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**This question paper consists of 7 pages and a formula sheet of 2 pages.**

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MARKS: 100

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**INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION**

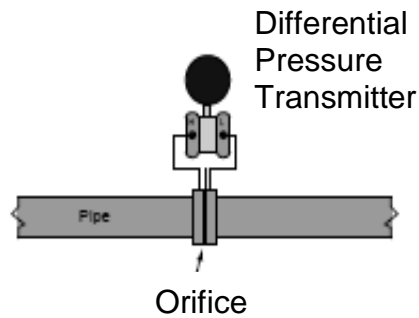
1. Answer ALL the questions.
  2. Read ALL the questions carefully.
  3. Number the answers according to the numbering system used in this question paper.
  4. Write neatly and legibly.
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**SECTION A: FLOW MEASUREMENTS****QUESTION 1**

Various options are given as possible answers to the following questions. Choose the answer and write only the letter (A–D) next to the question number (1.1–1.8) in the ANSWER BOOK.

- 1.1 Bernoulli's equation is a mathematical expression of ...
- A the ratio of kinetic to viscous forces in a flow stream.
  - B friction loss as fluid moves through a rough pipe.
  - C fluid density and compressibility in a restriction.
  - D potential and kinetic energies in a flow stream.
- 1.2 Which ONE of the following flow-measuring instruments is inherently linear and does NOT require signal compensation, for example square root extraction:
- A Target flowmeter
  - B Venturi tube
  - C Orifice plate
  - D Turbine flowmeter
- 1.3 As incompressible fluid moves through a restriction ...
- A velocity decreases and pressure increases.
  - B velocity increases and pressure increases.
  - C velocity increases and pressure remains the same.
  - D velocity increases and pressure decreases.
- 1.4 For accurate operation, orifice plate flowmeters require ...
- A laminar flow.
  - B fully developed turbulent flow.
  - C swirls and eddies in the flow stream.
  - D transitional flow.

- 1.5 Based on the relative position of a transmitter and orifice plate this flow-measuring installation is suitable for which ONE of the following types of flow:



- A Slurry flow  
B Water or oil flow  
C Gas flow  
D Steam flow
- 1.6 Which ONE of the following flowmeters inherently measures maximum flow rate:
- A Thermal flowmeter  
B Magnetic flowmeter  
C Flow nozzle  
D Vortex-shedding flowmeter
- 1.7 A magnetic flowmeter will not properly measure the flow rate of ...
- A dirty water.  
B milk.  
C oil.  
D caustic.
- 1.8 A flag flapping in a breeze illustrates which type of dynamic fluid effects?
- A Cavitation  
B Vortex shedding  
C Transitional flow  
D Coriolis effect

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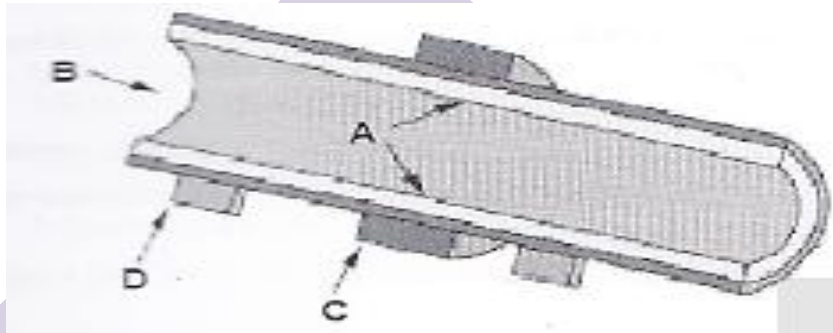
**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 The Hungarian aeronautical engineer, Theodore von Karman (1881–1963), developed the theory behind vortex flowmeters. This meter determines the velocity of flow by a sensor counting the amount of vortices that pass it.

2.1.1 Draw a neat, labelled sketch of a vortex-shedding flowmeter. (6)

2.1.2 Give THREE applications in which vortex-shedding flowmeters are used. (3)

- 2.2 Study the figure and answer the questions.



2.2.1 Identify components A–D. (4)

2.2.2 What type of thermal mass flowmeter is shown in the figure? (2)

- 2.3 A swirl flowmeter is a velocity-sensitive device that measures the volumetric flow of gasses and liquids.

2.3.1 Make a neat, labelled sketch of a swirl flowmeter. (6)

2.3.2 Give THREE advantages and THREE disadvantages of a swirl flowmeter. (3 + 3) (6)

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**TOTAL SECTION A: 35**

**SECTION B: DENSITY, HUMIDITY AND VISCOSITY MEASUREMENT****QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 Explain with the aid of a fully labelled sketch the operation of a saturation temperature hydrometer. (10)
- 3.2 Explain with the aid of a sketch the principle of operation of an infrared absorption hygrometer. (10)
- 3.3 Make a neat, fully labelled sketch of a falling piston viscometer. (9)
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**TOTAL SECTION B: 29**

**SECTION C: pH MEASUREMENT****QUESTION 4**

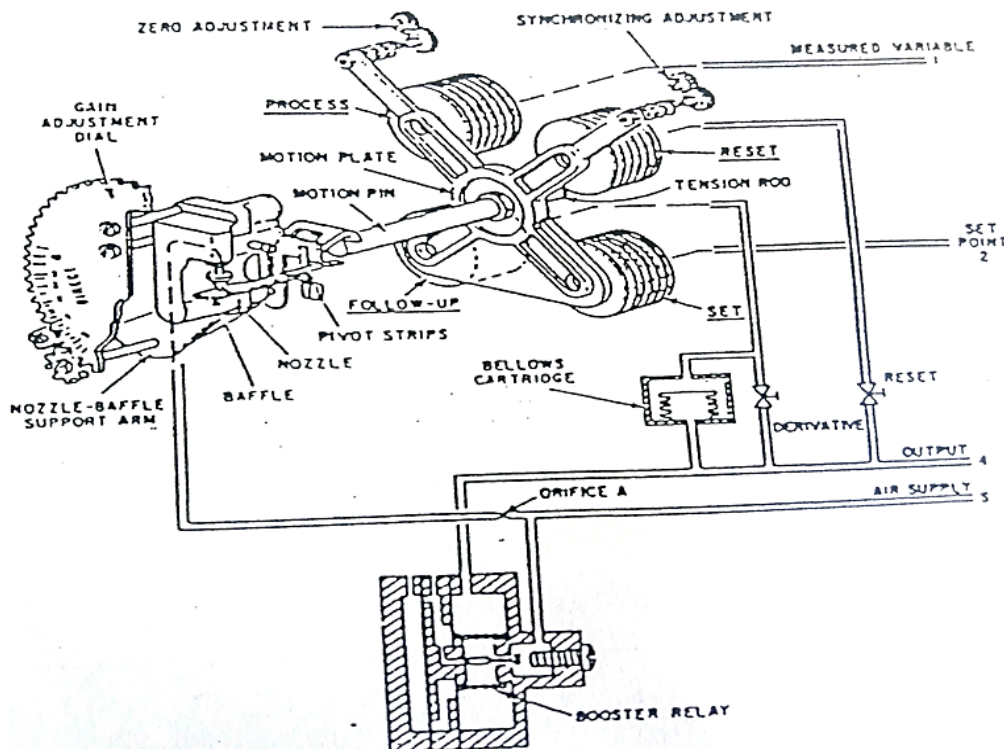
- 4.1 The hydrogen ion content in water goes from 0,15 g/l to 0,0025 g/l.  
How much does the pH change? (4)
- 4.2 Explain each of the following terms that apply to conductivity:
- 4.2.1 Conductivity cell constant (3)
- 4.2.2 Polarisation (3)
- 4.3 Show with the aid of graphs the characteristics of a pH meter measuring at the ISO potential point. (5 × 2) (10)
- [20]**

**TOTAL SECTION C: 20**

## SECTION D: AUTOMATIC CONTROL

### QUESTION 5

5.1 The sketch below shows a pneumatic receiver controller.



**PNEUMATIC RECEIVER CONTROLLER**

Explain each of the following in detail:

- 5.1.1 The condition where the controller is in balance (3)
- 5.1.2 The conditions if the measured variable is increased by 10 kPa – the gain adjustment is 1,0 and NO integral or derivative action is generated (4)
- 5.1.3 The proportional band of the controller if the gain setting is as in QUESTION 5.1.2 (1)
- 5.1.4 The way to reverse the action of this type of controller (1)
- 5.2 The most commonly used circuitry or discrimination between reference and error levels is the operational amplifier. (4)
- Make a neat, labelled sketch of the differential amplifier or comparator. (4)
- 5.3 Name THREE forms of discrimination other than the one mentioned in QUESTION 5.2. (3)

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**TOTAL SECTION D: 16**  
**GRAND TOTAL: 100**

**FORMULA SHEET**

$$W = 359.2 CZ, Ed^2 \sqrt{(h\rho)}$$

$$R_d = W/15.8 \mu d$$

$$Q = 359.2 CZ, Ed^2 \sqrt{(h\rho)}$$

$$R_d = Q\Delta/15.8 \mu d$$

$$W = 0.01252 CZ, Ed^2 \sqrt{(h\rho)}$$

$$R_d = 3.54 W/\mu d$$

$$Q = 0.01252 CZ, Ed^2 \sqrt{(h\rho)}$$

$$R_d = 3.54 Q\Delta/\mu d$$

$$Q_g = 2.238 CZEd^2 \sqrt{(h\rho)}$$

$$R_d = Q_g\Delta/98.6 \mu d$$

$$m = (d/D)^2$$

$$E = 1/\sqrt{(1 - m^2)}$$

$$N = \frac{W}{0.01252 D^2 \sqrt{(h\rho)}} = \frac{Q\sqrt{(\rho)}}{0.01252 D^2 \sqrt{(h)}}$$

$$mE = N/CZ,$$

$$CmE = N/Z,$$

$$mE = CmE/C$$

$$m = (d/D)^2$$

$$E = 1/\sqrt{(1 - m^2)}$$

$$R_d = \frac{W}{15.8 \mu D \sqrt{(m)}} = \frac{Q\rho}{15.8 \mu D \sqrt{(m)}} = \frac{Q_g \rho}{98.6 \mu D \sqrt{(m)}}$$

$$N = \frac{W}{359.2 D^2 \sqrt{(h)}} = \frac{Q\sqrt{(\rho)}}{359.2 D^2 \sqrt{(h)}} = \frac{Q_g \sqrt{(\rho)}}{2.238 D^2 \sqrt{(h)}}$$

$$d/D = [(mE)^2/1 + (mE)^2]^{1/4}$$

$$mE = N/CZ,$$

$$W = 1.890 U d^2 \sqrt{(\rho P)} \text{ for critical flow}$$

$$CmE = N/Z,$$

$$mE = CmE/C$$

$$d = [W/1.890 U \sqrt{(\rho P)}]^{1/2} \text{ for critical flow}$$

$$R_d = \frac{354W}{\mu D \sqrt{(m)}} = \frac{354Q\rho}{\mu D \sqrt{(m)}}$$

$$d/D = [(mE)^2/1 + (mE)^2]^{1/4}$$

$$W = 1.252 U d^2 \sqrt{(\rho P)} \text{ for critical flow}$$

$$d = [W/1.252 U \sqrt{(\rho P)}]^{1/2} \text{ for critical flow}$$



$$1 \text{ kPa} = 102 \text{ mmWD}$$

$$1 \text{ lb/ft}^3 = 16,0183 \text{ kg/m}^3$$

$$\text{Atmospheric pressure} = 101,325 \text{ kPa}$$

$$\text{Gravitation acceleration} = 9,81 \text{ m/s}^2$$

For D + D/2 tappings and flange tappings:

$$\frac{h}{Pa} \times 27,2 = \frac{kPa}{kPa} \times 27,2$$

$$Q = \frac{8}{15} \tan \frac{\theta}{2} \sqrt{2g.H^5}$$

$$Q = \frac{2}{3} B \sqrt{2g.H^3}$$