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**FLUID MECHANICS N5**

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**Nonprogrammable calculators and drawing instruments may be used.**

**This question paper consists of 6 pages and a formula sheet of 2 pages.**

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TIME: 3 HOURS  
MARKS: 100


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**NOTE:** If you answer more than the required number of questions only the required number will be marked. Clearly cross out ALL work you do NOT want to be marked.



**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. Answer any FIVE questions.
  2. Read ALL the questions carefully.
  3. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
  4. Use  $g = 9,81 \text{ m/s}^2$ .
  5. Show ALL units especially in the answers.
  6. Write neatly and legibly.
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**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 Define a *real fluid* and define the *specific weight* of this substance with its unit. (3)
- 1.2 Calculate the specific gravity of grease used for lubricating a clearance space between a square plate (0,95 m × 0,95 m) and an inclined surface plane. The angle of inclination for the surface plane is 35° with the horizontal. The mass of the square plate is 31 kg and it slides down the surface plane with a uniform velocity of 0,5 m/s. The kinematic viscosity of the grease is  $849,308 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  and clearance space between the square. The inclined plane is 2 mm.  (10)
- HINT:** Consider the weight-gravitational components acting on the inclined surface plane.
- 1.3 Oil is used to lubricate a solid shaft rotating inside a 95 mm long sleeve. The solid shaft and sleeve diameters are 400 mm and 401,5 mm respectively. Determine the speed at which the solid shaft must rotate in r/min to overcome a viscous force of 181 N. (7)
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**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 Define *dynamic viscosity* (*absolute viscosity*). (2)
- 2.2. Define each of the following terms used in fluid-flowing systems:
- 2.2.1 Continuity of flow  (4)
- 2.2.2 Mass flow rate (2 × 2) (4)
- 2.3 An oil drop of 2 mm in diameter falls freely from a height into a water reservoir. The oil droplet has a surface-tension coefficient of 0,07 N/m. Determine:
- 2.3.1 The surface tension of the oil drop  (4)
- 2.3.2 The pressure difference on the surface of the oil drop (2 × 2) (4)

- 2.4 A piezometer is used to measure the pressure in a pipeline which delivers different types of fluid.

To keep a constant pressure of 150 kPa, at which pressure head should the following fluids in the pipe be when:


2.4.1 The pipe carries water 

2.4.2 The pipe carries oil with a specific gravity of 0,83

(2 × 2) (4)

- 2.5 A cylinder with an internal diameter of 80 mm and a stroke length of 350 mm has a double-acting actuator with a 20 mm diameter single rod sliding inside the actuator. Fluid is drawn into the cylinder at a rate of 200 millilitres per second at a pressure of 500 kPa during the sliding motion.

Calculate:


2.5.1 The difference in the force between the outward and inward strokes  (4)

2.5.2 The time to complete the outward (forward) stroke (2)

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### QUESTION 3

- 3.1 Explain Archimedes' principle as applied to floating bodies and state the role density plays in this principle. (5)


- 3.2 A hollow steel pipe, with a diameter of 1,2 m and 3 m long and with both ends closed off with the same metal and thickness as the pipe, floats in water with 30% of its volume above the water. 

HINT:  $V = \pi \times D \times L \times t + 2 \frac{\pi \times D^2}{4} t$

$$V = \pi \times D \times (L - 2t)t + \left( 2 \frac{\pi \times D^2}{4} t \right)$$

Determine:

3.2.1 The weight of the pipe (3)

3.2.2 The thickness of the metal needed to have the pipe floating just below the water surface (the density of steel is 7 850 kg/m<sup>3</sup>)  (8)

3.2.3 The hydrostatic force on one of the circular sides if the pipe floats horizontally below the water (4)

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**QUESTION 4**

- 4.1 Briefly explain the difference between a *lamina* and a *turbulent* flow region in a fluid field in relation to the viscosity of a fluid. Give an example of a fluid for each flow region to support the answer. (2 + 2) (4)
- 4.2 A fuel with a relative density of 0,82 is pumped into a jumbo jet. The velocity of flow inside a 100 mm diameter refuel pipe is 0,1 m/s. Determine whether the fuel velocity of flow inside the pipe is lamina or turbulent if its kinematic viscosity is  $24,39 - 10^{-6}$  Pa.s. (5)
- 4.3 200 000 litres of fuel is to be loaded to the jumbo jet in QUESTION 4.2 through a refuel pipe for a long-distance flight. The refuel pipe is 100 mm in diameter and the fuel is pumped into ventilated tanks at a pressure of 100 kPa at ground level. These tanks have an average height of 3 m above the ground level and the rate at which the fuel level rises inside these tanks could be neglected. There is a head loss of 5 m in the refuel system.
- Calculate:
- 4.3.1 The rate of flow at which the aircraft is filled up (7)
- 4.3.2 The time it would take to refuel the aircraft in minutes (3)
- 4.3.3 The rate at which the mass of the aircraft drops during the flight if all the engines consume a total of 225 litres of fuel per minute (1)
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**QUESTION 5**

- 5.1 What is the function of a venturi flowmeter in a pipe fluid-flow system? (3)
- 5.2 A ski-boat with a maximum speed of 50 km/h must be fitted with a pitot tube and a speedometer. The speedometer is mounted 1 m above the pitot tube which is at the rear of the boat. The pitot tube has a tube coefficient of unity and the pipe from the pitot tube to the speedometer is full of water.
- Calculate the pressure at the speedometer. (6)

- 5.3 A prototype assembly of a hydraulic system consists of the components listed in the table below:

Part name	Quantity	Friction coefficient (k)	Length (m)	Diameter (m)
90° bend pipe	2	0,75	-	-
Filter	1	3	-	-
Valve	1	0,64	-	-
Connecting pipe	1	-	10	25

Assuming the rate of flow through the hydraulic system is 1,2 litres per second, and the pipe friction coefficient is 0,002, calculate:

- 5.3.1 The length-to-diameter ratio of the prototype system (7)
- 5.3.2 The system head loss (4)
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## QUESTION 6

A reducer bend is installed in a hydraulic pipe system having a bend angle of 55° upwards to the horizontal. On the inlet section of the bend, there is an internal diameter of 150 mm in which water is flowing at a velocity of 2 m/s at a pressure of 300 kPa. An outlet section of the bend is 100 mm in diameter and positioned at a height of 3 m above the inlet section. The hydraulic system experiences a total head loss of 2 m through the bend.

Calculate the following:

- 6.1 The weight flow through the bend (3)
- 6.2 The velocity of flow at the outlet (2)
- 6.3 The pressure at the outlet (4)
- 6.4 The power loss in the bend (2)
- 6.5 The reaction force at the inlet and outlet (4)
- 6.6 The magnitude and direction of the resultant force (5)
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**TOTAL: 100**

**FORMULA SHEET**

$$\rho = \frac{m}{v}$$

$$SG = Rel = \frac{\rho_{\text{substance}}}{\rho_{\text{water}}}$$

$$\text{Specific } \omega = \frac{\text{weight}}{\text{volume}} = \rho g$$

$$P = \frac{F}{A}$$

$$P_{\text{absolute}} = P_{\text{gauge}} + P_{\text{atmospheric}}$$

$$P_{\text{gauge}} = \rho g h$$

$$F_{\text{Surface tension}} = \sigma 2\pi R$$

$$\Delta P = P_i - P_o = \frac{2\sigma}{R} = \frac{4\sigma}{D}$$

$$F_{\text{viscous}} = \frac{\mu A v}{t} \text{ and } v = \frac{\mu}{\rho}$$

$$W = mg$$

$$W_{\text{perpendicular-inclined plane}} = mg \cos \theta$$

$$W_{\text{parallel-inclined plane}} = mg \sin \theta$$

$$K_e = \frac{P}{\epsilon_v}$$

$$\epsilon_v = \frac{\Delta V}{V}$$

$$\frac{1}{K_e} = \frac{1}{K_\ell} + \frac{1}{K_c} + \frac{V_g}{V_t} \left( \frac{1}{K_g} \right)$$

$$K_g = \delta P \text{ and } K_c = \frac{E}{2,5}$$

$$F_{\text{hydrostatic}} = \rho g A \bar{y}$$

$$\bar{h} = \frac{I \sin^2 \theta}{Ay} + \bar{y}$$

$$I_{g(\text{rectangular})} = \frac{bd^3}{12}$$

$$I_{g(\text{circular})} = \frac{\pi D^4}{64}$$

$$W = R = \rho g V$$

$$V_{\text{hollow-pipe with closed ends}} = \pi D L t + 2 \frac{\pi}{4} D^2 t$$

$$Q \text{ or } V = A_1 u_1 = A_2 u_2; \quad m = \rho V; \quad W = g m = \rho g A u; \quad P = H W = \rho g Q H$$

$$\frac{P_1}{\rho g} + \frac{u_1^2}{2g} + Z_1 + \frac{P_{\text{pump}}}{W} = H_{\text{total}} = \frac{P_2}{\rho g} + \frac{u_2^2}{2g} + Z_2 + \frac{P_{\text{motor}}}{W} + \frac{P_{\text{turbine}}}{W} + h_{\text{loss}} (J/N, m)$$

$$\frac{P_{\text{turbine}}}{W} = \text{Turbine head}; \quad \frac{P_{\text{pump}}}{W} = \text{Pump head}; \quad \eta = \frac{P_F}{P_m} \times 100; \quad R_e = \frac{\rho v D}{\mu}$$

$h_{\text{loss}} (J/N) \text{ or } m$ :

$$h_s = k \frac{u^2}{2g}; \quad h_s = \left( \frac{1}{C_c} - 1 \right)^2 \frac{u^2}{2g}; \quad h_a = h(1 - C_v^2); \quad h_f = 4f \left( \frac{L_e}{d} \right)_T \frac{u^2}{2g}$$

$$h_s = \frac{(u_1 - u_2)^2}{2g}$$

$$F_{\text{inlet}} = m u_1 + P_1 A_1 \quad \text{and} \quad F_{\text{exit}} = m u_2 + P_2 A_2$$

Flat plate : Stationary  $F = \rho A u^2$  Moving  $F = \rho A (u - u_m)^2$  Angle  $F = \rho A u^2 \cos \theta$

Curved : X - Direction  $F_x = \rho A u^2 (1 + \cos \theta)$  Y - Direction  $F_y = \rho A u^2 \sin \theta$

$$U_m = \frac{\pi D n}{60}; \quad P = m V_w u_m; \quad \eta = \frac{2 V_w u_m}{u_1^2} \times 100$$