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**AMA 4419: FLUID MECHANICS III**

**SPECIAL/ SUPPLIMENTARY EXAMINATIONS**

**SERIES: SEPTEMBER- 2018**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

*-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID*

This paper consists of five (5) questions. Attempt Question One and any other Two Questions.

Use SMP four figure mathematical tables and non-programmable electronic calculators.

**Do not write on the question paper.**

**Question ONE (30 MARKS) compulsory**

- a) State the Buckingham's  $\pi$  (Pi) theorem. 2 marks
- b) The boundary layer thickness at a distance of 1m from the leading edge of a flat plate kept over zero angle of incidence to the flow direction is 1mm. The velocity outside the boundary layer is 25m/s, determine the boundary layer thickness at a distance of 4m if it is entirely laminar. 3 marks
- c) In an oil field a well is sunk into a reservoir of a spherical sphere, the oil is coming from oil bearing rocks into the reservoir. Assuming that pressure  $P_1$  in the rocks is much higher than the pressure  $P_0$  in the reservoir and the permeability of the rocks is  $k = k_0 r^3$  where  $r$  is the radial distance from the centre of the reservoir. Find what would be the radius of the reservoir so that uninterrupted supply of oil at the rate  $q$  can be obtained from the well. 7 marks

d) Define the following non dimensional parameters:

- i) Froude number. 1 mark
- ii) Weber number. 1 mark
- iii) Mach number. 1 mark

e) A geometrically similar model of an air duct is built to  $\frac{1}{50}$  scale and tested with water which is 75 times more viscous and 1200 denser than air. When tested under dynamically similar conditions the pressure drop is  $400\text{KN/m}^2$  in the model. Find the corresponding pressure drop in the full scale prototype. 6 marks

f) In a step bearing of breadth  $b$ , with the step centrally positioned.

i) Show that the volumetric flow rate  $Q$  through the bearing is given by  $Q = \frac{V(1+H^2)}{2(1+H^3)}bh_1$  where

$$H = \frac{h_1}{h_2} . \quad \text{4 marks}$$

ii) The bearing has the following dimensions;  $h_1=0.5\text{mm}$ ,  $h_2=0.25\text{mm}$ ,  $L=100\text{mm}$ ,  $b=100\text{mm}$ , while it is used in conjunction with an oil of relative density 0.87 and kinematic viscosity  $2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}^2\text{s}^{-1}$ . The relative velocity between the bearing surfaces is  $10\text{m.s}^{-1}$ , determine the volumetric flow rate of oil. 2 marks

iii) Determine the load supported by the step bearing. 3 marks

### Question TWO (20 MARKS)

a) A model of submarine is scaled down to  $1/20$  of the prototype and is to be tested in a wind tunnel where free stream pressure is  $2.0\text{MPa}$ , absolute temperature is  $50^\circ\text{C}$  and the speed of the prototype is  $7.72\text{m/s}$ . Determine the free stream velocity of air and the ratio of the drag between model and prototype. Assume kinematic viscosity of sea water as  $1.4 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  and viscosity of air as  $0.0184\text{Ns/m}^2$ . 6 marks

b) Show that the mass flux in a porous annulus of radii  $r = a$  and  $r = b$  where  $b > a$  in which the pressure  $P = P_0$  when

$r = a$  and  $P = P_1$  when  $r = b$  if permeability  $k$  is a constant will be  $q = \frac{2\pi k}{\mu} \left( \frac{P_1 - P_0}{\ln \frac{a}{b}} \right)$ . 7 marks

c) Obtain an expression for the ratio of displacement thickness to momentum thickness, for a steady Poiseuille flow

in a cylindrical pipe of radius  $R$  given that the velocity distribution is  $u = -\frac{1}{4\mu} \cdot \frac{\partial p}{\partial x} (R^2 - y^2)$  where  $y$  is the

distance measured perpendicularly inside the pipe from the centre line. 7 marks

**Question THREE (20 MARKS)**

a) If the velocity distribution in the boundary is given by  $\frac{u}{U} = \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^{1/7}$ ,  $\delta$  being boundary layer thickness.

Calculate: i) Displacement thickness. 2 marks

ii) Momentum thickness. 2 marks

iii) Shape factor. 1 mark

iv) Energy thickness. 3 marks

v) Energy loss due to boundary layer if at a particular section, the boundary layer thickness is 25mm and the free stream velocity is 15m/s. 2 marks

vi) If the discharge through the boundary layer region is  $6\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  per metre width, express this energy loss in terms of metres of head. Take  $\rho=1.2\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ . 1 mark

b). A plane bearing plate is traversed by a wide inclined slipper of 15cm in length moving at 2 m/sec. The clearance between the slipper and bearing plate is 0.03mm at the toe and 0.09mm at the heel. If the bearing has to carry a load of 30,000 kgf per metre width; i) Determine the viscosity of lubricating oil. 4 marks

ii) The maximum pressure in the lubricant. 2 marks

iii) The power consumed per metre width of bearing. 3 marks

**Question FOUR (20 MARKS)**

a) The performance for a spillway of an irrigation project is to be studied by means of a model constructed to a scale of 1:9 neglecting the viscous and surface tension effects determine:

i) Rate of flow in model for a prototype discharge of  $1200\text{m}^3/\text{s}$ . 3 marks

ii) The dissipation of energy in the prototype hydraulic jump, if the jump in the model dissipates 0.25kW. 3 marks

b) The velocity distribution in the boundary over the face of an open channel was observed to be  $\frac{u}{U} = \left(\frac{y}{\delta}\right)^{0.22}$ , the free stream velocity  $U$  is 20m/s and boundary layer thickness 5cm at a certain section. The discharge  $5\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  per meter length of the open channel. Calculate: i) Displacement thickness. 3 marks

ii) Energy thickness. 4 marks

iii) Loss of energy up to the Section under consideration. 3 marks

c) State any four uses of dimensional analysis.

4 marks

**Question FIVE (20 MARKS)**

a) A plate 450mm×150mm has been placed longitudinally in a stream of crude oil of specific gravity 0.925 and kinematic viscosity of 0.9 stoke, which flows with velocity of 6m/s. Calculate

i) Friction drag on the plate. 5 marks

ii) Thickness of the boundary layer at the trailing edge. 2 marks

iii) Shear stress at the trailing edge. 4 marks

b) A 1:40 model of an ocean tanker is dragged through fresh water at 2m/s with a total measured drag of 117.7N, the skin frictional drag coefficient  $f$  for model and prototype are 0.3 and 0.02 respectively in the equation  $R_f = fAV^2$ . The wetted surface area of the model is 25m<sup>2</sup>, taking densities for the prototype and model as 1030kgN/m<sup>3</sup> and 1000kgN/m<sup>3</sup> respectively. Determine the total drag on the prototype.

6 marks

c) State Darcy's law and write its formula in the usual symbols.

3 marks

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