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### General Instructions

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
  2. This question paper consists of **SIX (06)** questions on **Five (06)** pages.
  3. Answer **Any FIVE (05)** questions.
  4. Answer for each question should commence from a new page.
  5. Necessary additional information is provided.
  6. This is a Closed Book Test (CBT).
  7. Answers should be in clear hand writing.
  8. Do not use Red colour pen.
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**Question 1**

- 1.1 State three methods of estimating surface water evaporation. (3 Marks)
- 1.2 A reservoir with a surface area of 250 hectares has the following average values of climate parameters during a week: Water temperature = 20°C, Relative humidity = 40%, Wind velocity at 1.0 m above ground surface = 16 km/h. Estimate the average daily evaporation from the lake by using Meyer's formula. (7 Marks)
- 1.3 An ISI Standard evaporation pan at the site is found to have a pan coefficient of 0.80 based on calibration against controlled water-budgeting method. If this pan indicates an evaporation of 72 mm in the week under question,
- estimate the accuracy of Meyer's method relative to the pan evaporation measurements. (5 Marks)
  - estimate the volume of water evaporated from the lake in that week. (5 Marks)

Meyer's formula

$$E_L = K_M (e_w - e_a) \left(1 + \frac{u_g}{16}\right)$$

$$u_h = Ch^{1/7}$$

**Question 2**

- 2.1 Estimate the potential evapotranspiration from an area near Colombo in the month of November by Penman's formula. The following data are available: (12 Marks)
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|------------------------------|---------------------------|
| Latitude                     | : 28°4' N                 |
| Elevation                    | : 230 m (above sea level) |
| Mean monthly temperature     | : 19° C                   |
| Mean relative humidity       | : 75%                     |
| Mean observed sunshine hours | : 9 h                     |
| Wind velocity at 2 m height  | : 85 km/day               |
| Nature of surface cover      | : Close-ground green crop |
| Psychrometric constant       | : 0.49 mm Hg/°C           |
| $b$                          | : 0.52                    |
- 2.2 Estimate the daily evaporation from a lake situated in the same area. (8 marks)

Penman's formula

$$PET = \frac{AH_n + E_a \gamma}{A + \gamma}$$

$$H_n = H_a(1-r) \left(a + b \frac{n}{N}\right) - \sigma T_a^4 (0.56 - 0.092\sqrt{e_a}) \left(0.10 + 0.90 \frac{n}{N}\right)$$

$$E_a = 0.35 \left(1 + \frac{u_2}{160}\right) (e_w - e_a)$$

$$a = 0.29 \cos \phi$$

**Question 3**

3.1 Indicate the following listed components on a hydrograph and describe each component

(6 Marks)

- i. The rising limb
- ii. The crest segment
- iii. The recession limb

3.2 A storm over a catchment of area  $5.0 \text{ km}^2$  had a duration of 14 hours. The mass curve of rainfall of the storm is as follows:

Time from start of storm (h)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14
Cumulative rainfall (cm)	0	0.6	2.8	5.2	6.6	7.5	9.2	9.6

If the  $\phi$  index for the catchment is  $0.4 \text{ cm/h}$ , obtain the effective rainfall hyetograph and determine the volume of direct runoff from the catchment due to the storm.

(14 Marks)

**Question 4**

4.1 State the difference between S-curve method and method of superposition.

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Marks)

4.2 Derive the S-curve for the 4-h unit hydrograph given below. (15 Marks)

Time (h)	0	4	8	12	16	20	24	28
Ordinate of 4-h unit hydrograph ( $\text{m}^3/\text{s}/\text{cm}$ )	0	10	30	25	18	10	5	0

Muskingum equation

$$S = K[xI + (1 - x)Q]$$

### Question 5

- 5.1 Define the time of concentration ( $t_c$ ) of a catchment. (3 Marks)
- 5.2 A drainage basin has the following characteristics: Area = 110 km<sup>2</sup>, time of concentration = 18 h, storage constant = 12 h and inter-isochrone area distribution as below;

Travel time t(h)	0-2	2-4	4-6	6-8	8-10	10-12	12-14	14-16	16-18
Inter-isochrone area (km <sup>2</sup> )	3	9	20	22	16	18	10	8	4

Determine the instantaneous unit hydrograph (IUH) for this catchment.  
(17 Marks)

Modified Muskingum routing equation

$$Q_2 = 2C_1I_1 + C_2Q_1$$

### Question 6

- 6.1 Figure 1 below describes a steady confined flow towards the well. Stating all the assumptions, derive the following equation. (8 Marks)

$$h - h_o = (h_o - h_w) \frac{\ln(r/r_w)}{\ln(r_o/r_w)}$$

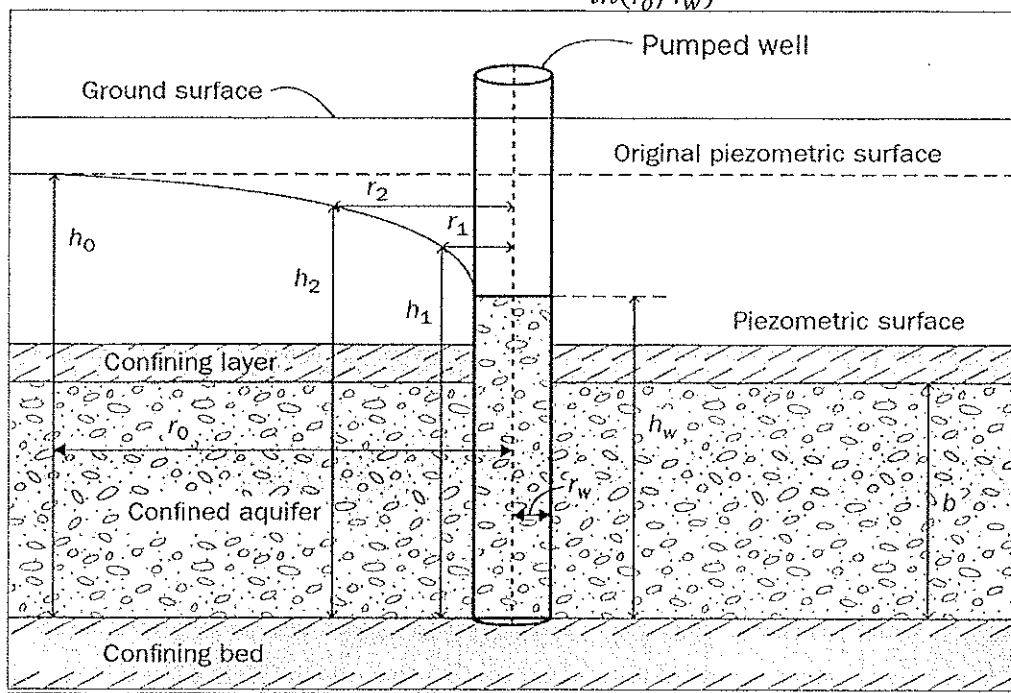


Figure 1: Radial flow to a well in a confined aquifer

- 6.2 An unconfined aquifer is recharged monthly as follows: The recharge is 5 cm for December, 7 cm for January, 4 cm for February, 5 cm for March, 3 cm for April, and

2 cm for May. Taking the value of  $k$  as 1 month, compute the groundwater runoff. (12 marks)

### Data tables

**Table 1** *Saturation Vapour Pressure of Water*

Temperature (°C)	Saturation vapour pressure $e_w$ (mm of	$A(\text{mm}/^\circ\text{C})$
0	4.58	0.30
5.0	6.54	0.45
7.5	7.78	0.54
10.0	9.21	0.60
12.5	10.87	0.71
15.0	12.79	0.80
17.5	15.00	0.95
20.0	17.54	1.05
22.5	20.44	1.24

**Table 2** *Mean Monthly Solar Radiation at the Top of Atmosphere,  $H_a$  in mm of Evaporable Water per Day*

North latitude	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
$0^\circ$	14.5	15.0	15.2	14.7	13.9	13.4	13.5	14.2	14.9	15.0	14.6	14.3
$10^\circ$	12.8	13.9	14.8	15.2	15.0	14.8	14.8	15.0	14.9	14.1	13.1	12.4
$20^\circ$	10.8	12.3	13.9	15.2	15.7	15.8	15.7	15.3	14.4	12.9	11.2	10.3
$30^\circ$	8.5	10.5	12.7	14.8	16.0	16.5	16.2	15.3	13.5	11.3	9.1	7.9
$40^\circ$	6.0	8.3	11.0	13.9	15.9	16.7	16.3	14.8	12.2	9.3	6.7	5.4
$50^\circ$	3.6	5.9	9.1	12.7	15.4	16.7	16.1	13.9	10.5	7.1	4.3	3.0

**Table 3 Mean Monthly Values of Possible Sunshine Hours**

North latitude	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
<b>0<sup>0</sup></b>	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1	12.1
<b>10<sup>0</sup></b>	11.6	11.8	12.1	12.4	12.6	12.7	12.6	12.4	12.9	11.9	11.7	11.5
<b>20<sup>0</sup></b>	11.1	11.5	12.0	12.6	13.1	13.3	13.2	12.8	12.3	11.7	11.2	10.9
<b>30<sup>0</sup></b>	10.4	11.1	12.0	12.9	13.7	14.1	13.9	13.2	12.4	11.5	10.6	10.2
<b>40<sup>0</sup></b>	9.6	10.7	11.9	13.2	14.4	15.0	14.7	13.8	12.5	11.2	10.0	9.4