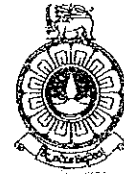


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**General Instructions**

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. This question paper consists of **Seven (7)** questions in **Five (5)** pages.
3. Answer any **Five (5)** questions only. All questions carry equal marks.
4. If you have answered more than five questions (either partly or in full), cross out the extra answers. Otherwise, only the **first five answers appearing in the answer book will be evaluated.**
5. Answer for each question should commence from a new page.
6. This is Closed Book Test (CBT).
7. Answers should be in clear hand writing.
8. Do not use Red colour pen.

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Q1.

(a) Explain why

- i). A smaller contour intervals **needs to be adopted** when a relatively flat land is to be surveyed, and
- ii). A smaller contour interval is **not desirable** when the plan is to be drawn to a smaller scale.

[4 Marks]

- (b) The areas within the contour lines at a reservoir site, measured with a planimeter from a plan drawn to a scale of 1: 1000, are given in Table Q1.a If the lowest draw-off level is 46 m and the maximum top water level is 58 m, estimate the full storage capacity of the reservoir above the 46 m contour level.

[4 marks]

Table Q1.a

Contour Level (m)	46	48	50	52	54	56	58
Area (mm <sup>2</sup> )	17,200	39,880	57,100	62,030	70,500	80,050	84,960

- (c) In order to extend its storage capacity of a proposed warehouse building, the ground was excavated to a reduced level of 20.40 m of an area of 45 x 30 m. The existing ground has been levelled on 15 m grid, and the measured spot levels corresponding to the grid points are given below.

Table Q1.b

Point	R.L. (m)	Point	R.L. (m)	Point	R.L. (m)	Point	R.L. (m)
A <sub>11</sub>	33.80	A <sub>12</sub>	32.90	A <sub>13</sub>	32.40	A <sub>14</sub>	32.20
A <sub>21</sub>	33.20	A <sub>22</sub>	32.50	A <sub>23</sub>	30.80	A <sub>24</sub>	30.30
A <sub>31</sub>	29.90	A <sub>32</sub>	29.70	A <sub>33</sub>	29.40	A <sub>34</sub>	28.80

- i). Indicate in a diagram these grid points and the triangles, if the grid squares following diagonals to form triangles on ground surface; A<sub>12</sub>A<sub>21</sub>, A<sub>13</sub>A<sub>22</sub>, A<sub>13</sub>A<sub>24</sub>, A<sub>22</sub>A<sub>31</sub>, A<sub>23</sub>A<sub>32</sub>, and A<sub>23</sub>A<sub>34</sub>. [2 Marks]
- ii). Tabulate the required depth of excavation at each point of the grid with the number of times that the point counted for a triangle. [4 Marks]
- iii). Calculate the volume of excavation to be done by considering **vertical earth prisms of triangular cross section**. [6 Marks]

Q2.

- (a) In Stadia tacheometry, the graduated staff may be hold either vertically or at right to the line of sight. Compare the relative merits of above two methods of holding staff. [4 Marks]
- (b) In order to determine the **horizontal distance** and the **level difference** between two points A and B in a hilly area, tacheometric observations have been made to them from two stations P and Q of a traverse conducted at the foot of the hill. The points A and B were sighted from station P and Q respectively. The staff was **held vertically** at both points. The instrument had an analytical lens with constant 100.

Table Q2

Instrument station	P	Q
Reduced level of the station (m)	64.20	62.50
Coordinates of station (m)	40.72N, 51.60E	31.24N, 90.35E
Instrument height (m)	1.52	1.45
Staff station	A	B
Whole circle bearing	42° 30'	85° 00'
Vertical circle reading	(+) 16° 00'	(+) 12° 20'
Stadia readings (m)	0.820, 1.060, 1.300	1.600, 1.915, 2.230

i) Find the level difference between pints A and B.

[8 Marks]

ii) Determine the horizontal distance between A and B.

[8 Marks]

Q3.

(a) Explain the following terms used in levelling survey

- (i) A Level surface
- (ii) A horizontal surface
- (iii) A datum surface
- (iv) Reduced level

[8 Marks]

(b) The centre line levels of Sarasavi Garden road were checked at 11 points identified from A to K in 30 m intervals for 300 m length and following staff readings were recorded. The Bench Mark (B.M.) was 10.450 m above Mean Sea Level and all the measurements are in meters.

From instrument Position 1: 2.355 (B.M.), 1.260 (A), 1.150 (B), 0.890 (C) and 0.690 (D)  
 From instrument position 2: 1.645 (D), 1.430 (E), 1.220 (F) and 1.115 (G)  
 From instrument position 3: 1.345 (G), 1.150 (H), 1.145 (I), 0.990 (J) and 0.790 (K)

i) Book the above reading in standard form

[4 Marks]

ii) Calculate the reduced levels of each centre point using **rise and fall method** and apply relevant checks. Show your calculation steps clearly.

[4 Marks]

iii) Find the amount by which the road centre points are lower/ higher from a uniform gradient made by joining the start point (A) and endpoint (K). Assume that the reduced levels of A and K are fixed for the road stretch of 300 m.

[4 Marks]

Q4.

(a) Explain the reason for measuring the lengths of lines in a compass traverse using only a wire chain, while in a theodolite traverse they are measured with a steel band.

[5 Marks]

(b) What is meant by the term sensitivity of a level tube? If two level tubes have their sensitivities marked as  $2\text{mm} = 10''$  and  $2\text{mm} = 30''$ , which one is more sensitive? Give reasons.

[5 Marks]

(c) Explain the reason for measuring the bearings of survey lines in a compass traverse at both ends.

[5 Marks]

(d) Explain why an equal number of rounds of observations are made on each face of a theodolite when measuring a horizontal angle.

Is it necessary that the telescope of a theodolite must be always turned in the clockwise direction while making observations on face right, and in the anticlockwise direction when on face left? Give reasons.

[5 Marks]

Q5.

- (a) State the corrections that are needed to be applied to the measured lengths using the band in catenary. [3 Marks]
- (b) The length of a base was measured using a 30 m steel band, which was suspended clear of the ground, in three spans. The measured lengths and the slope of the line joining the two end supports of the tape are as follows.

Table Q5

	Span 1	Span 2	Span 3
Measured length (m)	29.875	29.550	20.500
Slope	3° 30'	3° 00'	Level

The standard pull of 100 N was applied on the field for the last two spans while a greater pull of 150 N was applied for the first span in order to prevent the tape from touching some obstacles. The field temperature indicated was 30 °C. Find the true length of the base, given the following properties related to the steel band. Show your calculation steps clearly.

Mass	=	0.0232 kg/m	
Cross sectional area	=	2.35 mm <sup>2</sup>	
Young's modulus	=	20.6 x 10 <sup>4</sup> N/mm <sup>2</sup>	
Coefficient of linear expansion	=	1.15 x 10 <sup>-6</sup> per °C	
Standard Temperature	=	20 °C	[17 Marks]

Q6.

The internal angles in a closed traverse **ABCDEA** (named in an anti-clockwise direction) have been measured with a theodolite, and found to be as follows.

$$A = 107^{\circ} 33' 10'', B = 86^{\circ} 42' 00'', C = 121^{\circ} 00' 00'', D = 119^{\circ} 21' 30'', E = 105^{\circ} 23' 20''.$$

- (a) Distribute any error involved with internal angles and adjust them within acceptable limits. [2 Marks]
- (b) Calculate the reduced bearings of the sides of the traverse if the line **BC** runs in a **westerly direction**. [6 Marks]
- (c) Prepare a traverse sheet if the corrected lengths of sides AB, BC, CD, DE and EA are 46.48 m, 53.91 m, 25.47 m, 41.10 m, and 45.30 m respectively. Assume the coordinates of point A as 200 mN, 200 mE. [8 Marks]
- (d) Find the length and bearings of the line AD [4 Marks]

*Note: Show your calculation steps clearly with round off values to the nearest two decimal places. You may use the attached traverse sheet.*

7. (a) Explain why accidental errors are not considered as serious as gross errors or systematic errors [4 Marks]
- (b) State the possible **sources of error** that can occur in **ordinary level surveying** and explain the reason of using reciprocal levelling. [4 Marks]
- (c) Explain, with the help of diagrams, how a wire chain would become (i) longer than, (ii) shorter than its nominal length. [4 Marks]
- (d) Briefly explain how Bowditch's correction is applied to a closed traverse,  
i) by adjusting latitudes and departures, and  
ii) by adjusting the coordinates. [4 Marks]
- (e) Explain, with the aid of a diagram, how you would lay the chain line, when the two ends (Peg stations) are not inter-visible due to topographical features. [4 Marks]

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