



# TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

## *Faculty of Engineering & Technology*

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL & AUTOMOTIVE ENGINEERING

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS FOR DEGREE IN  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN MECHANICAL ENGINEERING

### **EMG 2401: INDUSTRIAL HYDRAULICS**

SUPPLEMENTARY/SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS

**SERIES:** MARCH 2014

**TIME:** 2 HOURS

#### **INSTRUCTIONS:**

- This paper consists of **FIVE** questions.
- Answer any **THREE** questions. All questions carry **EQUAL** marks.
- All symbols have their usual meaning unless specified otherwise. Use clear and neat sketches.

***This paper consists of Three printed pages***

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#### **QUESTION 1 (Compulsory)**

- a) Illustrate the operation of the following types of cylinders as used in hydraulic systems:
- i) Double rod cylinder
  - ii) Single acting cylinder with spring.
- With the aid of a sketch, explain the construction of a Tie-Rod cylinder. **(10 marks)**
- b) i) Differentiate a Relief valve from a sequence valve in pressure control valve.  
ii) Outline the **FOUR** variables upon which the flow of hydraulic fluid depends on in a Throttle valve. **(10 marks)**

## QUESTION 2

- a) i) Outline any **FOUR** desirable properties of a hydraulic fluid.  
ii) Explain the cause of sludge in a hydraulic fluid and its effects on a hydraulic system. **(11 marks)**
- b) I) List **FOUR** factors considered when selecting a hydraulic pump for a particular application  
II) With the aid of sketches explain the construction and operation of following hydraulic pumps:  
i) Internal gear pump  
ii) Balanced vane pump **(9 marks)**

## QUESTION 3

- a) Define the following terms in connection with the flow of a liquid:  
i) Uniform flow **(2 marks)**  
ii) Steady flow **(2 marks)**  
iii) Unsteady flow **(2 marks)**  
iv) Mean velocity **(2 marks)**  
v) Discharge **(2 marks)**  
vi) Mass flow rate **(2 marks)**
- b) A hydraulic hose with internal diameter of 0.025m is carrying oil with kinematic viscosity  $5.0 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  at a flow rate of  $0.00126 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Calculate the Reynolds number and determine if the flow is laminar or turbulent. **(5 marks)**
- c)  $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$  of water flows through a pipe of 100mm inside diameter. The pipe is later reduced to an inside dimension of 80mm. calculate the flow velocity in each section of the pipe. **(3 marks)**

## QUESTION 4

- a) i) State the Pascal's law as applied to hydraulics.  
ii) Explain **FOUR** functions of a hydraulic fluid in a hydraulic system. **(5 marks)**
- b) I) Name **TWO** types of hydraulic pump in each of the following categories:  
i) Non positive displacement  
ii) Positive displacement
- II) With the aid of a sketch, explain the operation of a lobe pump. **(7 marks)**
- c) A pipeline connecting two reservoirs having a difference of level of 6m is 720m long, and rises to a height of 3m above the upper reservoir at a distance of 240m from the entrance before falling to the lower reservoir. If the pipe is 1.2m in diameter and the frictional coefficient  $f = 0.01$ , what will be the discharge and the pressure at the highest point of the pipeline. **(8 marks)**

## QUESTION 5

- a) I) Outline **THREE** functions of hydraulic system reservoirs.  
II) Explain the principle of operation of the following hydraulic filters

- i) Surface filtration
- ii) Depth filtration

**(5 marks)**

- b) A hydraulic system is to be designed for clamping work and to perform drilling operation. The system is to consist of the following components:
- i) Reservoir
  - ii) Pump
  - iii) Relief valve
  - iv) Manually operated spring centered three position four way directional control valve.
  - v) Two sequence valves
  - vi) Two double acting actuators.

Using two line diagram and hydraulic symbols design, draw a suitable circuit diagram for the system. **(10 marks)**

- c) Outline **TWO** possible causes and the remedies for each of the following trouble in hydraulic system.
- i) Absence of proper speed and torque of the hydraulic motor
  - ii) Sudden drop of pressure in the accumulator.

**(5 marks)**