



# THE MOMBASA POLYTECHNIC UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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DEPARTMENT OF ELECTRICAL AND ELECTRONIC ENGINEERING

**DIPLOMA IN TECHNOLOGY  
MECHANICAL & ROBOTICS ENGINEERING (DMRE 5)  
INSTRUMENTATION & CONTROL ENGINEERING (DICE 5)**

EME 2308: PNEUMATIC & HYDRAULICS

**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**

**SERIES: OCTOBER 2011**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer booklet*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Answer question **ONE (COMPULSORY)** and any other **TWO** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are clearly shown.

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

## SECTION A (COMPULSORY)

### Question 1

- a) State **FIVE** advantages of Hydraulic power area pneumatic power (5 marks)
- b) Explain the formation
- Turbulence
  - Eddies
- (4 marks)
- c) Calculate the absolute pressure of a 76cm head of mercury given its relative density as 936 and the atmosphere pressure as 101.3KN (5 marks)
- d) Sketch a simple oil barometer showing an atmosphere pressure of 78.4N/m<sup>2</sup> given the relative density of oil is 0.8 (take  $g = 9.81\text{m/s}^2$ ) (3 marks)
- e) State the **FIVE** basic components that make up a hydraulic or pneumatic circuit (5 marks)
- f) Explain the following:
- Viscosity
  - Streamline flow
  - Hydrostatics
  - Fluid
- (4 marks)
- g) From basic principles, derive the Bernoulli's equation (4 marks)

## SECTION B (Answer any TWO questions from this section - 20 marks each)

### Question 2

- a) Water flows at a rate of 9000kg/min between an inlet of 0.9m diameter and an outlet of 0.45m diameter. The inlet is 1.3m vertically above outlet. Given the density of water as 1000kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Calculate the pressure difference between the Inlet and the Outlet. (10 marks)
- b) Design and sketch a pneumatic circuit for a car wash consisting of the following components
- Non Return valve
  - Pressure relief valve
  - Compressor
  - Filter
  - Pressure regulator
  - Pressure gauge
  - Globe valve
  - Reservoir
- (10 marks)

### Question 3

$$\frac{p}{\rho g} = \frac{V^2}{2}$$

- a) From the conservation of energy principle, show that;

Where  $p$  – static pressure  
 $\rho$   
 - Density  
 $G$  = gravitational acceleration  
 $V$  = Velocity (7 marks)

- b) An orifice of 50mm diameter is at the base of a tank filled with oil upto 6m depth and at a vertical height of 30m from the ground. If the relative density of the oil is 0.8 and the pressure loss is a head of 3.6m. Calculate
- The volumetric and the mass flow rates of discharge of the oil through the orifice
  - The power the oil develops as it hits the ground
  - The power loss in KW. (13 marks)

#### Question 4

- a) Design and sketch a hydraulic circuit for a hydraulic powered conveyor system having the following components
- Filter
  - Reservoir
  - Pressure relief valve
  - Pressure regulator
  - Pressure gauge.
  - 3 position, 4 way directional control valve
  - 5 Double acting cylinder
  - Pump (12 marks)
- b) The inlet and outlet pressure of a fluid flowing in a horizontal pipe are 126KN/m<sup>2</sup> and 140KN/m<sup>2</sup> respectively. The pipe tapers from 100mm diameter at the inlet to 150mm diameter at the outlet. If the fluid has a relative density of 0.8, calculate the mass and volumetric flow rate at the outlet. (8 marks)

#### Question 5

- a) The jet of a fluid from a 10mm diameter orifice falls a vertical distance of 33cm and a horizontal distance of 1.5m away from a tank filled with oil up to a depth of 7.8m. If the mass flow rate is 13.6kg/min and the relative density of the oil is 0.76, calculate:
- The co-efficient of discharge
  - The co-efficient of velocity
  - The co-efficient of contraction
  - The power of the jet (12 marks)
- b) Explain the working principle and sketch the graphic symbol for the following components.
- Strainer/filter
  - Pressure relief valve
  - Pressure regulator
  - Double acting cylinder (8 marks)