ASL310 (Fundamentals of Atmosphere and Ocean) Marks 20

Minor II

Time 60 min

Instructions: You can consult only your own lecture notes and photocopies/print-outs of slides and materials from any textbook. Exchange of lecture notes is strictly prohibited.

Read the questions carefully. State all assumptions clearly. All abbreviations carry usual meanings.

$$[C_P = 1004 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}; C_V = 717 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ kg}^{-1}; L_V = 2.5 \times 10^6 \text{ J kg}^{-1}; M_W = 18.016; R^* = 8.3145 \text{ J K}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}]$$

An air parcel at 950 hPa altitude has initial T = 19°C and $T_d = -4$ °C.

[Use the T- \emptyset gram sheet as required and SUBMIT IT ALONG THE ANSWER SHEET. Write your name and Entry No. in the T- \emptyset gram sheet] (Marks 2 + 1 + 4 + 3 = 10)

- (a) What is the minimum possible height for cloud base, if the air rises?
- (b) How much moisture will be condensed out when it rises to 500 hPa?
- (e) 30% of the moisture is precipitated out and the air starts its descent. At 600 hPa, it gets mixed with another air with w = 2 g/kg and T = -5°C. What will be w_s of the mixed air?
- (d) Find the final T, T_d and RH at 1000 hPa.
- 2. Answer any five questions (use diagram, if required).

 $(Marks 2 \times 5 = 10)$

- (a) The Kohler equation can be simplified as: $S_{eq} = 1 + \frac{a}{r} \frac{b}{r^3}$. Derive an expression for the critical radius in terms of a and b.
 - (b) Is Bergeron process essential to produce stratiform rain? Why?
- Why Cirrus clouds formed by homogeneous nucleation are found in the upper troposphere only?
- Is temperature inversion essential in case of freezing rain or sleet? Why?
- Why do cyclones produce intense rainfall?
 - (f) Why do subtropical and polar jets weaken during July relative to January?
- (g) Calculate the Coriolis force per unit mass on a wind moving at 10 km/hr northward at 30° N latitude. Assume $\Omega = 0.707 \times 10^{-4}$ /sec.