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**FLUID MECHANICS N6**

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**NON-PROGRAMMABLE CALCULATORS MAY BE USED.**

**This question paper consists of 6 pages and 1 formula sheet of 2 pages.**

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TIME: 3 HOURS  
MARKS: 100

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**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

1. Answer ALL the 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. ALL units must be shown in the answers at least.
  6. Write neatly and legibly.
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**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 A 300 mm pipeline is used to transport kerosene with a relative density of 0,82 from the processing units to the storage tanks at a refinery. Just before the tank the pipeline divides into two smaller pipelines; one is 150 mm and the other is 225 mm in diameter. The velocity in the 150 mm pipe is 0,5 m/s and the velocity in the 225 mm pipe is 0,8 m/s.

Calculate the following for the 300 mm pipeline:

- 1.1.1 Flow rate in  $\ell/s$  (7)
- 1.1.2 Velocity in m/s (2)
- 1.2 In a town a new reservoir has to be built to serve an industrial area that is under development 7 km away from the main reservoir and will be connected by means of a 500 mm diameter siphon. The difference in water level between the two reservoirs which are both open to atmosphere will be 98 m. The vertex of the pipeline is 5 m above the surface level of the upper reservoir. Neglect all but frictional losses and assume the barometric height to be 8,5 m of water. Assume that the siphon runs full and that  $f = 0,0058$ .  
Calculate the flow rate of the water into the lower reservoir in  $\ell/s$ . (6)
- 1.3 Distinguish clearly between *laminar flow* and *turbulent flow*. (4)
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**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 Water has to be channelled from a river to provide water at an artificial lake in a game reserve 10 kilometres away from the river. The maximum flow will be controlled by sluice gates at  $20 \text{ m}^3/s$  and a velocity of 5 m/s.

NOTE: For a rectangular section the best hydraulic section has to be a width that is twice the depth.

- 2.1.1 Calculate what the width and depth should be for the best hydraulic section. (6)
- 2.1.2 A steel weir is erected in this channel over its full width.  
Calculate the head of water at the weir. (3)

- 2.2 The delivery over a rectangular notch must be  $0,14 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  when the water level is 23 cm above the crest.

Calculate what the width of the notch must be if the coefficient of discharge is 0,6.

(3)

- 2.3 Name THREE factors that will influence the value of the constant C in the

Chezi formula: 
$$C = \frac{87}{1 + \frac{k}{\sqrt{m}}}$$

(3)

**[15]**

### QUESTION 3

A 45 mm diameter sharp-edged orifice was made on the vertical side of a tank which then discharges into a container used to cool off heat-treated metals. If the coolant discharges under a head of 4,5 m, then  $C_c = 0,62$  and  $C_v = 0,98$ .

Calculate the following:

- 3.1 Diameter of the jet (6)
- 3.2 Velocity of the jet (2)
- 3.3 Discharge in  $\ell/\text{s}$  (2)

**[10]**

### QUESTION 4

- 4.1 A single-acting reciprocating pump is used to pump water from a condenser to a tank. The piston has a diameter of 420 mm and a stroke length of 250 mm. Water is lifted through a height of 18,2 m when the pump is running at 75 r/min. The pipe diameter is 180 mm and the actual quantity delivered is 40  $\ell/\text{s}$ .

Calculate the following:

- 4.1.1 Percentage slip in the pump (6)
- 4.1.2 Coefficient of discharge (2)
- 4.1.3 Theoretical power to drive the pump (2)

- 4.2 At a dam a centrifugal pump is used to pump water into a reservoir at a rate of  $3 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$  through a vertical pipeline at a static head of 22 m. The power consumption to achieve this is 26,4 kW. The delivery pipe is 30 m in length and has a diameter of 125 mm.

Due to lack of maintenance a leak develops at a flange joint halfway up the delivery pipe and the discharge at the leak is  $1,32 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ . This results in a drop in delivery from  $3 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$  to  $1,32 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ . The efficiency of the pump remains constant and the friction factor  $f$  for the delivery pipe is 0,01.

NOTE: Ignore all other losses

Calculate the following:

- 4.2.1 Power output before the leak started (5)
- 4.2.2 Efficiency of the pump before the leak started (2)
- 4.2.3 Required power up to the leak (5)
- 4.2.4 Required power from the leak up to the discharge (5)
- 4.2.5 Total power required to drive the pump under the new conditions (2)
- [29]**

### QUESTION 5

A ventilation system is equipped with a fan running at 400 r/min while delivering air at a rate of  $7,3 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  against a static head of 39 mm water gauge. The power required to drive the fan is 5,9 kW..

Calculate the following if the fan speed increases to 600 r/min:

- 5.1 Volume of air that can be delivered
- 5.2 Static head of air that can be delivered
- 5.3 Power required to drive the fan at the higher speed
- (3 × 2) **[6]**

**QUESTION 6**

- 6.1 A generator at a hydroelectric plant is operated by an overhung Pelton wheel. The effective head is 350 m at the base of the nozzle which allows a flow of  $360 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ . The buckets deflect the jet with a nozzle coefficient of 0,96 through an angle of  $155^\circ$  and the mean bucket speed is 37 m/s. The jet ratio is 12 and the speed ratio 0,45.

Calculate the following:

- 6.1.1 Velocity of water jet (2)
- 6.1.2 Diameter of jet (5)
- 6.1.3 Power of Pelton wheel in MW (2)
- 6.1.4 Efficiency of Pelton wheel (2)

- 6.2 The effective turbine pressure head for an axial flow hydraulic turbine is 92 m and the volumetric flow is  $21 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . The radius of the guide vanes is 1,6 m and the height is 1 m. The inlet velocity is 41,8 m/s, the exit flow which is axial is 18,6 m/s and the guide vanes are at an angle of  $11^\circ$ .

Calculate the following:

- 6.2.1 Diameters at inlet and outlet (6)
- 6.2.2 Input power supplied to turbine (2)

- 6.3 Cavitation on water turbine runners can cause serious problems.

Name TWO of the results cavitation can have on water turbine runners. (2)

**[21]**

**TOTAL: 100**

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Any applicable formula may also be used.

$$Z_1 + \frac{Pr_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = Z_2 + \frac{Pr_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + h_L$$

$$hf = \frac{4fLV^2}{2gd}$$

$$hf = \frac{4fL}{2gd} \times \left[ \frac{D^2}{d^2} \times \omega \times r \right]^2$$

$$hf = \frac{4fL}{2gd} \times \left[ \frac{D^2}{d^2} \times \frac{\omega r}{\pi} \right]^2$$

$$hs = \frac{kV^2}{2g}$$

$$hs = \frac{(V_1 - V_2)^2}{2g}$$

$$hs = \frac{V^2}{2g} \times \left[ \frac{1}{C_c} - 1 \right]^2$$

$$Q = AC\sqrt{mi}$$

$$Q = 1,84(L - 0,1n.H)H^{1,5}$$

$$Q = \frac{2}{3}Cd\sqrt{2g} \times L \times H^{1,5}$$

$$Q = \frac{8}{15}Cd\sqrt{2g} \times \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \times H^{2,5}$$

$$Q = \frac{2}{3}Cd\sqrt{2g} H^{1,5} \left( L + \frac{4}{5} \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \times H \right)$$

$$Q = \frac{ALSEN}{60}$$

$$Ha = \frac{L}{g} \times \frac{D^2}{d^2} \times \omega^2 \times r \times \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \frac{N_1}{N_2}$$

$$\frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \left(\frac{D_1}{D_2}\right)^3$$

$$\frac{P_{r1}}{P_{r2}} = \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{P_{r1}}{P_{r2}} = \left(\frac{D_1}{D_2}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{P_{r1}}{P_{r2}} = \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2}$$

$$\frac{kW_1}{kW_2} = \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right)^3$$

$$\frac{kW_1}{kW_2} = \left(\frac{D_1}{D_2}\right)^5$$

$$\frac{kW_1}{kW_2} = \frac{1}{\rho}$$

$$\frac{H_1}{H_2} = \left(\frac{Q_1}{Q_2}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{H_1}{H_2} = \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right)^2; \frac{w.g.1}{w.g.2} = \left(\frac{N_1}{N_2}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{H_1}{H_2} = \frac{L_1}{L_2}$$

$$\frac{W_1}{W_2} = \left(\frac{D_1}{D_2}\right)^2$$

$$\frac{N_1^2 D_1^2}{gh_1} = \frac{N_2^2 D_2^2}{gh_2}$$

$$\text{Pr} = \frac{kSV^2}{a}$$

$$P = \rho \times g \times Q \times w.g.$$

$$P = \rho \times Q \times u(v-u)[1 + n \cos(180^\circ - y)]$$

$$\eta = \frac{u}{gh}(v-u)[1 + n \cos(108^\circ - y)] \times 100$$