



**KENYATTA UNIVERSITY**  
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**FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF**  
**SCIENCE IN PETROLEUM ENGINEERING**  
**EPL 504: WELL AND RESERVOIR SIMULATIONS**

**DATE: MONDAY 26<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2018**

**TIME: 8.00 A.M. – 10.00 A.M.**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer ALL Questions**

**QUESTION 1: (15 Marks)**

- A. An example of a tank model is \_\_\_\_\_
- B. What is a sector Model?
- C. Reservoir model designs are influenced by the following:
- i. Type and complexity of problem
  - ii. Availability and quality of data
  - iii. Time available for study
  - iv. economic considerations
  - v. All of the above
- D. Grid blocks and timestep sizes of 3D models must:
- i. Identify saturations and Pressure at specific locations and times
  - ii. Describe reservoir geometry, geology and properties
  - iii. Describe dynamic saturations and pressure profiles in sufficient detail
  - iv. Be compatible with the mathematics so that solutions are accurate and stable
  - v. Satisfy all the above
- E. Wells must be represented as *sinks* or *sources* in reservoir simulators
- F. The mathematical model of a reservoir system requires the combination of a number of equations. List 4 equations that would be used in a thermal flood simulator.
- G. Gas condensate reservoirs will be best modeled using \_\_\_\_\_ simulators
- H. The challenges of data integration during reservoir modeling include the following:
- i. Data are not available at the same time
  - ii. Quality of data from various sources may be different
  - iii. Information may not be measured at the same scale and resolution
  - iv. Some solutions are not unique and require multiple models
  - v. All of the above
- I. Data requirement for modeling primary oil recovery processes are:
- i. Less than those for secondary oil recovery processes
  - ii. More than those of secondary oil recovery processes
  - iii. Same as those of secondary oil recovery processes
  - iv. Not significant
  - v. None of the above

J. A reservoir is 10 miles long and 4 miles wide. A gridblock was defined with  $DX=DY= 1/8$  mile. If five model layers are used, what is the total number of gridblocks needed in the model?

**Question 2. (Total 25 Marks)**

(a) Write the implicit, explicit and Crank Nicholson finite difference schemes for the following equations:

$$K \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t} \quad (i)$$

$$\frac{\partial P}{\partial t} = \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial x^2} + \frac{\partial^2 P}{\partial y^2} \quad (ii)$$

(15 Marks)

(b) Using an example equation, explain what you understand by IMPES (5 Marks)

(c) Mention and explain 3 factors that can affect the accuracy of a simulation model. (5 Marks)

**Question 3 (Total 10 Marks)**

The following data were obtained for gas formation volume factor ( $B_g$ ) at different pressures. Using the least squares method, estimate  $B_g$  at 3320 and 2800 Psia respectively. (10 Marks)

Pressure (psia)	$B_g$ (Cu ft./Scf)
3480	0.00488844
3190	0.0052380
3139	0.0053086
3093	0.0053747
3060	0.0054237

**Question 4. (Total 20 Marks)**

The Fourier's Law for heat conduction in a solid can be expressed as:

$$K \frac{\partial^2 T}{\partial x^2} = \frac{\partial T}{\partial t}$$

Use the implicit finite difference method to solve for the temperature distribution of a long, thin rod with a length of 10 cm and the following values:  $Dx = 2$ cm,  $Dt = 0.1$ s. At  $t=0$ , the temperature of the rod is zero and the boundary conditions are fixed for all times at  $T(0) = 100$  oC and  $T(10) = 50$  oC. Assume  $K = 0.835$  cm<sup>2</sup>/s. (20 Marks)

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