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EBC 2304: HYDRAULICS

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**SERIES: APRIL 2015**

**TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Answer any **THREE** questions of the **FIVE** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

Use neat, large and well labeled diagrams where required

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### Question One

- a) Briefly explain the following:  
(i) Open channel  
(ii) Uniform flow  
(iii) Wetted perimeter (6 marks)
- b) An open channel is V-shaped, each side sloping at  $45^\circ$  to the vertical, rate of flow  $Q = 0.085\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  when depth is 250mm. Calculate slope of the channel take chezy constant = 50 in SI units (8 marks)
- c) The cross section of an open channel is shaped in the form of a trapezium with side slopes 1:2. Assuming chezy constant  $C = 50$  in SI units find discharge if depth of water is 1.55m and bed slopes at 1 in 800 (6 marks)

### Question Two

- a) Explain the term “Hydraulic mean depth” (2 marks)
- b) Deduce the manning expression from Chezy formula (4 marks)
- c) A trapezoidal canal has trapezoidal side slopes 1:2 and bottom width 2.6m. The canal discharges at a depth of 1.5m. If bed slopes at 1 in 3000 determine the discharge. Take manning coefficient  $n = 0.025$  (7 marks)
- d) A trapezoidal channel of bottom width 1.8m has side slope 1 vertical to 2 horizontal. The channel bed slopes at 1 in 2000 and discharge water a depth of 1.5m. Find flow velocity using Chezy, C expressed as 
$$C = \frac{87}{1 + \frac{K}{\sqrt{M}}}$$
 where K is Bazin coefficient = 1.3 (7 marks)

### Question Three

- a) Show that a rectangular channel discharges at maximum when its breadth is twice the depth (8 marks)
- b) A trapezoidal channel conveys  $150\text{m}^3/\text{min}$  when its cross section is minimum. Its bed slopes at 1 in 500 and sides slope at  $45^\circ$ . Determine its dimensions: (12 marks)  
(Take  $C = 56$  in SI units)

### Question Four

- a) A sewer consists of circular x-section diameter 0.4m bed slopes at 1 in 200. Find maximum discharge if Chezy coefficient  $C = 50$  in SI units (6 marks)
- b) Explain the following terms as applied to open channels of non-uniform flow:  
(i) “Critical velocity”  
(ii) “Shooting flow” (4 marks)

- c) (I) Show that critical depth for flow in a open channel triangular shaped with side slope 1:N when

$$D_c = \frac{4}{5} H$$

where H is specific energy

- (II) Water flow in a channel of rectangular shape at 1.4m depth and at a velocity of 1.35m/s.

Determine:

- (i) Specific energy for flow
- (ii) Critical depth
- (iii) Maximum discharge if the channel is 2.5m wide (10 marks)

### Question Five

- a) Briefly explain:

- (i) The operation principle that apply to centrifugal pump
- (ii) The term specific speed of a centrifugal pump (8 marks)

- b) A centrifugal pump operating at 1200 rev/min provided the following results:

Discharge (m <sup>3</sup> /min)	0	3.5	8.0	12.5	17.0	21.5
Head (m)	21.5	21.2	20.6	18.5	13.1	0

The pump is connected to a 300mm diameter pipe 70m long and discharges to the atmosphere at a height of 10m above sump level. Taking  $f = 0.006$  calculate the:

- (i) Required head and
- (ii) Determine graphically operating parameters for the system (12 marks)