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HIGHER DIPLOMA BUILDING & CIVIL ECONOMICS

EBE 3118: HYDRAULICS II

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: DECEMBER 2012

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*
- *Scientific Calculator/Mathematical Table*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions

Answer any **THREE** questions

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

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Question One (20 Marks)

- a) With the aid of a sketch briefly describe “the hydrologic cycle” (10 marks)
- b) Define the following forms of precipitation
- (i) Rainfall
 - (ii) Snow
 - (iii) Hail
 - (iv) Smog
 - (v) Drizzle
- (10 marks)

Question Two (20 marks)

- a) Make a labeled diagram of a standard raingauge. (6 marks)
- b) While determining the average precipitation for a certain catchment, thiessen polygons were constructed for a network of eight gauges and the resulting data are shown in table 1.

Determine the average precipitation using:

- (i) Arithmetic mean method
 - (ii) Thiessen polygon method
- (14 marks)

Station	Precipitation (mm)	Area in km ² of Thiessen Polygon
A	40	4.2
B	25	10.4
C	37	49.8
D	49	35.8
E	55	6.6
F	38	47.2
G	48	41.5
H	40	1.5

Table 1

Question Three (20 marks)

- a) Briefly describe the following types of streams:
- (i) Perennial streams
 - (ii) Intermittent streams
 - (iii) Ephemeral streams
- (9 marks)
- b) (i) Define the term runoff and state typical units of measurements.
- (ii) State **EIGHT** factors that affect the amount of runoff from a catchment area. (11 marks)

Question Four (20 marks)

- a) The data in table 2 was obtained during a stream flow measurement exercise. Using the mid section method, calculate:
- (i) The stream flow
 - (ii) The mean velocity of flow
- (14 marks)**

Distance from left water edge (m)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Depth of vertical (m)	0.00	1.25	2.00	3.00	2.50	2.00	1.50	0.00
Mean Velocity in Vertical m/s	0.00	0.40	0.63	0.80	0.68	0.65	0.55	0.00

Table 2

- b) The depth of flow at a vertical in a stream is 3.5m. The velocity of flow at various points in the vertical as measured by a current meter are given in table 3. Determine the mean velocity for the vertical using:

Position of meter below water surface (m)	0.7	1.4	2.1	2.8
Velocity m/s	3.28	3.16	2.94	2.62

Table 3

- (i) Single point method
 - (ii) Two point method
 - (iii) Three point method
- (6 marks)**

Question Five (20 marks)

- a) With the aid of a sketch, illustrate the following:
- (i) Unconfined aquifer
 - (ii) Water table
 - (iii) Confined aquifer
 - (iv) Perched aquifer
 - (v) Artesian well
- (10 marks)**
- b) In an artesian aquifer 8m thick, a 10cm diameter well is pumped at a constant rate of 100l/min. The steady state draw down in two wells located 10m and 50m distances from the centre of the well are 3m and 0.05m respectively. Compute.

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- (i) Transmissivity of the aquifer in m^2/day
 - (ii) Hydraulic conductivity of the aquifer in m/day (coeff of permeability k)
- (10 marks)**