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**MAIN EXAMINATION**

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**PART TIME PROGRAMME**

**MAT 331: FLUID MECHANICS I**

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**Duration: 2 Hours**

**INSTRUCTIONS: Answer Question ONE and any other TWO Questions**

- Q1. a) Define the following terms
- i) A fluid (2marks)
  - ii) Steady and unsteady flows (2marks)
- b) Write the dimensions of the following quantities
- i) Pressure
  - ii) Density (3marks)
  - iii) Acceleration
- c) Derive the equation of stream line. Hence find the stream lines and path lines of the particle when  $u = \frac{x}{(1+t)}$   $v = \frac{y}{(1+t)}$   $w = \frac{z}{(1+t)}$  (12marks)
- d) A fluid flow is given by  $\mathbf{q} = xy \mathbf{i} + 2yz \mathbf{j} - (yz + z^2)\mathbf{k}$ . Determine whether this is a possible steady incompressible flow. (5marks)
- f) A velocity field is given by  $\mathbf{v} = \frac{k^2(-iy+jx)}{(x^2+y^2)}$ . Determine whether the flow is rotational or irrotational. (6marks)
- Q2. a) Show that  $u = \frac{-2xyz}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$ ,  $v = \frac{(x^2-y^2)z}{(x^2+y^2)^2}$ ,  $w = \frac{y}{x^2+y^2}$  are the velocity components of a possible liquid motion. Finally check if the motion is irrotational (15 marks)
- b) State the second law of thermodynamics and explain the efficiency of Carnot engine. (5marks)

- Q3. a) State the first law of thermodynamics and hence prove that  $pv^\gamma = \text{constant}$  where the symbols have their usual meaning. **(10 marks)**
- b) Show that the variable ellipsoid  $\frac{x^2}{a^2k^2t^4} + kt^2\left(\frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{c^2}\right) = 1$  is a possible form of boundary surface of a liquid at time  $t$ . **(10marks)**
- Q4. a) Air obeying Boyle's law, is in motion in a uniform tube of small section, prove that if  $\rho$  be density and  $v$  be the velocity at a distance  $x$  from a fixed point at time  $t$
- $$\frac{\partial^2 \rho}{\partial t^2} = \frac{\partial^2}{\partial x^2} \{(v^2 + k)\rho\} \quad \text{Where } k = \frac{p}{\rho} \quad \textbf{(10 marks)}$$
- b) Derive the Bernoulli's equation
- $$\frac{1}{2}q^2 + \Omega + \int \frac{dp}{\rho} = 0 \quad \textbf{(10 marks)}$$
- Q5. i) State Kevin's circulation theorem **(4marks)**
- ii) Velocity vector is given by  $\mathbf{q} = \frac{k^2(-iy + jx)}{(x^2 + y^2)}$ . Determine whether the flow is irrotational. **(4marks)**
- iii) Calculate the circulation round a square with corners at  $(1,0)$ ,  $(2,0)$ ,  $(2,1)$ ,  $(1,1)$ . **(12 marks)**

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