station
- KU16. electrical safety practices and protocols in a ground station environment
- **KU17.** security measures in SATCOM operations
- **KU18.** control mechanisms to prevent unauthorized access









- KU19. spectrum usage regulations and compliance
- KU20. data protection regulations and compliance in SATCOM operations

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** understanding of project need
- GS2. assignment of band width
- GS3. in the text , voice and video
- GS4. communicate with client for specific need
- **GS5.** either need of intranet or internet
- **GS6.** sound knowledge of LAN and wireless devices
- **GS7.** liaising and coordination skills
- **GS8.** probe customers using appropriate open and close ended questions to understand the nature of problem, without any pre-conclusions
- **GS9.** plan the development activities
- GS10. organize all hardware/software components required for setup
- GS11. plan testing and deployment activities
- GS12. time and work management
- GS13. read and comprehend/understand equipment installation manual









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Ground Station Antenna Installation and Alignment	20	35	-	7
PC1. properly install and align the ground station antenna, thermal control system, power system, attitude and orbit control system to achieve the required gain and polarization, ensuring optimal signal reception and transmission	2	4	-	1
PC2. choose an appropriate location for the ground station antenna that provides a clear line of sight to the satellite	2	3	-	1
PC3. install a sturdy and stable mounting structure, such as a tripod, tower, or rooftop platform, that can support the weight and size of the antenna	1	2	-	-
PC4. position the antenna on the mounting structure while ensuring that it is level and plumb	1	4	-	1
PC5. use a bubble level or inclinometer to achieve precise positioning	2	2	-	1
PC6. determine the azimuth angle required to align the antenna with the satellite	1	2	-	1
PC7. determine the elevation angle required for the antenna to point toward the satellite	2	4	-	-
PC8. fine-tune the antenna's azimuth, elevation, and polarization adjustments by referring to a signal strength meter or receiver connected to the antenna	2	2	-	-
PC9. use the appropriate equipment, such as a spectrum analyzer or satellite signal meter, to verify the signal quality and strength	2	2	-	-
PC10. monitor the signal parameters, including Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR), Carrier-to-Noise Ratio (C/N), and Bit Error Rate (BER), to ensure optimal signal reception	1	2	-	1
PC11. securely fasten all mounting brackets, bolts, and nuts to ensure that the antenna remains stable and maintains its alignment over time	1	2	-	_









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC12. implement proper grounding for the antenna system to protect against electrical hazards and lightning strikes	2	2	-	-
PC13. connect the grounding wire to a designated ground point or grounding rod as per local electrical codes and safety guidelines	1	4	-	1
Antenna Tracking and Pointing	10	25	-	3
PC14. Perform accurate tracking and pointing of the antenna towards the satellite, maintaining precise azimuth and elevation angles for a stable communication link	1	3	-	-
PC15. technical identify the specifications of the antenna, including its range of motion, azimuth, and elevation angles, and any associated tracking mechanisms or software	1	4	-	1
PC16. Gather information about the satellite that intend to communicate with, including its orbital parameters, position in the sky, and azimuth and elevation angles required for optimal signal reception	2	2	-	-
PC17. identify the initial position from which to start tracking the satellite	1	4	-	1
PC18. Ensure that the azimuth and elevation indicators on the antenna and tracking system are calibrated and accurate. This may involve using reference markers, measuring instruments, or software tools to align the indicators properly	1	2	-	-
PC19. adjust the azimuth and elevation angles of the antenna, keeping an eye on the signal strength or quality indicators	1	4	_	-
PC20. utilize tracking software or mechanisms provided with the ground station setup	1	2	-	-
PC21. monitor the signal strength and quality indicators while making adjustments to the antenna's position	1	2	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC22. make small adjustments to further refine the antenna's position. Pay attention to any fluctuations in signal strength or quality and make slight changes to maintain the best possible communication link	1	2	-	-
NOS Total	30	60	-	10









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	TEL/N6268
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TEL/N6269: Signal Analysis, Ground Station Maintenance, and Security Implementation

Description

This OS unit is about analysing signals, maintaining ground station, and implementing security.

Scope

The scope covers the following :

- Maintenance and Inspection
- Signal Quality Monitoring and Analysis
- Security Measures Implementation

Elements and Performance Criteria

Maintenance and Inspection

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** conduct regular maintenance and inspections of the ground station equipment, including antenna, feed system, tracking mechanisms, and associated electronics, to ensure proper functioning and reliability
- **PC2.** establish a maintenance schedule that outlines the frequency and tasks for inspecting and maintaining the ground station equipment
- **PC3.** verify the antenna alignment periodically to ensure it is pointing accurately towards the satellite
- **PC4.** check the tracking mechanisms, such as azimuth and elevation systems, for proper calibration
- **PC5.** inspect all cables and connectors for signs of damage, wear, or loose connections
- **PC6.** verify the electrical system components, including power supplies, grounding, surge protection devices, and wiring connections
- PC7. functional tests on the ground station equipment to ensure proper functioning and alignment

Signal Quality Monitoring and Analysis

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC8.** monitor and analyze signal quality parameters such as Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR), Bit Error Rate (BER), and Carrier-to-Noise Ratio (C/N) to assess and optimize the performance of the communication link
- **PC9.** use appropriate tools and equipment to measure signal quality parameters such as Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR), Bit Error Rate (BER), and Carrier-to-Noise ratio (C/N)
- **PC10.** connect the monitoring equipment to the relevant points in the ground station setup
- **PC11.** keep the monitoring equipment running to continuously monitor the signal quality parameters during operation
- **PC12.** maintain a record of the measured signal quality parameters at regular intervals
- PC13. use the recorded data to analyze the signal quality parameters over time.

Security Measures Implementation









To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC14.** implement appropriate security measures, including access controls, encryption protocols, and intrusion detection systems, to protect the ground station and the communication link from unauthorized access and cyber threats
- PC15. access levels and user roles based on job responsibilities and the principle of least privilege
- **PC16.** update access control policies to ensure they align with the evolving security requirements
- **PC17.** deploy intrusion detection and prevention systems to monitor network traffic and identify potential security breaches or unauthorized activities
- **PC18.** configure the IDPS to detect and alert on suspicious network events, such as unauthorized access attempts, network scanning, or abnormal traffic patterns
- **PC19.** implement automated response mechanisms within the IDPS to block or mitigate identified threats in real-time
- **PC20.** install firewalls to enforce network security policies and control traffic entering and leaving the ground station network
- **PC21.** update and patch all software, firmware, and operating systems used in the ground station setup
- **PC22.** develop an incident response plan outlining the steps to be taken in the event of a security breach or cyber-attack
- **PC23.** establish backup and disaster recovery procedures to ensure timely recovery and continuity of operations in case of a security incident or system failure
- **PC24.** implement continuous monitoring tools to track and analyze network activity, system logs, and security events in real-time

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** Principles and theories behind signal-to-noise ratio (SNR), bit error rate (BER), and carrier-tonoise ratio (C/N) calculations
- **KU2.** How to effectively use various measurement tools, both hardware and software, to measure and analyze SNR, BER, and C/N in a ground station setup
- **KU3.** Detailed knowledge of the ground station setup, including the layout, components, and how to configure and calibrate them for optimal signal reception and transmission
- **KU4.** Procedures for accurately recording signal quality parameters at regular intervals, and techniques to analyze this data over time to identify trends and patterns
- **KU5.** Best practices for conducting routine maintenance, including inspections, alignments, and calibrations, to ensure equipment reliability and performance
- **KU6.** Strategies and techniques for identifying, diagnosing, and resolving signal quality issues effectively and efficiently
- **KU7.** Basics of network security, encryption protocols, and access controls to understand how to implement security measures in the ground station setup
- **KU8.** Knowledge of potential cyber threats, attack vectors, and strategies to respond effectively to security breaches or attempted unauthorized access
- **KU9.** Awareness of relevant laws, regulations, and compliance requirements related to satellite communication and data security









- **KU10.** Effective communication and collaboration within a team to ensure everyone is informed about their roles and responsibilities regarding maintenance, signal quality monitoring, and security measures
- **KU11.** Importance of maintaining accurate records and documentation for maintenance, signal quality assessments, security measures, and incident response for auditing and future improvements
- **KU12.** Protocols and procedures for swift action during emergencies, including disaster recovery plans to ensure minimal downtime and rapid system restoration in case of failures or security incidents

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- GS1. understanding of project need
- GS2. assignment of band width
- GS3. in the text , voice and video
- GS4. communicate with client for specific need
- GS5. either need of intranet or internet
- **GS6.** sound knowledge of LAN and wireless devices
- **GS7.** liaising and coordination skills
- **GS8.** probe customers using appropriate open and close ended questions to understand the nature of problem, without any pre-conclusions
- **GS9.** plan the development activities
- GS10. organize all hardware/software components required for setup
- GS11. plan testing and deployment activities
- **GS12.** time and work management
- **GS13.** read and comprehend/understand equipment installation manual









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Maintenance and Inspection		20	-	4
PC1. conduct regular maintenance and inspections of the ground station equipment, including antenna, feed system, tracking mechanisms, and associated electronics, to ensure proper functioning and reliability	2	3	-	-
PC2. establish a maintenance schedule that outlines the frequency and tasks for inspecting and maintaining the ground station equipment	1	3	-	1
PC3. verify the antenna alignment periodically to ensure it is pointing accurately towards the satellite	1	3	-	1
PC4. check the tracking mechanisms, such as azimuth and elevation systems, for proper calibration	2	3	-	-
PC5. inspect all cables and connectors for signs of damage, wear, or loose connections	1	3	-	1
PC6. verify the electrical system components, including power supplies, grounding, surge protection devices, and wiring connections	2	3	-	-
PC7. functional tests on the ground station equipment to ensure proper functioning and alignment	1	2	-	1
Signal Quality Monitoring and Analysis	5	10	-	2
PC8. monitor and analyze signal quality parameters such as Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR), Bit Error Rate (BER), and Carrier-to-Noise Ratio (C/N) to assess and optimize the performance of the communication link	1	3	-	-
PC9. use appropriate tools and equipment to measure signal quality parameters such as Signal-to-Noise Ratio (SNR), Bit Error Rate (BER), and Carrier-to-Noise ratio (C/N)	1	2	-	-









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC10. connect the monitoring equipment to the relevant points in the ground station setup	1	1	-	-
PC11. keep the monitoring equipment running to continuously monitor the signal quality parameters during operation	-	2	-	1
PC12. maintain a record of the measured signal quality parameters at regular intervals	1	1	-	-
PC13. use the recorded data to analyze the signal quality parameters over time.	1	1	-	1
Security Measures Implementation	15	30	-	4
PC14. implement appropriate security measures, including access controls, encryption protocols, and intrusion detection systems, to protect the ground station and the communication link from unauthorized access and cyber threats	1	2	-	1
PC15. access levels and user roles based on job responsibilities and the principle of least privilege	1	2	-	-
PC16. update access control policies to ensure they align with the evolving security requirements	2	2	-	-
PC17. deploy intrusion detection and prevention systems to monitor network traffic and identify potential security breaches or unauthorized activities	3	4	-	-
PC18. configure the IDPS to detect and alert on suspicious network events, such as unauthorized access attempts, network scanning, or abnormal traffic patterns	1	2	-	1
PC19. implement automated response mechanisms within the IDPS to block or mitigate identified threats in real-time	1	2	-	-
PC20. install firewalls to enforce network security policies and control traffic entering and leaving the ground station network	1	3	-	-
PC21. update and patch all software, firmware, and operating systems used in the ground station setup	1	3	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC22. develop an incident response plan outlining the steps to be taken in the event of a security breach or cyber-attack	1	2	-	1
PC23. establish backup and disaster recovery procedures to ensure timely recovery and continuity of operations in case of a security incident or system failure	2	5	-	-
PC24. implement continuous monitoring tools to track and analyze network activity, system logs, and security events in real-time	1	3	-	-
NOS Total	30	60	-	10







National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	TEL/N6269
NOS Name	Signal Analysis, Ground Station Maintenance, and Security Implementation
Sector	Telecom
Sub-Sector	Passive Infrastructure
Occupation	Network Operation and Maintenance
NSQF Level	5
Credits	2
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TEL/N6270: Manage Network Operation Centre (NOC) or Hub

Description

This OS unit is about Cross verification of remote data with respect of destination route with providing all rules or access to remote from NOC

Scope

The scope covers the following :

- Gateway ID Implementation and Management
- Data Connectivity and Signal Strength
- Performance Analysis and Testing
- Database Management and Monitoring
- Network Configuration and Management
- Antenna and Transceiver Selection

Elements and Performance Criteria

Gateway ID Implementation and Management

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** implement gateway ID and assign a unique gateway ID to each SATCOM gateway in the network
- PC2. determine the format and structure of the gateway ID
- **PC3.** integrate the gateway ID information into Network Management System (NMS) or operations support systems
- **PC4.** implement configuration management processes to track and manage changes to gateway IDs
- **PC5.** utilize the gateway IDs to monitor the performance and troubleshoot any issues with the SATCOM gateways
- **PC6.** incorporate security measures into the gateway ID implementation and conduct periodic audits to verify the accuracy and validity of gateway IDs

Data Connectivity and Signal Strength

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC7. create a site-code or folder for organizing SATCOM-related data
- PC8. store data to internal and external storage systems
- **PC9.** test data connectivity and ensure that the satellite signal strength is strong enough for reliable transmission
- **PC10.** use a satellite signal meter or spectrum analyzer to measure signal strength and confirm it meets required specifications
- **PC11.** check the alignment of the satellite antenna to ensure it is accurately pointed towards the desired satellite

Performance Analysis and Testing

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:









- **PC12.** perform a link budget analysis to assess expected performance of the satellite link
- **PC13.** set up a test environment with necessary equipment, including a satellite modem or transceiver
- **PC14.** use specialized network testing tools or software to generate traffic and measure data transfer rates
- **PC15.** perform ping or latency tests to measure round-trip time for data packets between the ground station and remote location
- **PC16.** monitor the data connection for errors or anomalies, using appropriate tools to measure error rate and bit error rate (BER) of transmitted data
- **PC17.** simulate link failures or switchovers and verify that data connectivity is maintained without significant interruptions
- **PC18.** perform field tests at different locations within the coverage area to assess data connectivity under varying conditions

Database Management and Monitoring

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC19. design a database schema that reflects specific requirements of SATCOM operations
- **PC20.** create a relational database using a Database Management System (DBMS) and import relevant data from various sources
- **PC21.** utilize the Network Management System (NMS) to monitor and manage the SATCOM network
- **PC22.** collect and analyze performance data using the database and NMS, including signal strength, link utilization, latency, and throughput
- PC23. implement fault management features within the NMS to detect and respond to anomalies
- PC24. leverage the database to store and manage configurations of SATCOM devices
- PC25. apply commands to query data from the database

Network Configuration and Management

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC26.** configure IP addresses, ensuring no overlap or conflicts and determining subnet masks for each subnet
- **PC27.** set up network monitoring tools to monitor performance, availability, and security of the SATCOM network
- PC28. configure DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) for IP address allocation
- **PC29.** configure SATCOM devices with their respective static IP addresses, subnet masks, and other network parameters
- PC30. provide Content Providers and resolvers to interface with customers
- PC31. assign LAN IP addresses and provide network names
- **PC32.** configure NATing (Network Address Translation) for address translation between private and public networks
- PC33. monitor Rx and TX of remote site at regular interval
- PC34. control data rate or data packages as required
- PC35. backup NMS for data protection and disaster recovery
- PC36. add routes on specific routing tables as needed

Antenna and Transceiver Selection

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:









- **PC37.** choose appropriate antennas with high gain and narrow beamwidth for improved RX and TX signals
- **PC38.** conduct thorough frequency planning to select suitable frequencies for SATCOM operations
- **PC39.** analyze interference patterns and ensure compatibility with the desired satellite system
- PC40. invest in high-quality transceivers with excellent RX sensitivity and TX power output

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- KU1. project Management concepts and applications
- KU2. combination of alphanumeric characters or a specific numbering scheme
- KU3. site wise data manipulation
- **KU4.** factors such as satellite transmit power, receiver sensitivity, antenna gain, cable losses, atmospheric conditions, and link distance
- **KU5.** test data from the ground station and verify that it is received correctly at the remote location
- **KU6.** factors such as terrain, vegetation, and weather conditions that may affect the satellite signal quality and data connectivity
- **KU7.** map network elements, monitor link performance, detect faults, and provide real-time alerts
- KU8. IP addresses to the connected devices
- KU9. SHE and OHS guidelines and regulations as per companys norms
- KU10. type of application testing methodologies and associated processes
- KU11. debugging methodologies and re-testing process
- KU12. compliance process/procedures and tests for hosting application or finaacle at remote end
- KU13. tools for application functional and security testing
- KU14. understand the MAC (Media Access Control) concept

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** taking backup of all data daily
- GS2. maintain proper records as per given format
- **GS3.** read technical documentation
- GS4. communicate with customer
- **GS5.** listen and coordinate with others
- **GS6.** probe customers using appropriate open and close ended questions to Understand the nature of problem, without any pre-conclusions
- GS7. plan the development activities
- GS8. manage time and work
- GS9. analyse results and debug
- **GS10.** formulate test strategy and test case









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Gateway ID Implementation and Management	5	10	-	2
PC1. implement gateway ID and assign a unique gateway ID to each SATCOM gateway in the network	1	2	-	-
PC2. determine the format and structure of the gateway ID	1	2	-	-
PC3. integrate the gateway ID information into Network Management System (NMS) or operations support systems	1	2	-	-
PC4. implement configuration management processes to track and manage changes to gateway IDs	-	2	-	1
PC5. utilize the gateway IDs to monitor the performance and troubleshoot any issues with the SATCOM gateways	1	1	-	-
PC6. incorporate security measures into the gateway ID implementation and conduct periodic audits to verify the accuracy and validity of gateway IDs	1	1	-	1
Data Connectivity and Signal Strength	4	5	-	2
PC7. create a site-code or folder for organizing SATCOM-related data	-	1	-	-
PC8. store data to internal and external storage systems	1	1	-	-
PC9. test data connectivity and ensure that the satellite signal strength is strong enough for reliable transmission	1	1	-	1
PC10. use a satellite signal meter or spectrum analyzer to measure signal strength and confirm it meets required specifications	1	1	-	-
PC11. check the alignment of the satellite antenna to ensure it is accurately pointed towards the desired satellite	1	1	-	1









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Performance Analysis and Testing	5	10	-	2
PC12. perform a link budget analysis to assess expected performance of the satellite link	-	2	-	-
PC13. set up a test environment with necessary equipment, including a satellite modem or transceiver	1	1	-	1
PC14. use specialized network testing tools or software to generate traffic and measure data transfer rates	1	1	-	-
PC15. perform ping or latency tests to measure round-trip time for data packets between the ground station and remote location	1	2	-	-
PC16. monitor the data connection for errors or anomalies, using appropriate tools to measure error rate and bit error rate (BER) of transmitted data	1	1	-	-
PC17. simulate link failures or switchovers and verify that data connectivity is maintained without significant interruptions	1	1	-	1
PC18. perform field tests at different locations within the coverage area to assess data connectivity under varying conditions	_	2	-	-
Database Management and Monitoring	5	10	-	-
PC19. design a database schema that reflects specific requirements of SATCOM operations	-	1	-	-
PC20. create a relational database using a Database Management System (DBMS) and import relevant data from various sources	1	2	-	-
PC21. utilize the Network Management System (NMS) to monitor and manage the SATCOM network	1	2	-	_
PC22. collect and analyze performance data using the database and NMS, including signal strength, link utilization, latency, and throughput	_	2	-	-









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC23. implement fault management features within the NMS to detect and respond to anomalies	1	1	-	-
PC24. leverage the database to store and manage configurations of SATCOM devices	1	-	-	-
PC25. apply commands to query data from the database	1	2	-	-
Network Configuration and Management	5	13	-	2
PC26. configure IP addresses, ensuring no overlap or conflicts and determining subnet masks for each subnet	1	2	-	_
PC27. set up network monitoring tools to monitor performance, availability, and security of the SATCOM network	-	2	-	1
PC28. configure DHCP (Dynamic Host Configuration Protocol) for IP address allocation	1	1	-	_
PC29. configure SATCOM devices with their respective static IP addresses, subnet masks, and other network parameters	-	2	-	-
PC30. provide Content Providers and resolvers to interface with customers	-	-	-	-
PC31. assign LAN IP addresses and provide network names	1	1	-	-
PC32. configure NATing (Network Address Translation) for address translation between private and public networks	-	-	-	-
PC33. monitor Rx and TX of remote site at regular interval	-	1	-	1
PC34. control data rate or data packages as required	1	1	_	-
PC35. backup NMS for data protection and disaster recovery	-	1	_	-
PC36. add routes on specific routing tables as needed	1	2	-	-









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Antenna and Transceiver Selection	6	12	-	2
PC37. choose appropriate antennas with high gain and narrow beamwidth for improved RX and TX signals	1	2	-	1
PC38. conduct thorough frequency planning to select suitable frequencies for SATCOM operations	2	4	-	-
PC39. analyze interference patterns and ensure compatibility with the desired satellite system	2	3	-	-
PC40. invest in high-quality transceivers with excellent RX sensitivity and TX power output	1	3	-	1
NOS Total	30	60	-	10









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	TEL/N6270
NOS Name	Manage Network Operation Centre (NOC) or Hub
Sector	Telecom
Sub-Sector	Passive Infrastructure
Occupation	Network Operation and Maintenance
NSQF Level	5
Credits	3
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TEL/N6271: Incident management or PM Activity

Description

This OS unit is about Incident Maintenance Activity or Primitive maintenance (PM Activity)

Scope

The scope covers the following :

- Down Call Analysis
- Signal Strength and Antenna Alignment

Elements and Performance Criteria

Down Call Analysis

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC1. understand the cause of the down call
- PC2. examine the SATCOM equipment for any signs of malfunction or failure
- **PC3.** inspect transceivers, modems, routers, or other components that may contribute to the down call
- **PC4.** analyze potential sources of interference, including adjacent satellites, other communication systems, or electromagnetic interference
- **PC5.** perform tests such as ping tests, latency measurements, or Bit Error Rate (BER) calculations to further pinpoint the cause of the down call utilizing diagnostic tools or software

Signal Strength and Antenna Alignment

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC6.** assess the satellite signal strength using a satellite signal meter or spectrum analyzer to ensure it meets the required specifications
- **PC7.** confirm the alignment of the satellite antenna to ensure it is accurately pointing towards the desired satellite
- **PC8.** measure the strength of the satellite signal using a satellite signal meter or spectrum analyzer
- **PC9.** verify the alignment of the satellite antenna to ensure it is accurately pointed towards the desired satellite
- PC10. perform a link budget analysis to assess the expected performance of the satellite link

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- KU1. common cause of down calls
- **KU2.** parameters such as signal power, path loss, antenna gain, and interference to identify any deficiencies
- KU3. traffic or network bottlenecks can result in down calls in satellite connections









- **KU4.** factors such as path loss, satellite power, antenna gains, and cable losses to ensure reliable communication
- **KU5.** appropriate tools to measure the error rate and Bit Error Rate (BER) of the transmitted data
- **KU6.** evaluate performance in different weather conditions, terrain, or interference scenarios
- **KU7.** escalation matrix for reporting identified incidents, trouble or emergencies e.g. system failures, fire and power failures
- **KU8.** SHE & OHS guidelines and regulations as per company's norms
- **KU9.** providing customer to network monitoring access if needed

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- GS1. fill up appropriate technical forms, activity logs in required format of the company
- GS2. maintain proper records as per given format
- **GS3.** read and understand manuals, work orders, health and safety instructions, memos, reports etc.
- **GS4.** courteous to the customers
- GS5. licensing and coordination skills
- **GS6.** communicate with supervisor and peers
- GS7. installing tools and portal activity
- **GS8.** work systematically with required attention to detail and adherence to all safety requirements
- GS9. read and comprehend/understand equipment installation manual
- GS10. interpreting hardware requirement at site
- **GS11.** technical support to field engineers







Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Down Call Analysis	15	30	-	5
PC1. understand the cause of the down call	3	6	_	1
PC2. examine the SATCOM equipment for any signs of malfunction or failure	3	6	-	1
PC3. inspect transceivers, modems, routers, or other components that may contribute to the down call	3	6	-	1
PC4. analyze potential sources of interference, including adjacent satellites, other communication systems, or electromagnetic interference	3	6	-	1
PC5. perform tests such as ping tests, latency measurements, or Bit Error Rate (BER) calculations to further pinpoint the cause of the down call utilizing diagnostic tools or software	3	6	-	1
Signal Strength and Antenna Alignment	15	30	-	5
PC6. assess the satellite signal strength using a satellite signal meter or spectrum analyzer to ensure it meets the required specifications	3	6	-	1
PC7. confirm the alignment of the satellite antenna to ensure it is accurately pointing towards the desired satellite	3	6	-	1
PC8. measure the strength of the satellite signal using a satellite signal meter or spectrum analyzer	3	6	-	1
PC9. verify the alignment of the satellite antenna to ensure it is accurately pointed towards the desired satellite	3	6	-	1
PC10. perform a link budget analysis to assess the expected performance of the satellite link	3	6	-	1
NOS Total	30	60	-	10









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	TEL/N6271
NOS Name	Incident management or PM Activity
Sector	Telecom
Sub-Sector	Passive Infrastructure
Occupation	Network Operation and Maintenance
NSQF Level	5
Credits	3
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TEL/N6272: Network Management, Performance Optimization and Testing

Description

This OS unit is about communicating with superiors and colleagues as well as customers and other stakeholders in own or other work groups within as well as outside the organisation

Scope

The scope covers the following :

- Network Configuration and Monitoring
- Performance Analysis and Testing
- Database and NMS Utilization
- Industry Associations and Testing

Elements and Performance Criteria

Network Configuration and Monitoring

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** check the network configuration, including IP addresses, subnet masks, routing tables, and NATing settings
- **PC2.** analyze network traffic using monitoring tools to identify any abnormal patterns, high packet loss, or congestion
- PC3. verify the data connectivity between the SATCOM gateway and remote locations
- PC4. monitor the data connection for errors or anomalies
- **PC5.** conduct field tests at different locations within the coverage area to assess data connectivity under varying conditions

Performance Analysis and Testing

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC6. perform a link budget analysis to assess the expected performance of the satellite lin
- **PC7.** generate traffic and measure the data transfer rates using specialized network testing tools or software
- **PC8.** simulate link failures or switchovers to verify that data connectivity is maintained without significant interruptions

Database and NMS Utilization

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC9.** utilize a Database management System (DBMS) and Network Management System (NMS) to collect and analyze performance data
- **PC10.** monitor signal strength, link utilization, latency, and throughput to identify any anomalies or areas for improvement

Industry Associations and Testing

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

PC11. inspect industry associations such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Global VSAT Forum (GVF), or Satellite Industry Association (SIA)







PC12. perform testing of SATCOM accessories

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- **KU1.** networking principles, including IP addressing, subnetting, routing, and NATing, to effectively configure and manage satellite communication networks
- **KU2.** various network monitoring tools and how to use them to analyze traffic, detect abnormalities, high packet loss, congestion, and ensure optimal network performance
- **KU3.** methods to verify data connectivity between the SATCOM gateway and remote locations to ensure seamless communication
- **KU4.** techniques to monitor data connections for errors, anomalies, and irregularities that could affect network performance
- **KU5.** procedures for conducting field tests in diverse locations within the coverage area to assess and optimize data connectivity under varying conditions
- **KU6.** principles and methodologies of link budget analysis to predict and assess the expected performance of satellite communication links
- **KU7.** tools and methods to generate traffic and accurately measure data transfer rates using specialized network testing tools or software
- **KU8.** techniques to simulate link failures or switchovers to ensure data connectivity is maintained without significant interruptions during adverse conditions
- **KU9.** utilizing Database Management Systems (DBMS) and Network Management Systems (NMS) to efficiently collect, manage, and analyze performance data
- **KU10.** monitoring signal strength, link utilization, latency, and throughput to identify anomalies and areas for performance improvement
- **KU11.** knowledge of relevant industry associations such as ITU, GVF, or SIA, and understanding the standards and best practices they advocate in the satellite communication sector
- **KU12.** procedures and protocols for testing various SATCOM accessories to ensure their proper functionality and compatibility within the communication network

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- **GS1.** fill up appropriate technical forms, activity logs in required format of the company
- **GS2.** maintain proper records as per given format
- **GS3.** read and understand manuals, work orders, health and safety instructions, memos, reports etc
- **GS4.** corteous to the customers
- **GS5.** licensing and coordination skills
- GS6. communicate with supervisor and peers
- **GS7.** installing tools and portal activity
- **GS8.** work systematically with required attention to detail and adherence to all safety requirements









- GS9. read and comprehend/understand equipment installation manual
- **GS10.** interpreting hardware requirement at site
- **GS11.** technical support to field engineers









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Network Configuration and Monitoring	15	20	-	4
PC1. check the network configuration, including IP addresses, subnet masks, routing tables, and NATing settings	3	4	-	-
PC2. analyze network traffic using monitoring tools to identify any abnormal patterns, high packet loss, or congestion	3	4	-	1
PC3. verify the data connectivity between the SATCOM gateway and remote locations	3	4	-	1
PC4. monitor the data connection for errors or anomalies	3	4	_	1
PC5. conduct field tests at different locations within the coverage area to assess data connectivity under varying conditions	3	4	-	1
Performance Analysis and Testing	10	20	-	2
PC6. perform a link budget analysis to assess the expected performance of the satellite lin	3	7	-	1
PC7. generate traffic and measure the data transfer rates using specialized network testing tools or software	4	6	-	-
PC8. simulate link failures or switchovers to verify that data connectivity is maintained without significant interruptions	3	7	-	1
Database and NMS Utilization	3	10	-	2
PC9. utilize a Database management System (DBMS) and Network Management System (NMS) to collect and analyze performance data	1	5	-	1
PC10. monitor signal strength, link utilization, latency, and throughput to identify any anomalies or areas for improvement	2	5	-	1
Industry Associations and Testing	2	10	-	2









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC11. inspect industry associations such as the International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Global VSAT Forum (GVF), or Satellite Industry Association (SIA)	1	5	-	1
PC12. perform testing of SATCOM accessories	1	5	-	1
NOS Total	30	60	-	10









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	TEL/N6272
NOS Name	Network Management, Performance Optimization and Testing
Sector	Telecom
Sub-Sector	Passive Infrastructure
Occupation	Network Operation and Maintenance
NSQF Level	5
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TEL/N9104: Manage Work, Resources and Safety at workplace

Description

This OS unit is about planning work and implementing sustainable as well as healthy practices for safety and optimal use of resources

Scope

The scope covers the following :

- Manage learning and self-direction
- Develop critical thinking and problem solving
- Perform work as per quality standards
- Maintain safe and secure working environment
- Comply with material / energy / electricity conservation practices

Elements and Performance Criteria

Manage learning and self-direction

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC1.** develop technical and personal skills to be updated with new technologies prevalent in the industry
- **PC2.** train the team such that they are able to adapt latest products/services in their working environment
- PC3. identify opportunities for team building workshops and motivational trainings

Develop critical thinking and problem solving

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC4. guide the team to be accountable for timely completion of tasks
- **PC5.** analyse problems accurately to be able to correctly suggest suitable solutions to the concerned persons
- **PC6.** train the team to estimate the cause of the problem and validate

Perform work as per quality standards

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC7. implement ways to keep immediate as well as team's work area clean and tidy
- PC8. maintain efficiency and productivity while performing role/responsibility
- **PC9.** supervise the team to ensure that the work is done as per the assigned and agreed requirements
- **PC10.** create schedules and rosters for the team to ensure they understand individual work requirements

Maintain safe and secure working environment

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

PC11. identify organisation's health, safety, security policies and procedures









- **PC12.** instruct team to report any identified breaches in health, safety, and security policies and procedures to the designated person
- **PC13.** manage hazards such as illness, accidents, fires or any other natural calamity safely, as per organisation's emergency procedures, within the limits of individual's authority
- **PC14.** report any hazard outside the individual's authority to the relevant person in line with organisational procedures and warn others who may be affected

Material / energy / electricity conservation practices

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC15.** implement ways to optimize usage of material including water in various tasks/activities/processes
- PC16. supervise the team to ensure responsible use of resources
- PC17. motivate the team to carry out routine cleaning of tools, machine and equipment
- PC18. guide the team to optimize use of electricity/energy in various tasks/activities/processes
- **PC19.** implement periodic checks of the functioning of the equipment/machine and rectify wherever required
- PC20. guide the team to report malfunctioning and lapses in maintenance of equipment
- **PC21.** implement ways to use electrical equipment and appliances properly

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- KU1. strategies pertinent to the field that can be used to pursue an advancement of skills
- **KU2.** key performance indicators for the new tasks
- KU3. feedback processes and formats
- KU4. timelines and goals as well as their relevance to work allocated
- KU5. importance of quality and timely delivery of the product/service
- KU6. layout of the workstation and equipment used
- KU7. escalation matrix and its importance, especially in case of emergencies
- **KU8.** ways of time and cost management
- **KU9.** rules/regulation for maintaining health and safety at workplace
- **KU10.** meaning of hazard, different types of health and safety hazards found in the workplace, risks and threats based on the nature of work
- KU11. procedures to report breaches in health, safety and security
- KU12. ways of managing resources and material efficiently
- **KU13.** ways to recognize common electrical problems and common practices of conserving electricity

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

GS1. explore various pathways to expand one's own learning skills and abilities









- **GS2.** analyse feedback for improving one's way of working
- **GS3.** interpret feedback from superiors in a constructive way
- **GS4.** identify the root cause of problems
- **GS5.** understand the problem by asking significant questions to clarify the various points of view on the problem
- **GS6.** seek clarifications from superior about the job requirement
- **GS7.** work in a team with full coordination of team members
- GS8. read instructions/guidelines and Standard Operating Practices (SOP) documents
- GS9. complete tasks efficiently and accurately within stipulated time
- GS10. record data in statutory documents relevant to safety and hygiene
- **GS11.** escalate/refer all anomalies to the concerned persons
- **GS12.** identify the most suitable course of action for completing the task using provided resources









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Manage learning and self-direction	4	5	-	-
PC1. develop technical and personal skills to be updated with new technologies prevalent in the industry	2	1	-	-
PC2. train the team such that they are able to adapt latest products/services in their working environment	1	2	-	_
PC3. identify opportunities for team building workshops and motivational trainings	1	2	-	-
Develop critical thinking and problem solving	4	7	-	-
PC4. guide the team to be accountable for timely completion of tasks	2	3	-	-
PC5. analyse problems accurately to be able to correctly suggest suitable solutions to the concerned persons	1	2	-	_
PC6. train the team to estimate the cause of the problem and validate	1	2	-	-
Perform work as per quality standards	5	9	-	4
PC7. implement ways to keep immediate as well as team's work area clean and tidy	1	2	-	_
PC8. maintain efficiency and productivity while performing role/responsibility	1	2	-	2
PC9. supervise the team to ensure that the work is done as per the assigned and agreed requirements	1	2	-	1
PC10. create schedules and rosters for the team to ensure they understand individual work requirements	2	3	-	1
Maintain safe and secure working environment	12	13	-	2
PC11. identify organisation's health, safety, security policies and procedures	3	3	-	-









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC12. instruct team to report any identified breaches in health, safety, and security policies and procedures to the designated person	3	3	-	_
PC13. manage hazards such as illness, accidents, fires or any other natural calamity safely, as per organisation's emergency procedures, within the limits of individual's authority	3	4	-	1
PC14. report any hazard outside the individual's authority to the relevant person in line with organisational procedures and warn others who may be affected	3	3	-	1
Material / energy / electricity conservation practices	15	16	-	4
PC15. implement ways to optimize usage of material including water in various tasks/activities/processes	1	2	-	1
PC16. supervise the team to ensure responsible use of resources	2	2	-	1
PC17. motivate the team to carry out routine cleaning of tools, machine and equipment	2	2	-	1
PC18. guide the team to optimize use of electricity/energy in various tasks/activities/processes	3	4	-	_
PC19. implement periodic checks of the functioning of the equipment/machine and rectify wherever required	2	2	-	1
PC20. guide the team to report malfunctioning and lapses in maintenance of equipment	3	2	-	-
PC21. implement ways to use electrical equipment and appliances properly	2	2	-	-
NOS Total	40	50	-	10









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	TEL/N9104
NOS Name	Manage Work, Resources and Safety at workplace
Sector	Telecom
Sub-Sector	Generic
Occupation	Generic
NSQF Level	5
Credits	1
Version	2.0
Last Reviewed Date	31/01/2024
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NSQC Clearance Date	31/01/2024







DGT/VSQ/N0102: Employability Skills (60 Hours)

Description

This unit is about employability skills, Constitutional values, becoming a professional in the 21st Century, digital, financial, and legal literacy, diversity and Inclusion, English and communication skills, customer service, entrepreneurship, and apprenticeship, getting ready for jobs and career development.

Scope

The scope covers the following :

- Introduction to Employability Skills
- Constitutional values Citizenship
- Becoming a Professional in the 21st Century
- Basic English Skills
- Career Development & Goal Setting
- Communication Skills
- Diversity & Inclusion
- Financial and Legal Literacy
- Essential Digital Skills
- Entrepreneurship
- Customer Service
- Getting ready for Apprenticeship & Jobs

Elements and Performance Criteria

Introduction to Employability Skills

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC1. identify employability skills required for jobs in various industries
- PC2. identify and explore learning and employability portals

Constitutional values - Citizenship

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC3.** recognize the significance of constitutional values, including civic rights and duties, citizenship, responsibility towards society etc. and personal values and ethics such as honesty, integrity, caring and respecting others, etc.
- PC4. follow environmentally sustainable practices

Becoming a Professional in the 21st Century

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC5. recognize the significance of 21st Century Skills for employment
- **PC6.** practice the 21st Century Skills such as Self-Awareness, Behaviour Skills, time management, critical and adaptive thinking, problem-solving, creative thinking, social and cultural awareness, emotional awareness, learning to learn for continuous learning etc. in personal and professional life

Basic English Skills

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:









- **PC7.** use basic English for everyday conversation in different contexts, in person and over the telephone
- **PC8.** read and understand routine information, notes, instructions, mails, letters etc. written in English
- PC9. write short messages, notes, letters, e-mails etc. in English

Career Development & Goal Setting

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC10. understand the difference between job and career
- **PC11.** prepare a career development plan with short- and long-term goals, based on aptitude

Communication Skills

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC12.** follow verbal and non-verbal communication etiquette and active listening techniques in various settings
- PC13. work collaboratively with others in a team

Diversity & Inclusion

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC14. communicate and behave appropriately with all genders and PwD
- PC15. escalate any issues related to sexual harassment at workplace according to POSH Act

Financial and Legal Literacy

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC16. select financial institutions, products and services as per requirement
- PC17. carry out offline and online financial transactions, safely and securely
- **PC18.** identify common components of salary and compute income, expenses, taxes, investments etc

PC19. identify relevant rights and laws and use legal aids to fight against legal exploitation *Essential Digital Skills*

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC20. operate digital devices and carry out basic internet operations securely and safely
- PC21. use e- mail and social media platforms and virtual collaboration tools to work effectively
- PC22. use basic features of word processor, spreadsheets, and presentations

Entrepreneurship

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC23.** identify different types of Entrepreneurship and Enterprises and assess opportunities for potential business through research
- **PC24.** develop a business plan and a work model, considering the 4Ps of Marketing Product, Price, Place and Promotion
- **PC25.** identify sources of funding, anticipate, and mitigate any financial/ legal hurdles for the potential business opportunity

Customer Service

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- **PC26.** identify different types of customers
- PC27. identify and respond to customer requests and needs in a professional manner.









PC28. follow appropriate hygiene and grooming standards

Getting ready for apprenticeship & Jobs

To be competent, the user/individual on the job must be able to:

- PC29. create a professional Curriculum vitae (Résumé)
- **PC30.** search for suitable jobs using reliable offline and online sources such as Employment exchange, recruitment agencies, newspapers etc. and job portals, respectively
- PC31. apply to identified job openings using offline /online methods as per requirement
- **PC32.** answer questions politely, with clarity and confidence, during recruitment and selection
- PC33. identify apprenticeship opportunities and register for it as per guidelines and requirements

Knowledge and Understanding (KU)

The individual on the job needs to know and understand:

- KU1. need for employability skills and different learning and employability related portals
- KU2. various constitutional and personal values
- KU3. different environmentally sustainable practices and their importance
- KU4. Twenty first (21st) century skills and their importance
- **KU5.** how to use English language for effective verbal (face to face and telephonic) and written communication in formal and informal set up
- KU6. importance of career development and setting long- and short-term goals
- **KU7.** about effective communication
- KU8. POSH Act
- KU9. Gender sensitivity and inclusivity
- KU10. different types of financial institutes, products, and services
- **KU11.** how to compute income and expenditure
- KU12. importance of maintaining safety and security in offline and online financial transactions
- KU13. different legal rights and laws
- KU14. different types of digital devices and the procedure to operate them safely and securely
- **KU15.** how to create and operate an e- mail account and use applications such as word processors, spreadsheets etc.
- KU16. how to identify business opportunities
- KU17. types and needs of customers
- KU18. how to apply for a job and prepare for an interview
- KU19. apprenticeship scheme and the process of registering on apprenticeship portal

Generic Skills (GS)

User/individual on the job needs to know how to:

- GS1. read and write different types of documents/instructions/correspondence
- GS2. communicate effectively using appropriate language in formal and informal settings









- GS3. behave politely and appropriately with all
- **GS4.** how to work in a virtual mode
- GS5. perform calculations efficiently
- **GS6.** solve problems effectively
- **GS7.** pay attention to details
- **GS8.** manage time efficiently
- GS9. maintain hygiene and sanitization to avoid infection









Assessment Criteria

Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Introduction to Employability Skills	1	1	-	-
PC1. identify employability skills required for jobs in various industries	_	-	-	-
PC2. identify and explore learning and employability portals	-	-	-	-
Constitutional values – Citizenship	1	1	-	-
PC3. recognize the significance of constitutional values, including civic rights and duties, citizenship, responsibility towards society etc. and personal values and ethics such as honesty, integrity, caring and respecting others, etc.	-	-	-	-
PC4. follow environmentally sustainable practices	-	-	-	-
Becoming a Professional in the 21st Century	2	4	-	-
PC5. recognize the significance of 21st Century Skills for employment	-	-	-	-
PC6. practice the 21st Century Skills such as Self-Awareness, Behaviour Skills, time management, critical and adaptive thinking, problem-solving, creative thinking, social and cultural awareness, emotional awareness, learning to learn for continuous learning etc. in personal and professional life	-	_	-	_
Basic English Skills	2	3	-	-
PC7. use basic English for everyday conversation in different contexts, in person and over the telephone	-	-	-	-
PC8. read and understand routine information, notes, instructions, mails, letters etc. written in English	-	-	-	-
PC9. write short messages, notes, letters, e-mails etc. in English	-	-	-	-
Career Development & Goal Setting	1	2	-	-









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
PC10. understand the difference between job and career	-	-	-	-
PC11. prepare a career development plan with short- and long-term goals, based on aptitude	-	-	-	-
Communication Skills	2	2	-	-
PC12. follow verbal and non-verbal communication etiquette and active listening techniques in various settings	-	-	-	-
PC13. work collaboratively with others in a team	-	-	-	-
Diversity & Inclusion	1	2	-	-
PC14. communicate and behave appropriately with all genders and PwD	-	-	-	-
PC15. escalate any issues related to sexual harassment at workplace according to POSH Act	-	-	-	-
Financial and Legal Literacy	2	3	-	-
PC16. select financial institutions, products and services as per requirement	-	-	-	-
PC17. carry out offline and online financial transactions, safely and securely	-	-	-	-
PC18. identify common components of salary and compute income, expenses, taxes, investments etc	-	-	-	-
PC19. identify relevant rights and laws and use legal aids to fight against legal exploitation	-	-	-	-
Essential Digital Skills	3	4	-	-
PC20. operate digital devices and carry out basic internet operations securely and safely	-	-	-	-
PC21. use e- mail and social media platforms and virtual collaboration tools to work effectively	-	-	-	-
PC22. use basic features of word processor, spreadsheets, and presentations	_	-	_	-









Assessment Criteria for Outcomes	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks
Entrepreneurship	2	3	-	-
PC23. identify different types of Entrepreneurship and Enterprises and assess opportunities for potential business through research	-	-	-	_
PC24. develop a business plan and a work model, considering the 4Ps of Marketing Product, Price, Place and Promotion	-	-	-	-
PC25. identify sources of funding, anticipate, and mitigate any financial/ legal hurdles for the potential business opportunity	-	-	-	_
Customer Service	1	2	-	-
PC26. identify different types of customers	-	-	-	-
PC27. identify and respond to customer requests and needs in a professional manner.	_	-	_	-
PC28. follow appropriate hygiene and grooming standards	-	-	-	-
Getting ready for apprenticeship & Jobs	2	3	-	-
PC29. create a professional Curriculum vitae (Résumé)	-	-	-	-
PC30. search for suitable jobs using reliable offline and online sources such as Employment exchange, recruitment agencies, newspapers etc. and job portals, respectively	-	-	-	-
PC31. apply to identified job openings using offline /online methods as per requirement	-	-	-	-
PC32. answer questions politely, with clarity and confidence, during recruitment and selection	-	-	_	-
PC33. identify apprenticeship opportunities and register for it as per guidelines and requirements	-	-	_	-
NOS Total	20	30	-	-









National Occupational Standards (NOS) Parameters

NOS Code	DGT/VSQ/N0102
NOS Name	Employability Skills (60 Hours)
Sector	Cross Sectoral
Sub-Sector	Professional Skills
Occupation	Employability
NSQF Level	4
Credits	2
Version	1.0
Last Reviewed Date	29/03/2023
Next Review Date	29/03/2028
NSQC Clearance Date	29/03/2023

Assessment Guidelines and Assessment Weightage

Assessment Guidelines

1. Criteria for assessment for each Qualification Pack will be created by the Sector Skill Council.

2. Element/Performance Criteria (PC) will be assigned marks proportional to its importance in NOS. SSC will also lay down proportion of marks for Theory and Skills Practical for each Element/PC.

3. The assessment for the theory part will be based on knowledge bank of questions created by the SSC.

4. Assessment will be conducted for all compulsory NOS, and where applicable, on the selected elective/option NOS/set of NOS.

5. Individual assessment agencies will create unique question papers for theory part for each candidate at each examination/training center (as per assessment criteria below).

6. Individual assessment agencies will create unique evaluations for skill practical for every student at each examination/ training center based on these criteria.

7. To pass the Qualification Pack assessment, every trainee should score the Recommended Pass % aggregate for the QP.







8. In case of unsuccessful completion, the trainee may seek reassessment on the Qualification Pack.

Minimum Aggregate Passing % at QP Level : 70

(**Please note**: Every Trainee should score a minimum aggregate passing percentage as specified above, to successfully clear the Qualification Pack assessment.)

Assessment Weightage

Compulsory NOS

National Occupational Standards	Theory Marks	Practical Marks	Project Marks	Viva Marks	Total Marks	Weightage
TEL/N6267.Install of Antenna at remote end and establish link	30	60	-	10	100	20
TEL/N6268.Set up and Operate Ground Station	30	60	-	10	100	15
TEL/N6269.Signal Analysis, Ground Station Maintenance, and Security Implementation	30	60	-	10	100	15
TEL/N6270.Manage Network Operation Centre (NOC) or Hub	30	60	-	10	100	10
TEL/N6271.Incident management or PM Activity	30	60	-	10	100	10
TEL/N6272.Network Management, Performance Optimization and Testing	30	60	-	10	100	10
TEL/N9104.Manage Work, Resources and Safety at workplace	40	50	-	10	100	10
DGT/VSQ/N0102.Employability Skills (60 Hours)	20	30	-	-	50	10
Total	240	440	-	70	750	100







Acronyms

NOS	National Occupational Standard(s)
NSQF	National Skills Qualifications Framework
QP	Qualifications Pack
TVET	Technical and Vocational Education and Training







Glossary

Sector	Sector is a conglomeration of different business operations having similar business and interests. It may also be defined as a distinct subset of the economy whose components share similar characteristics and interests.
Sub-sector	Sub-sector is derived from a further breakdown based on the characteristics and interests of its components.
Occupation	Occupation is a set of job roles, which perform similar/ related set of functions in an industry.
Job role	Job role defines a unique set of functions that together form a unique employment opportunity in an organisation.
Occupational Standards (OS)	OS specify the standards of performance an individual must achieve when carrying out a function in the workplace, together with the Knowledge and Understanding (KU) they need to meet that standard consistently. Occupational Standards are applicable both in the Indian and global contexts.
Performance Criteria (PC)	Performance Criteria (PC) are statements that together specify the standard of performance required when carrying out a task.
National Occupational Standards (NOS)	NOS are occupational standards which apply uniquely in the Indian context.
Qualifications Pack (QP)	QP comprises the set of OS, together with the educational, training and other criteria required to perform a job role. A QP is assigned a unique qualifications pack code.
Unit Code	Unit code is a unique identifier for an Occupational Standard, which is denoted by an 'N'
Unit Title	Unit title gives a clear overall statement about what the incumbent should be able to do.
Description	Description gives a short summary of the unit content. This would be helpful to anyone searching on a database to verify that this is the appropriate OS they are looking for.
Scope	Scope is a set of statements specifying the range of variables that an individual may have to deal with in carrying out the function which have a critical impact on quality of performance required.









Knowledge and Understanding (KU)	Knowledge and Understanding (KU) are statements which together specify the technical, generic, professional and organisational specific knowledge that an individual needs in order to perform to the required standard.
Organisational Context	Organisational context includes the way the organisation is structured and how it operates, including the extent of operative knowledge managers have of their relevant areas of responsibility.
Technical Knowledge	Technical knowledge is the specific knowledge needed to accomplish specific designated responsibilities.
Core Skills/ Generic Skills (GS)	Core skills or Generic Skills (GS) are a group of skills that are the key to learning and working in today's world. These skills are typically needed in any work environment in today's world. These skills are typically needed in any work environment. In the context of the OS, these include communication related skills that are applicable to most job roles.
Electives	Electives are NOS/set of NOS that are identified by the sector as contributive to specialization in a job role. There may be multiple electives within a QP for each specialized job role. Trainees must select at least one elective for the successful completion of a QP with Electives.
Options	Options are NOS/set of NOS that are identified by the sector as additional skills. There may be multiple options within a QP. It is not mandatory to select any of the options to complete a QP with Options.