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**SPECIAL/ SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**  
**MATHEMATICS**

**COURSE CODE:** MAT 325

**COURSE TITLE:** FLUID MECHANICS I

**DATE:** 05/02/2021

**TIME:** 2 PM -4 PM

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

Answer Question One and Any other TWO Questions

TIME: 2 Hours

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### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a. Define the following terms. (2 marks)
- (i) A fluid
  - (ii) Fluid kinematics
- b. State the law of conservation of mass (2 Marks)
- c. Derive the equation of continuity for a compressible fluid (4 Marks)
- d. State the Bernoulli's theorem (2 Marks)
- e. The velocity components for a 2 dimensional fluid system can be given in the Eulerian system by  $u = 2x + 2y + 3t$ ,  $v = x + y + 0.5t$ . Find the displacement of a fluid particle in the Lagrangian system. (4 Marks)
- f. Describe the continuum hypothesis as used in fluid dynamics (4 Marks)
- g. Differentiate between the following terms (4 Marks)
- (i) Uniform and non uniform flow
  - (ii) Real and ideal fluids
- h. The velocity components for a two dimensional fluid system is given in the Eulerian system is given by

$$u = 2x + 2y + 3t$$

$$v = x + y + 0.5t$$

Find the displacement of a fluid in the lagrangian system. (4 Marks)

- i. A horizontal pipe gradually reduces in diameter from  $24m$  to  $12m$ . Determine the total longitudinal thrust exerted on the pipe if the pressure at the larger end is  $50N/m^2$  and the velocity of water is  $96m/sec$ . (4 Marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms (4 marks)
- (i) Streamline
  - (ii) Pathline
  - (iii) Vorticity
  - (iv) Circulation
- b) A two dimensional flow field is given by  $V = (3 + 2xy + 4t^2)i + (xy^2 + 3t)j$ . Find the velocities and acceleration at A(1,2) after 2 sec. (5 Marks)
- c) A fluid flow field is given by  $V = xyi + 2yzj - (yz + z^2)k$
- (i) Is the flow rotational or irrotational? (3 Marks)

- (ii) If rotational, determine the angular velocity, vorticity, shear strain and dilatancy at P(1,2,3). (8 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)**

- a. Differentiate between the following terms (4 marks)

- (i) Rotational and irrotational flow  
(ii) Steady and unsteady flow

- b. Examine whether the velocity components given by

$$u = -4ax(x^2 - 3y^2)$$

$$v = 4ay(3x^2 - y^2)$$

Represent a physically possible two dimensional flow; if so whether the flow is rotational or irrotational? (6 Marks)

- c. A two dimensional flow field is given by  $\phi = 3xy$ .

- (i) Determine the stream function (4 Marks)  
(ii) Determine the velocities at A(1,3) and B(3, 3) and the pressure difference between the points A and B (3 Marks)  
(iii) What is the discharge between the streamlines passing through these points (3 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- a. A source of strength  $10\text{m}^2/\text{s}$  is located at (-1,0) and a sink of strength  $20\text{m}^2/\text{s}$  is located at (1,0).

- (i) Find the velocity and stream function at P(1,1). (4 Marks)  
(ii) If the dynamic pressure at infinity is zero for density of  $2\text{kg}/\text{m}^3$ . Calculate its dynamic pressure at P. (4 Marks)

- b. The flow of a given fluid is given by  $\phi = Ux + m \log r$

- (i) Is the flow physically possible for all values of  $U$  and  $m$  (4 Marks)  
(ii) What does the flow pattern represent (3 Marks)  
(iii) Give the characteristics of the body profile by assuming the  $U=12\text{m}/\text{s}$  and  $m=6\text{m}^2/\text{s}$  (5Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)**

- a. A flow in a parallelopiped is described by  $u=2x$  and  $v=-2y$

- (i) Is the flow physically possible (2 Marks)

- (ii) Determine the expression for the stream function (3 Marks)
- (iii) Does the velocity potential exist? If so obtain the expression for the velocity potential. (4 Marks)
- (iv) Plot the flow net and describe the flow (4 Marks)
- b. i) An orifice has to be placed in the side of a tank so that the jet will be at maximum horizontal distance at the level of its base. If the depth of the liquid in the tank is  $D$ , what is the position of the orifice? (4 Marks)
- ii) Show that the jet from the orifice in the side of a tank will intersect at the level of the base if the head on the upper orifice is equal to the height of the lower orifice above the base. (3 Marks)