Midterm Computer Networks Dept. Math. & Comp. Sc. Vrije Universiteit 31.03.2006 1a What did Nyquist show? 5pt 1b Why do we often need modulation techniques? 5pt 1c What is the role of a splitter in ADSL? 5pt 2a Suppose you use the bit string 10101010 as frame delimiter. Show how bit stuffing works by means of an example. 5pt 2b Consider the following received bit string while using the Hamming 1-bit correcting code. What was the originally transmitted bit string? Explain you answer. 10pt R: 1 1 1 1 1 1 0 0 1 1 1 3a Explain the difference between 1-persistent, nonpersistent, and p-persistent CSMA protocols. 5pt 3b The contention period in CSMA/CD protocols should be larger than $2T_{prop}$ where T_{prop} is the maximal propgation time for a signal. Why? 5pt 3c The IEEE 802.11 protocol supports frame fragmentation. How does this help improve the reliability

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of frame transmission?

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