SUBJECT: BASIC ELECTRONICS

Block Diagram of Communication System

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A basic communication system consists of five essential blocks:

1. Source:

This is the origin of the information you want to transmit. It can be anything from a microphone capturing sound waves to a computer generating digital data.

Examples: Microphone, camera, keyboard, sensor.

2. Transmitter:

This block takes the information from the source and converts it into a signal suitable for transmission through the chosen channel. This process often involves:

Modulation: Combining the information signal with a carrier wave to create a higher-frequency signal suitable for transmission.

Encoding: Converting the information into a format the receiver can understand (e.g., digital data into binary codes).

Amplification: Boosting the signal strength to overcome losses during transmission.

Examples: Radio transmitter, modem, encoder.

3. Channel:

This is the medium through which the transmitted signal travels from the transmitter to the receiver. It can be:

Wired: Cables (coaxial, fiber optic)

Wireless: Radio waves, microwaves, infrared waves.

Important factors: Bandwidth (amount of information the channel can carry), attenuation (signal weakening over distance), noise (unwanted interference).

4. Receiver:

This block picks up the transmitted signal from the channel and performs the opposite operations of the transmitter to recover the original information. This may involve:

Demodulation: Extracting the information signal from the carrier wave.

Decoding: Interpreting the received signal back into its original format.

Amplification: Boosting the weakened signal after transmission.

Examples: Radio receiver, modem, decoder.

5. Destination:

This is where the recovered information is delivered and presented to the intended user. It can be:

Speaker: For sound output

Display: For visual information

Computer: For data processing

Examples: Speaker, headphones, display screen, computer.

Additional Considerations:

Depending on the complexity of the system, additional blocks like error correction or encryption might be present.

The specific details and implementations of each block vary depending on the type of communication system (analog vs. digital, wired vs. wireless).



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