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B.Tech.  
PCE3I101

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FLUID FLOW & FLOW MEASUREMENT

BRANCH : CHEM, PT

Time : 3 Hours

Max Marks : 100

Q.CODE : B968

Answer Question No.1 and 2 which are compulsory and any four from the rest.

The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.

Assume suitable notations and any missing data wherever necessary.

Answer all parts of a question at a place.

1. Answer the following questions : (2x10)

(a) Cornstarch, pastes, slurries of clay and titanium dioxide, sugar, etc. are examples of:

- i. Shear thickening fluids
- ii. Shear thinning fluids
- iii. Bingham plastics
- iv. Newtonian fluids

(b) Values of high vacuum are generally expressed in terms of:

- i. Atm
- ii. mm Water column
- iii. kPa
- iv. Torr

(c) Skin friction is due to:

- i. Pressure distribution
- ii. Friction factor
- iii. Viscous drag
- iv. Surface tension

(d) Above what Reynolds numbers, for flow past a sphere, flow separation takes place?

- i.  $N_{Re} > 1$
- ii.  $N_{Re} > 20$
- iii.  $N_{Re} > 100$
- iv.  $N_{Re} > 2000$

(e) In laminar flow, friction factor is dependent on roughness factor.

- i. True
- ii. False

(f) What is beta ratio ?

- i. ratio of orifice plate bore and pipe outer diameter
- ii. ratio of orifice plate bore and pipe internal diameter
- iii. ratio of pipe outer diameter and orifice plate bore
- iv. ratio of pipe internal diameter and orifice plate bore

(g) The average values of orifice and venturicoefficients are:

- i. 0.5 and 0.8
- ii. 0.8 and 1.0
- iii. 0.6 and 0.9
- iv. 0.9 and 1.2

(h) NPSH for hot/boiling liquids is high.

- i. True

- ii. False
- (i) Positive displacement pumps generally operate at low inlet velocities.
  - i. True
  - ii. False
- (j) Ratio of volumetric flow rate and cross-sectional area for flow is known as:
  - i. Mass velocity
  - ii. Average velocity
  - iii. Instantaneous velocity
  - iv. Superficial velocity

**2. Answer the following questions : (2x10)**

- (a) Why dimensional analysis method is chosen over formal mathematical development and a completely empirical study ?
- (b) Explain dilatant and rheopectic fluids with examples.
- (c) A plate of area  $0.15 \text{ m}^2$  is pulled at  $0.3 \text{ m/s}$  with respect to another stationary parallel plate  $1.5 \text{ mm}$  distant from it. If the space between the plates containing a liquid of viscosity  $0.001 \text{ N.s/m}^2$ , find the forces necessary to maintain this velocity.
- (d) Mention the utility of Hagen-Poiseuille's equation.
- (e) Differentiate between isotropic and anisotropic turbulence.
- (f) The pressure loss in orificemeters is more than venturimeters. Explain.
- (g) What is creeping flow ?
- (h) Mention the values of  $\frac{\bar{v}}{u_{max}}$  for different values of  $N_{Re}$ .
- (i) Mention the use of notches and weirs.
- (j) What is cavitation ?

**3. (a) In a compressor, the frictional torque  $T$  in the impeller depends on diameter of the impeller  $D$ , rotational speed  $N$ , fluid density  $\rho$ , and viscosity  $\mu$ . Using Buckingham's  $\pi$ -theorem, show that the frictional torque  $T$  can be expressed as: (10)**

$$T = \rho N^2 D^5 f\left(\frac{\mu}{\rho N D^2}\right)$$

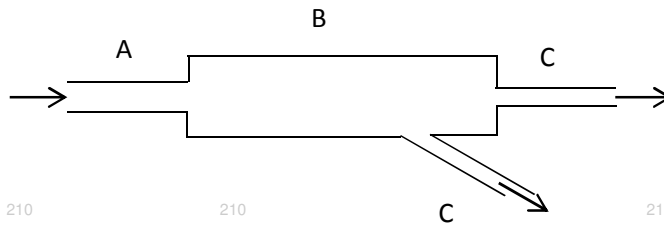
- (b) Derive the Barometric equation. Mention its use. (5)**

**4. (a) A submarine is designed to operate 3 KM below the sea surface. If the interior pressure is  $1.2 \text{ atm}$ , what is the total pressure on a  $20 \text{ cm}$  diameter window ? The average density of seawater is  $1025 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . (4)**

- (b) The temperature of the earth's atmosphere falls about  $5^\circ\text{C}$  for every  $1000 \text{ m}$  of elevation above the earth's surface. At ground level the air temperature is  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and the pressure is  $760 \text{ mm Hg}$ . Assuming air to be an ideal gas, calculate the elevation at which the pressure is  $400 \text{ mm Hg}$ . How much error would be introduced in the answer, if hydrostatic equilibrium equation is used with the density calculated at  $0^\circ\text{C}$  and an arithmetic average pressure ? (6)**

- (c) Discuss with a neat sketch the development of turbulent boundary layer on a flat plate. (5)**

**5. (a) An oil of specific gravity  $0.9$  flows through the piping as shown in the figure. Pipe A is  $52 \text{ mm}$ , pipe B is  $74 \text{ mm}$ , and each of pipes C is  $40 \text{ mm}$  in internal diameter. An equal quantity of liquid flows through each of the pipes C. The flow through pipe A is  $6.7 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ . Calculate: (i) mass flow rate in each pipe, (ii) average linear velocity in each pipe, and (iii) mass velocity in each pipe. (6)**



- (b) The velocity profile for laminar flow in a circular pipe is given by: **(9)**

$$u = u_{\max} \left( 1 - \left( \frac{r}{R} \right)^2 \right), \text{ where, } u_{\max} = \text{constant} = \text{velocity at the center}$$

line of the pipe,  $r$  = radial distance from the center line of pipe, and  $R$  = radius of pipe.

What is average velocity,

Show that the velocity gradient varies linearly with radius, and  
Find the velocity gradient at the wall and also at the center line.

6. (a) Derive the Bernoulli equation without friction with a suitable diagram. **(10)**

- (b) A laptop is cooled by a fan whose flow rate is  $0.4 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ . Determine the mass flow rate of air through the fan at an elevation of 3500 m where the air density is  $0.8 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . Also, if the average velocity of air is not to exceed  $100 \text{ m/min}$ , determine the diameter of the casing of the fan. **(5)**

7. (a) A bed of ion-exchange beads 2.5 m deep is to be backwashed with water to remove dirt. The particles have a density of  $1.2 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and have an average size of 1.1 mm. What is the minimum fluidization velocity using water at  $25^\circ\text{C}$  and what velocity is required to expand the bed by 25%? Take  $\Phi_S = 1.0$  and  $\square_M = 0.40$ . **(8)**

- (b) Discuss in detail the mechanism of fluidization. With a suitable plot explain the variation of pressure drop and bed height with respect to the superficial velocity. **(7)**

8. (a) Explain in detail the characteristic curves of the centrifugal pump. **(10)**  
(b) Briefly discuss about the operation of a rotameter. **(5)**

9. **Write short notes on :**

- (a) Friction factor **(5)**  
(b) Net positive suction head **(5)**  
(c) Slip of reciprocating pumps **(5)**