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## The Open University of Sri Lanka Faculty of Engineering Technology Department of Agricultural & Plantation Engineering



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**SECTION II**: Answer any **four** (04) questions. All questions carry equal marks

- (1) (a) Differentiate between reference evapotranspiration (ET<sub>0</sub>) and crop evapotranspiration (ET<sub>c</sub>).
  - (b) Discuss direct methods to estimate evapotranspiration.
  - (c) When p=0.29 and mean daily temperature is 21.5 °C, calculate the reference evapotranspiration (ET<sub>0</sub>) in mm/day using Blaney-Criddle method.
- (2) (a) State the importance of making an irrigation schedule.
  - (b) Define the following terms regarding an irrigation system.
    - i. Application Efficiency (Ea)
    - ii. Conveyance efficiency (Ec)
    - iii. Project efficiency (Ep)
  - (c) (i) The Reddish Brown Earth in the dry zone of Sri Lanka holds 21% and 9.5% of water respectively at field capacity and permanent wilting point (by weight). If the dry bulk density of soil is 1.3 g/cm3, determine the total water available for plants in this soil.

(ii)If a Maize crop grown in the soil, mentioned in section (c) above, with a root depth of 1.2m and consumptive use of 8mm/day, determine the irrigation interval and volume, assuming irrigation at 50% depletion of the total available water.

- (3) (a) List the basic knowledge needed for the alignment of canals.
  - (b) Discuss the water control and measuring structures in canals.
  - (c) The discharge of a pipe turnout is 0.58 m³/s. The bed level is 25.50 m and the full supply depth is 3.35 m. In a tail canal the Full Supply Depth (FSD) is 0.46 m. The bed width is 3.56 m and free board is 0.43 m. The turnout pipe diameter is 0.78 m and Manning's n is 0.015. The pipe length is 15.15 m. Calculate
    - i) The velocity through the pipe
    - ii) Maximum Allowable Velocity (MAV)
    - iii) Friction loss of the pipe
- (4) (a) King Parakramabahu I was considered as the greatest ruler in Polonnaruwa era. Describe the great irrigation works by him:
  - (b) 'Ancient Engineers are good technological and technical inventors' critically evaluate this statement.
  - (c) State the functions of Irrigation Department in Sri Lanka.
- (5) (a) What are the basic methods of irrigation?
  - (b) Compare the advantages and disadvantages of each method.
  - (c) What are the crops suitable to be grown under each method?
  - (d) Calculate the scheme water requirement in February for a 30 ha farm growing the following crops.

Crop	Area (ha)	Crop Water Requirement in February (mm/d)
Maize	15	5.4
Cotton	10	4.3
Vegetables	5	3.0

Assume that: Water application efficiency is 65%, Conveyance efficiency is 70% and Irrigation only takes place for 14 hours each day and 5 days each week.

- (6) Write short notes on any three (03) of the following.
  - (a) Acid Sulphate soils
  - (b) Earth moving equipment
  - (c) Canal operation and maintenance
  - (d) 'System A' management structure
  - (e) Class A Evaporation Pan