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Time	: 13:30-16:30hrs
Duration	: <b>03 hours</b>

**General Instructions**

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. This question paper consists of **FIVE (05)** questions on **FOUR (04)** pages.
3. Answer **ALL FIVE (05)** questions. All questions carry equal marks.
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.
9. Take,

Density of water =  $1000 \text{ kgm}^{-3}$       Acceleration due to gravity =  $9.81 \text{ ms}^{-2}$

Kinematic viscosity of water =  $8.36 \times 10^{-05} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  at  $28^\circ\text{C}$

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### Question 01

- (a) An unsteady incompressible flow field is given by,  $u = t^2 + 3y$  and  $v = 4t + 5x$ . Determine the acceleration at the point (4,3) at time  $t = 3$ .

(06 marks)

- (b) Confirm that the following flow exists and obtain the associated stream function.

$$u = -cx/y$$

$$v = c \ln xy$$

(08 marks)

- (c) A velocity potential for a 2-Dimensional flow is given by  $\phi = (x^2 - y^2) + 3xy$ . Compute the flow rate between the streamlines passing through points (1,1) and (2,3).

(06 marks)

### Question 02

- (a) The following velocity profile is approximated for the boundary layer in a flow over a flat plate,

$$\frac{u}{U_s} = 2 \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right) - 2 \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^3 + \left( \frac{y}{\delta} \right)^4$$

where,  $U_s$  is the free stream velocity.  $\delta$  is the boundary layer thickness and  $y$  is the distance to a point in the boundary from the flat plate in the normal direction to the flow. The shear stress on the plate is given by,

$$\tau_0 = \frac{37}{315} \rho U_s^2 \frac{\partial \delta}{\partial x}$$

Show that the friction drag,  $F_D$  on one side of the plate is given by,

$$F_D = 0.6855 b \mu U_s \sqrt{\rho U_s L / \mu}$$

where,  $\rho$  and  $\mu$  are the density and the dynamic viscosity of the flowing fluid, respectively.  $b$  and  $L$  are the width and the length of the flat plate, respectively.

(10 marks)

- (b) A kite is in the form of a rectangular airfoil with a chord length of 75 cm and a width of 50 cm. It is maintained at an angle of  $12^\circ$  to the horizontal and the string makes an angle  $45^\circ$  to the vertical. The weight of the kite is 0.1 kg. If the wind speed is 12 km/hr and the drag coefficient,  $C_D$  is 0.23, estimate,

- (i) The tension in the string  
(ii) The lift coefficient,  $C_L$ , if the density of air is  $1.2 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

(10 marks)

### Question 03

- (a) Show that the velocity components,  $u_r$  and  $u_\theta$  corresponding to the flow around a circular cylinder of radius  $a$  with a circulation,  $\Gamma$  are given by,

$$u_r = U \left( 1 - \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) \cos \theta$$

$$u_\theta = - \left[ U \left( 1 + \frac{a^2}{r^2} \right) \sin \theta + \frac{\Gamma}{2\pi r} \right]$$

where,  $U$  is the free stream velocity.

When the complex potential for a 2D potential flow having no rigid boundaries in the  $z$ -plane is given by,  $f(z)$ , the complex potential for a flow around a circular cylinder whose radius,  $r = a$  is given by,

$$F(z) = f(z) + \overline{f\left(\frac{a^2}{z}\right)}$$

(13 marks)

- (b) If the stream function associated with a *doublet* in polar coordinates is given by,

$$\psi = -K \frac{\sin \theta}{r}$$

where  $K$  is the strength of the *doublet*. Determine,

- The velocity and
- The value of the stream function

for a point P (0.6, 1.2) is situated in the flow field of a *doublet* of strength 6 m<sup>3</sup>/s.

(07 marks)

### Question 04

A reservoir supplies water at a steady mean velocity,  $v$  to the turbine of a power plant through a long pipe in which the friction loss may be assumed to be proportional to  $v^2$ . The system is protected against high-pressure transients by means of a surge tank.

- (a) If the flow to the turbine is stopped instantaneously, show that at any time the level in the surge tank,  $z$  is related to by an equation of the form,

$$2C_1C_2 \left[ v \frac{d^2v}{dz^2} + \left( \frac{dv}{dz} \right)^2 \right] - 2C_1v \frac{dv}{dz} + 1 = 0$$

The above differential equation has the following solution

$$v^2 = \frac{1}{C_1} (z + C_2) + C_3 e^{\frac{z}{C_2}}$$

where,  $C_1, C_2$  and  $C_3$  are constants.

(12 marks)

- (b) Water from a reservoir is supplied to a power plant through a pipe of diameter 0.75 m and length 1500 m at a steady flow rate of 1.2 m<sup>3</sup>/s. A surge tank of diameter 3 m is connected 100 m upstream of the turbine. If the base of the surge tank is 20 m below the free surface of the reservoir, estimate the height of tank required to accommodate instantaneous complete shut-down of the system without overflowing. The friction factor may be assumed constant and equal to 0.006. (08 marks)

$$\text{Friction head loss along a pipe, } h_f = 4f \frac{l}{d} \frac{v^2}{2g}$$

#### Question 05

- (a) Consider a compressible fluid flowing past an immersed body under frictionless adiabatic conditions as shown in Figure Q5. Show that the stagnation pressure,  $p_2$  is given by,

$$p_2 = p_1 \left[ 1 + \frac{1}{2}(\gamma - 1)Ma_1^2 \right]^{\gamma/(\gamma-1)}$$

where,  $p_1$  and  $Ma_1$  are the pressure and the Mach number at a point 1, respectively.  $\gamma$  is the ratio of the specific heat at constant pressure to the specific heat at constant volume.

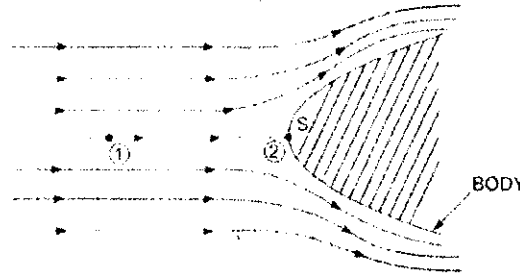


Figure Q5

(13 marks)

- (b) An aircraft flying at an altitude where the pressure was 37.5 kPa and the temperature was -30 °C, stagnation pressure measured was 75 kPa. Assuming  $\gamma = 1.4$  and  $R = 287$  J/kg.K, calculate the speed of the aircraft. (07 marks)

The Bernoulli's equation for compressible flow undergoing adiabatic process is given by,

$$\left( \frac{\gamma}{\gamma-1} \right) \frac{p}{\rho g} + \frac{v^2}{2g} + z = \text{constant}; \text{ For adiabatic processes, } \frac{p}{\rho^\gamma} = \text{constant, } C = \sqrt{\gamma \frac{p}{\rho}}$$