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**2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DEGREE**

**OF**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN ELECTRICAL AND  
COMMUNICATIONS ENGINEERING**

**COURSE CODE: ECE 207**

**COURSE TITLE: FLUID MECHANICS FOR ELECTRICAL  
ENGINEERS**

**DATE: 7<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**TIME: 15:00-17:00**

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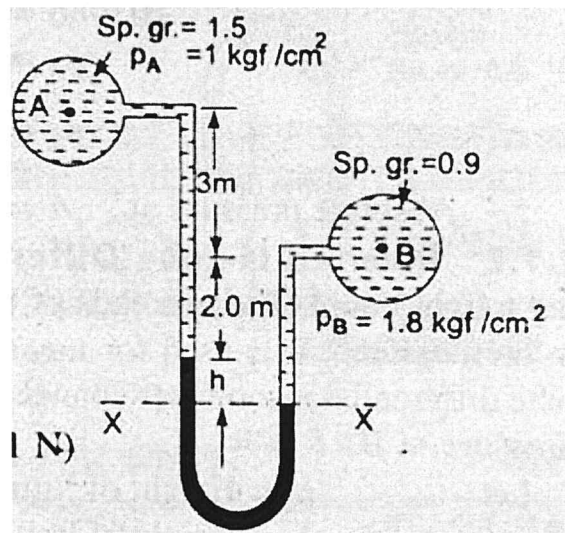
**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- a) This paper consists of FOUR questions
- b) Answer Question ONE (**compulsory**) and any other TWO Questions
- c) The Moody chart is provided
- d) All symbols have their usual meaning

**TIME: 2 Hours**

**QUESTION ONE****(30 marks)**

- a) Calculate the specific weight, density and specific gravity of one litre of a liquid which weighs 7N  
(6 marks)
- b) A flat plate of area  $1.5 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^2$  is pulled with a speed of 0.4 m/s relative to another plate located at a distance 0.15 m from it. Find the force and Power required to maintain this speed if the fluid separating them has a viscosity of 0.1 Pa.s  
(5 marks)
- c) Calculate the capillary rise in a glass tube of 2.5mm diameter when immersed vertically in water and when immersed in Mercury. Take surface tensions  $\sigma = 0.0725 \text{ N/m}$  for water and  $\sigma = 0.52 \text{ N/m}$  for mercury. The contact angles for water and mercury are 0 and 130 degrees respectively  
(4 marks)
- d) A differential Manometer is connected at the two points A and B of two pipes as shown below. The pipe A contains a liquid of specific gravity 1.5 while pipe B contains a liquid of specific gravity 0.9. The pressures at A and B are  $1 \text{ kgf/cm}^2$  and  $1.80 \text{ kgf/cm}^2$  respectively. Find the difference in mercury level in the differential manometer ( $1 \text{ kgf} = 9.81$ )  
(9 marks)



- e) A crude oil of kinematic viscosity  $0.4 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  is flowing through a pipe of diameter 300 mm. at the rate of 300 litres per second. Find the head lost due to friction for a length of 50m of the pipe  
(6 marks)

**QUESTION TWO****(20 marks)**

- a) Find the minimum size of glass tube that can be used to measure water level if the capillary rise in the glass tube is to be restricted to 2mm. Consider surface tension of water in contact with air to be 0.073575 N/m and the contact angle to be 0 degrees. **(4marks)**
- b) The diameters of a pipe at section 1 and 2 are 10cm and 15cm respectively. Find the discharge through the pipe if the velocity of water flowing through the pipe at section 1 is 5m/s. Determine also the velocity at section 2. **(4marks)**
- c) Explain the Phenomenon of Capillarity and Derive an expression for capillary rise or drop for a liquid **(5marks)**
- d) A pipe through which water is flowing, is having diameters 20cm and 10cm at crosssections 1 and 2 respectively. The velocity of water at section 1 is given as 4m/s. Find the velocity head at sections 1 and 2 and also the rate of discharge **(7marks)**

**QUESTION THREE****(20 marks)**

- a) Water is flowing through a pipe of 5cm diameter under a pressure of 29.43 N/cm<sup>2</sup> and with a mean velocity of 2m/s. Find the total head or the total energy per unit weight of the water at the crosssection, which is 5m above the datum **(6 marks)**
- b) A 25cm diameter pipe carries oil of specific gravity 0.9. at a velocity of 3m/s. At another section, the diameter is 20cm. Find the velocity at this section and also the mass flow rate of oil **(6 marks)**
- c) Air at 30 °C and atmospheric pressure flows with a velocity of 6.5 m/s through a 75-mm- diameter pipe ( absolute roughness = 0.002 mm) . Calculate the friction head loss in 30 m of pipe. **(8 marks)**

**QUESTION FOUR****(20 marks)**

- a) The diameters of a small piston and a large piston of a hydraulic Jack containing water as the fluid medium are 3cm and 10cm respectively. A force of 80N is applied on the small piston. Find the load lifted by the large piston when **(6marks)**
  - i. The pistons are at the same level
  - ii. The small piston is 40cm above the large piston
- b) A 30 cm diameter pipe conveying water branches into two pipes of diameters 20 cm and 15 cm respectively ,if the average velocity in the 30cm pipe is 2.5m/s, find the discharge in this pipe Determine also the velocity in the 15cm pipe if the average velocity in the 20cm pipe is 2m/s **(7 marks)**
- c) Derive an expression for Bernoulli's theorem from first principles and state the assumptions made for such a derivation **(7marks)**

### General information

Standard acceleration:  $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$

Standard atmospheric pressure:  $1 \text{ atm} = 101.325 \text{ kPa} = 760 \text{ mmHg} = 10.33 \text{ mH}_2\text{O}$

Universal gas constant:  $R_U = 8.314 \text{ kJ/kmol K}$

Composition of air:

Comp	Mol. Mass(kg/kmol)	%
N <sub>2</sub>	28	78.09
O <sub>2</sub>	32	20.95
Ar	39.95	0.93
CO <sub>2</sub>	44	0.03

Properties of air:

Molar mass/molecular weight:  $M = 28.96 \text{ kg/kmol}$

Specific gas constant:  $R = 0.287 \text{ kJ/kg K}$

Specific heat capacity at const pressure:  $C_P = 1.005 \text{ kJ/kg K}$

Specific heat capacity at const volume:  $C_V = 0.718 \text{ kJ/kg K}$

Specific heat ratio:  $\frac{C_P}{C_V} = 1.4$

### Unit conversion factors

Pressure:  $1 \text{ bar} = 10^5 \text{ Pa}$

Dynamic viscosity  $\mu$ :  $1 \text{ kgm}^{-1}\text{s}^{-1} = 1 \text{ N s m}^{-2} = 1 \text{ Pa.s}$

Kinematic viscosity  $\nu$ :  $1 \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1} = 10^4 \text{ stokes}$

Energy:  $1 \text{ kJ} = 10^3 \text{ N.m}$

Power:  $1 \text{ kW} = 1 \text{ kJ/s}$

### Properties of water

Temperature (°C)	Density $\rho$ , (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Specific weight $\gamma$ , (N/m <sup>3</sup> )	Viscosity $\mu$ , (N.s/m <sup>2</sup> )	Kinematic viscosity $\nu$ , (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	Bulk modulus B, (Pa)	Surface tension $\sigma$ , (N/m)	Vapor Pressure (kPa)
0	999.9	9809	$1.792 \times 10^{-3}$	$1.792 \times 10^{-6}$	$204 \times 10^7$	$7.62 \times 10^{-2}$	0.610
5	1000	9810	1.519	1.519	206	7.54	0.872
10	999.7	9807	1.308	1.308	211	7.48	1.13
15	999.1	9801	1.140	1.141	214	7.41	1.60
20	998.2	9792	1.005	1.007	220	7.36	2.34
30	995.7	9768	0.801	0.804	223	7.18	4.24
40	992.2	9733	0.656	0.661	227	7.01	7.38
50	988.1	9693	0.549	0.556	230	6.82	12.3
60	983.2	9645	0.469	0.477	228	6.68	19.9
70	977.8	9592	0.406	0.415	225	6.50	31.2
80	971.8	9533	0.357	0.367	221	6.30	47.3
90	965.3	9470	0.317	0.328	216	6.12	70.1
100	958.4	9402	$0.284 \times 10^{-3}$	$0.296 \times 10^{-6}$	$207 \times 10^7$	$5.94 \times 10^{-2}$	101.3

### Properties of Air at Atmospheric Pressure

Temperature (°C)	Density $\rho$ , (kg/m <sup>3</sup> )	Viscosity $\mu$ , (N.s/m <sup>2</sup> )	Kinematic viscosity $\nu$ , (m <sup>2</sup> /s)	Speed of sound $c$ , (m/s)
-30	1.452	$1.56 \times 10^{-5}$	$1.08 \times 10^{-5}$	312
-20	1.394	1.61	1.16	319
-10	1.342	1.67	1.24	325
0	1.292	1.72	1.33	331
10	1.247	1.76	1.42	337
20	1.204	1.81	1.51	343
30	1.164	1.86	1.60	349
40	1.127	1.91	1.69	355
50	1.092	1.95	1.79	360
60	1.060	2.00	1.89	366
70	1.030	2.05	1.99	371
80	1.000	2.09	2.09	377
90	0.973	2.13	2.19	382
100	0.946	2.17	2.30	387
200	0.746	2.57	3.45	436
300	0.616	$2.93 \times 10^{-5}$	$4.75 \times 10^{-5}$	480

