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Time	: 0930hrs -1230 hrs
Duration	: 3 hours

General Instructions

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. Answer **five (05)** Questions only. All questions carry equal marks.
3. Relevant charts/ codes are provided.
4. This is a Closed Book Test (CBT).
5. Answers should be in clear handwriting.
6. Do not use Red colour pen.
7. Take the specific gas constant (R) for air as $0.287 \text{ kJ} / \text{kg K}$.
8. Density of Water is $1000 \text{ kg} / \text{m}^3$
9. For air $C_v = 0.718 \text{ kJ} / \text{kgK}$ and $C_p = 1.005 \text{ kJ} / \text{kg K}$

- Q1 (a) Name four thermodynamic processes. (4 marks)
- (b) Helium is contained in a rigid container of volume 2 m^3 at 50°C and 200 kPa . Calculate the heat transfer needed to increase the pressure to 800 kPa . (8 marks)
For Helium $R = 2.077 \text{ kJ/kg K}$, $C_v = 3.116 \text{ kJ/kg K}$
- (c) Air in a cylinder of an air compressor is adiabatically compressed from 100 kPa to 10 MPa . Estimate the final temperature and the work required if the air is initially at 100°C . (8 marks)
- Q2 (a) Draw a block diagram for a vapour compression-refrigeration cycle and name all the components. (4 marks)
- (b) Explain the term "refrigerant" in the context of vapour compression refrigeration. (3 marks)
- (c) Discuss the environment impact of refrigerants. (3 marks)
- (d) explain the following terms in the context of air conditioning. (10 marks)
- (i) Dry Bulb Temperature
 - (ii) Wet bulb temperature
 - (iii) Dew point temperature
 - (iv) Humidity Ratio
 - (v) Saturation Partial Pressure
- Q3 (a) State the second law of thermodynamics. (5 marks)
- (b) Draw $p - V$ diagram for Carnot cycle and name all the processes. (4 marks)
- (c) Draw $T - s$ diagram for Carnot cycle and indicate all the processes named in section (b) (4 marks)
- (d) A Carnot engine is operating between 400°C and 15°C . The work produced is 200 kJ . Determine the heat to be supplied to the engine (7 marks)

- Q4 A composite wall is shown in figure Q4. The thermal conductivities of materials, A, B, C, D and E are 50, 10, 6.67, 20 and 30 W/m K respectively. The cross sectional areas of each material in the composite wall are as follows:

$$A = D = E = 1 \text{ m}^2$$

$$B = C = 0.5 \text{ m}^2$$

The temperatures at the outer walls are 800°C and 100°C as shown in the figure.

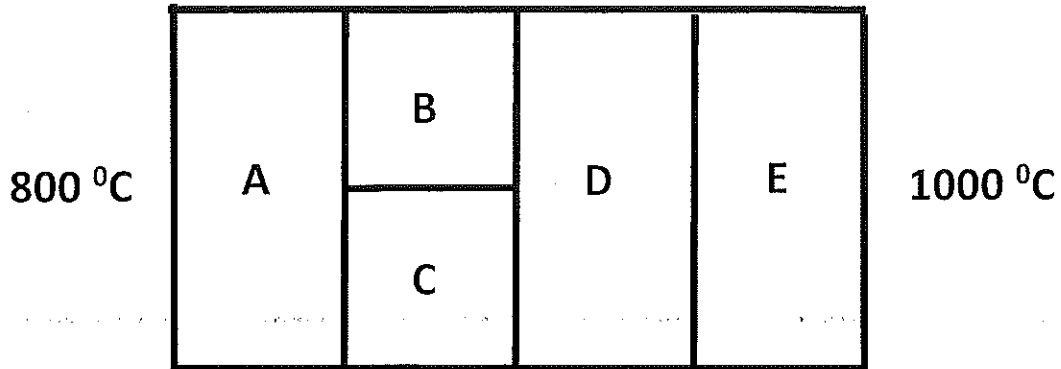


Figure Q4

- (a) Determine the overall thermal resistance of the composite wall. (15 marks)
- (b) Determine the heat transfer through the composite wall. (5 marks)
- Q5 (a) Write the continuity equation for a fluid flow in a pipe. (4 marks)
- (b) A nozzle is attached to a 60 mm diameter hose and it turns the water through an angle of 90° as shown in figure Q5. The nozzle exit is 30 mm in diameter and the flow rate is 500 l/min. The pressure in the hose is 400 kPa and the water exits to the atmosphere. Determine:
- (i) the force components of the water on the nozzle (8 marks)
- (ii) the magnitude of the resultant force. (8 marks)

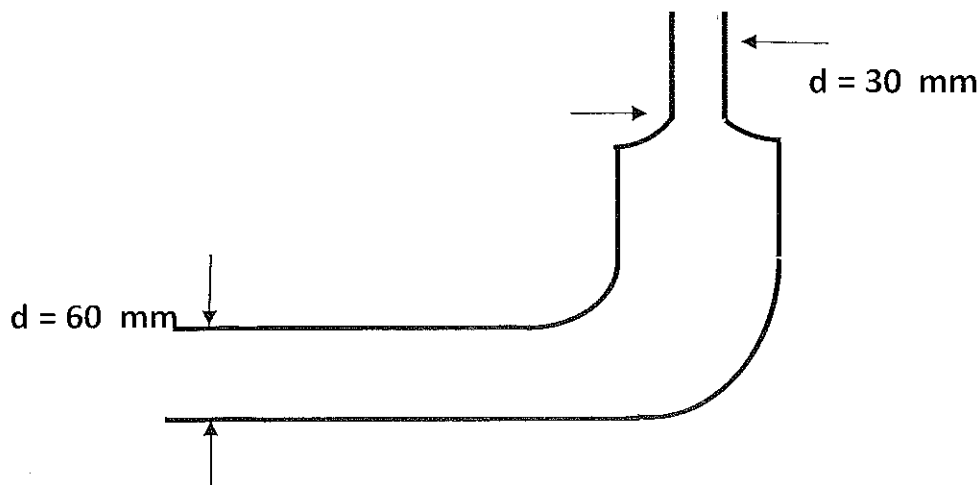


Figure Q5

- Q6 (a) Name four flow measuring devices. (4 marks)
- (b) The flow rate in a pipe of diameter 100 mm is determined by using a Venturi meter of throat diameter 60 mm, as shown in figure Q6. (16 marks)
- If the difference between mercury column heights is 4 mm, calculate the flow rate assuming uniform flow and no losses.

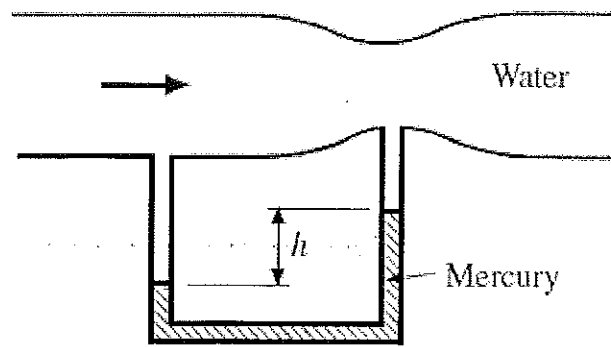


Figure Q6

- Q7 (a) Explain what is meant by “centre of buoyancy” of an object floating in a liquid. (5 marks)
- (b) A rectangular tank of 7m breadth is partitioned into two compartments and contains oil and water as shown in figure Q7 (a). (8 marks)
- If the specific gravity of oil is 0.84, find the height “h” of oil.
- (c) If a block of wood of weight 900 N, is floated on the oil, as shown in figure Q 7 (b), what is the new height (h'') of water? (7 marks)

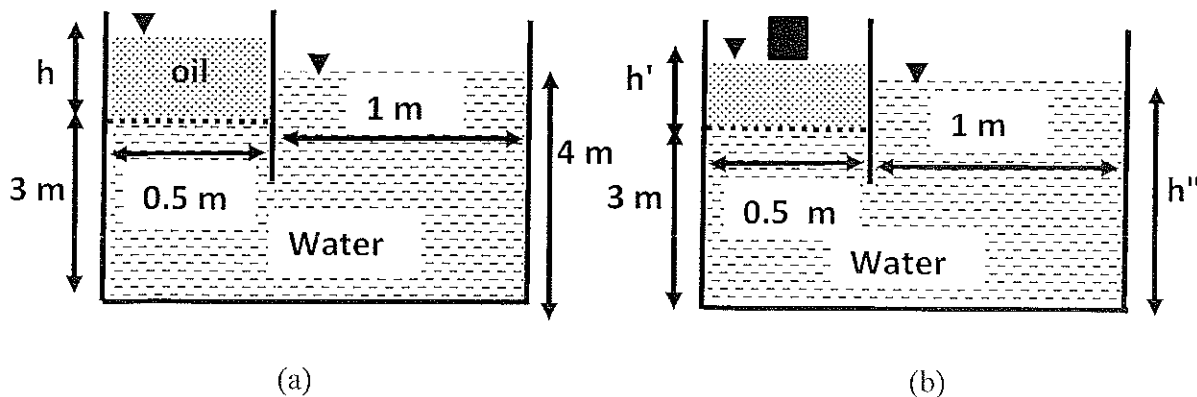


Figure Q7

- Q8 (a) Write the Bernoulli's equation and explain each term. (5 marks)
- (b) An open tank of water has a pipeline of uniform diameter leading from it as shown in figure Q8. Neglecting all frictional losses, determine the velocity of water in the pipe and the pressure at points A, B and C. (15 marks)

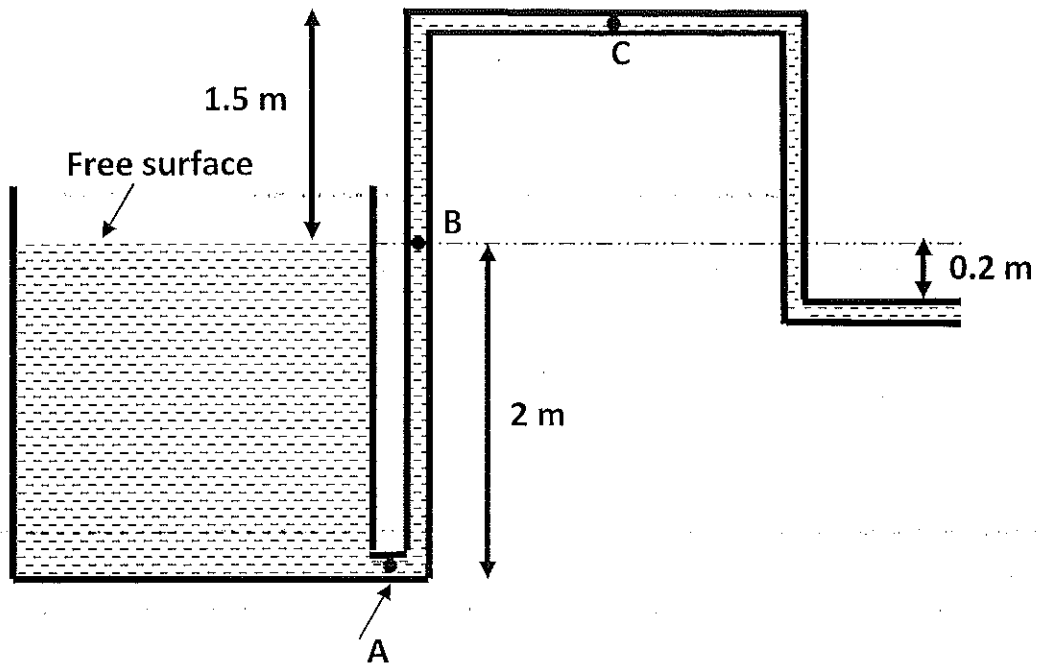


Figure Q8

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