

PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS ONTARIO

NATIONAL EXAMS – DECEMBER 2009

04-CHEM-A2

Mechanical & Thermal Operations

(3 hours duration)

Notes:

1. Whether doubt exists or not as to the interpretation of any question, the candidate is urged to submit with the answer paper, a clear statement of any assumptions made.
2. Any non-communicating calculator will be permitted. This is an Open Book examination. Candidates should identify the calculator used on the inside left-hand sheet of examination work book, i.e. name and model designation.
3. Any five questions constitute a complete paper. Only the first five questions as they appear in your answer book will be marked.
4. All questions are of equal value.

(MARKING SCHEME)

Q1.	(a)	3	(b)	2	(c)	15.
Q2.		20				
Q3.	(a)	5	(b)	5	(c)	10
Q4.		20				
Q5.	(a)	16	(b)	4		
Q6.	(a)	10,	(b)	10		
Q7.		20.				
Q8.		20.				

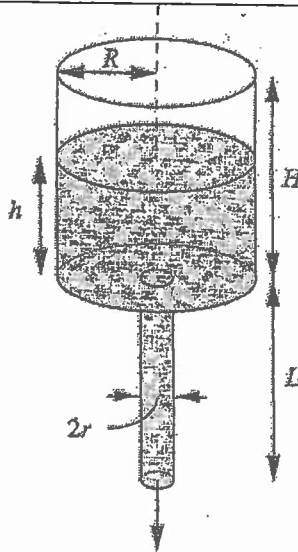
**Q1** In a calibration exercise of a thermocouple probe, the probe is used to measure the temperature of hot air flowing in a pipe whose walls are at  $T_w = 400$  K. The true gas temperature  $T_G = 465$  K.

- Sketch a PFD (Process Flow Diagram) showing heat transfers (source to sink),
- Discuss the role of radiation in the calibration.
- Determine the temperature of the probe.

**Q2** The tank and pipe shown Fig Q2 is initially filled with liquid of viscosity,  $\mu$  and density,  $\rho$ . Assuming laminar flow and taking friction to be the only resistance and ignoring exit kinetic-energy effects. Show that the efflux time is? Where

$$T_{\text{efflux}} = (8\mu LR^2) / (\rho g r^4) \cdot \ln(1 + H/L)$$

**Fig.Q2:** Tank draining in laminar flow



**Q3** A hydrocarbon oil with specific heat  $c_p = 2.09$  kJ/kg.  $K^\circ$  and flowing at a rate of 5.04 kg/s is cooled in a 1-2 shell-and-tube heat exchanger from 366.5 K to 344.3 K by 2.02 kg/s of water entering at 283.2  $^\circ$ K. The overall heat transfer coefficient  $U_o$  is 340 W/m<sup>2</sup>. K.

- Determine the outlet water temperature. 5 marks
- What is the value of  $F_T$ , the correction factor for LMTD, the log mean temperature difference? 5 marks
- Calculate heat transfer area required. 10 marks

**Q4** Water stored in large, well-insulated storage tank at 21.0 C and the atmospheric pressure is being pumped at steady state from this tank by a pump at the rate of 8.5 kW. The water is used as a cooling medium and passes through a heat exchanger where 255 kW of heat is added to the water. The heated water then flows to a second, large vented tank, which is 25 m above the first tank. Determine the final temperature of the water delivered to the second tank.

**Q5** Figure Q5 shows a centrifugal pump installation that is used for pumping high performance lubricating oil with specific gravity,  $s = 0.92$ , from one tank into a process under a pressure  $p_3$  through to another tank at an elevation of 25 m. of 4-in I.D.. The installation consists of another 20 m of equivalent of pipe length (including for fittings, etc.) of nominal 4-in I.D. pipeline. Is it to another tank at that height, or into a pressurized tank, or a pressurized process? Is  $p_3$  the pressure at what point on the diagram? As it is the problem is under defined

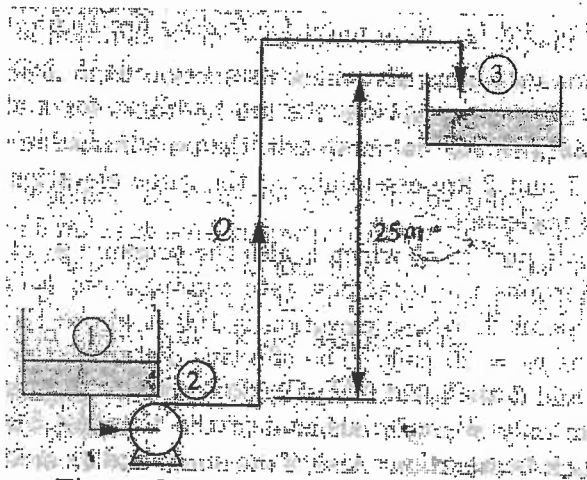


Figure Q5: Pumping Installation

- a) Show that by doing an energy balance for the pumping installation, the pressure drop in the pipeline between points 2 and 3 is given closely in terms of the volumetric flow rate  $Q \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  by:

$$\Delta p = p_2 - p_3 = C_1 + C_2 \cdot f \cdot Q^2$$

Where  $C_1$  and  $C_2$  are constants and  $f$  is the Fanning friction factor. What are the values of  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ?

- b) Calculate the Reynolds number  $Re$  in the pipeline.

**Q6.** A single-effect evaporator is used in concentrating an aqueous feed solution of organic colloids and water from 5 to 50 wt %. The mean heat capacity of the feed is  $C_{pm} = 4.06 \text{ kJ/kg.K}$  and the feed enters at  $15.6^\circ\text{C}$ . Saturated steam at  $101.32 \text{ kPa}$  is available for heating, and the pressure in the vapour space of the evaporator is  $15.3 \text{ kPa}$ . A total of  $4536 \text{ kg/hr}$  of water is to be evaporated. Assuming that no colloid gets evaporated in the process,

- Calculate the feed rate of the organic solution;
- What is the required heat transfer surface area if the overall heat transfer coefficient is  $1988 \text{ W/m}^2.\text{K}$ ?

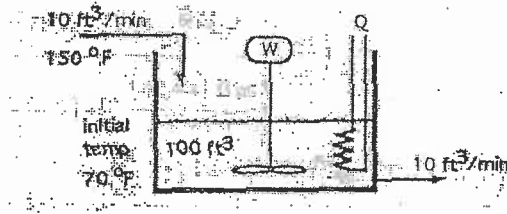


Figure Q7

**Q7** An insulated and perfectly mixed tank contains a heating coil. Water flows in and out of the tank at  $0.283 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ . The volume of in the tank is  $2.83 \text{ m}^3$  with initial temperature of  $21^\circ\text{C}$ . The temperature of the water flowing out is  $66^\circ\text{C}$ . The heater adds  $88 \text{ kW}$  and the horsepower added by the mixer is  $5 \text{ hp}$ . Using mass and energy balances, derive an expression for determining the tank temperature as a function of time. (20 marks)

**Q8** A food cold storage room is to be constructed of an inner layer of  $19.1 \text{ mm}$  pine wood, a middle layer of cork board and an outer layer  $50.8 \text{ mm}$  of concrete. The inside wall is at  $-17.8^\circ\text{C}$  and the outside surface temperature at the outer concrete surface  $29.4^\circ\text{C}$ . The mean conductivities for pine –wood =  $0.151$ , for cork board =  $0.0433$ , and for concrete =  $0762 \text{ W/m.}^\circ\text{K}$ . The total inside surface area is approximately  $40 \text{ m}^2$  (neglecting corners and end effects). Determine the thickness of the cork board needed to keep the heat loss to  $586 \text{ W}$ . (20 marks)