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EE 418 INTRODUCTION TO SATELLITE COMMUNICATIONS

HOME WORK #1

- **1.** What is the main function of the TT&C ground station in a satellite communication system?
- **2.** List the main elements of a DBS satellite communication system. What is the main function of a gateway in such a system?
- **3.** What are the main disadvantages of a geostationary communication satellite?
- **4.** What are the main advantages of having communication satellite in a Low Earth Orbit (LEO)?
- **5.** List all types of orbits that are used for communication satellites.
- 6. Why is the microwave frequency range suitable for satellite communications?
- **7.** What are the advantages of using lower microwave frequency range, such as the C band (4-6 GHz) in satellite communications?
- **8.** What are the disadvantages of using lower microwave frequency range, such as the C band (4-6 GHz) in satellite communications?
- **9.** Calculate the radius of a circular orbit for which the period is 6 hours.