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THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER
EXAMINATIONS**

**SCHOOL OF PURE AND APPLIED SCIENCES
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE**

**COURSE CODE: MAT 4236-1
COURSE TITLE: FLUID MECHANICS II**

DATE: 22/4/24

TIME:1100-1300HRS

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

1. This paper contains **FOUR (4)** questions
2. Answer question **ONE (1)** and any other **TWO (2)** questions
3. Do not forget to write your Registration Number.

QUESTION ONE (20 MARKS)

- a) Let there be a source of strength m at $(a, 0)$ and sink of strength $-m$ at $(-a, 0)$. Find velocity q . [5mks]
- b) Show that the resistance R to the motion of a sphere of diameter D moving with a uniform velocity V through a real fluid having density ρ and viscosity μ is given by.
$$R = \rho D^2 V^2 f\left(\frac{\mu}{\rho V D}\right).$$
 [5mks]
- c) Define Reynolds number and state its importance in fluid flow [5mks]
- d) State and prove The Milne- Thomson Circle theorem. [5mks]

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Two Sources, each of strength m are placed at the points $(-a, 0)$, $(a, 0)$ and a sink of strength $2m$ at the origin. Show that the stream lines are the curves $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = a^2(x^2 - y^2 + \lambda xy)$ where λ is a variable parameter.
Show also that the fluid speed at any point is $\frac{2ma^2}{(r_1 r_2 r_3)}$, where r_1 , r_2 and r_3 are the distances of the points from the sources and the sink.. [10mks]
- b) Discuss the flow due to a uniform doublet at point O of strength μ per unit length if its axis is along the x axis. [5mks]

QUESTION THREE (15 MARKS)

- a). Let $w = \phi + i\psi$ be the complex velocity potential of an incompressible fluid flow in a two dimensional motion under no external pressure. If the pressure thrusts on the fixed cylinder of any shape are represented by a force (X, Y) . Prove that

$$: X - iY = \frac{i\rho}{2} \oint_c \left[\frac{dw}{dz} \right]^2 dz. \quad [8\text{mks}]$$

- b). A two dimensional flow field is given by $\psi = xy$

- i) Show that the flow is irrotational
- ii) Find the velocity potential
- iii) Verify that ψ and ϕ satisfy the Laplace equation [6mks]

QUESTION FOUR (15 MARKS)

- a) Between the fixed boundaries $\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$ and $\theta = \frac{-\pi}{6}$ there is a two dimensional liquid motion due to a source at the point $(r = c, \theta = \alpha)$ and sink at the origin absorbing water at the same rate as the source produces. Find the stream function and show that one of the stream lines is a part of the curve $r^3 \sin 3\alpha = c^3 \sin 3\theta$ [8mks]
- b) The resistance R experienced by a partially submerged body depends upon the velocity V , length of the body l , viscosity of the fluid μ , density of the fluid ρ and gravitational acceleration g . Using Buckingham's theorem, find an expression for R . [7mks]

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