



**UNIVERSITI TUN HUSSEIN ONN MALAYSIA**

**FINAL EXAMINATION  
SEMESTER II  
SESSION 2022/2023**

COURSE NAME : TURBOMACHINERY  
COURSE CODE : BDE 40303  
PROGRAMME : BDD  
EXAMINATION DATE : JULY/AUGUST 2023  
DURATION : 3 HOURS  
INSTRUCTION :  
1. PART A: ANSWER **TWO (2)**  
FROM **THREE (3)** QUESTIONS  
2. PART B: ANSWER **ALL**  
QUESTIONS  
3. THIS FINAL EXAMINATION IS  
CONDUCTED VIA **CLOSE BOOK**  
4. STUDENTS ARE **PROHIBITED**  
TO CONSULT THEIR OWN  
MATERIAL OR ANY EXTERNAL  
RESOURCES DURING THE  
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VIA CLOSED BOOK

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF **EIGHT (8)** PAGES

## PART A: ANSWER TWO (2) QUESTIONS ONLY OUT OF THREE (3) QUESTIONS

**Q1** (a) A model centrifugal pump with an efficiency of 88% is tested at a rotational speed of 3000 rpm and delivers  $0.12 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  of water against a head of 30 m. Using the similarity rules given above, determine the rotational speed, volume flow rate, and power requirement of a geometrically similar prototype at eight times the scale of the model and working against a head of 50 m

(6 marks)

(b) The compressor with the performance map shown in **Figure Q1 (b)** is tested at sea level on a stationary test bed on a day when the atmospheric temperature and pressure is 298 K and 101 kPa, respectively. When running at its design operating point, the mass flow rate through the compressor is measured as 15 kg/s and the rotational speed is 6200 rpm. Determine the mass flow rate and rotational speed when the compressor is operating at the design operating point during high altitude cruise with an inlet stagnation temperature of 236 K and an inlet stagnation pressure of 10.2 kPa. The design pressure ratio of the compressor is 22. Determine the compressor isentropic and polytropic efficiency at the design point. Hence calculate the required power input at the cruise condition. Assume throughout for air that  $k$  is 1.4 and  $C_p$  is  $1005 \text{ J}/(\text{kg}\cdot\text{K})$ .

(14 marks)

**Q2** An axial flow compressor operates based on the following data:

**Table 1**

Parameter	Value
Blade speed at mean blade radius, $U_m$	185 m/s
Blade speed at blade tip, $U_t$	240 m/s
Stagnation temperature rise, $\Delta T_0$	15 K
Axial absolute velocity component, $V_x$	140 m/s
Work done factor, $\lambda$	0.85
Degree of reaction at mean radius, $\Lambda$	50%

For a free vortex design condition, determine:

- whirl component at mean rotor inlet;
- gas angle  $\alpha_1$ ,  $\alpha_2$ ,  $\beta_1$  and  $\beta_2$  at mean radius;
- whirl component at rotor exit; and
- gas angles at blade tip.

(20 marks)

**Q3** Prove that the overall efficiency  $\eta_t$  and small stage efficiency  $\eta_p$  for the adiabatic expansion of a perfect gas through a turbine are related by.

$$\eta_t = (1 - \varepsilon^{\eta_p}) / (1 - \varepsilon)$$

where  $\varepsilon = r^{(1-k)/k}$ , and  $r$  is the expansion pressure ratio,  $k$  is the ratio of specific heats.

An axial flow turbine has a small stage efficiency of 86%, an overall pressure ratio of 4.5 to 1 and a mean value of  $k$  equal to 1.333. Determine the overall turbine efficiency.

(20 marks)

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## PART B: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

**Q4** Figure Q4 shows the characteristic map of a centrifugal compressor. The map presents the performance parameters which are normalized by design values, namely pressure ratio ( $PR/PR_{\text{Design}}$ ), pseudo-dimensionless mass flow ( $MFP/MFP_{\text{Design}}$ ) and pseudo-dimensionless speed ( $\bar{N}/\bar{N}_{\text{Design}}$ ). The design point is also marked on the compressor map. At 80% design speed ( $\bar{N}/\bar{N}_{\text{Design}} = 0.8$ ), the compressor operates at the following conditions:

Table 2

Parameter	Value
Rotational speed, $N$	15,000 RPM
Mass flow rate, $\dot{m}$	12 kg/s
Pressure ratio, $PR$	2.5
Normalized pressure ratio, $PR/PR_{\text{Design}}$	0.7
Stagnation inlet temperature, $T_{01}$	297 K
Stagnation inlet pressure, $P_{01}$	100 kPa

Using the map and the given data, evaluate the following quantities for the compressor:

- design pseudo-dimensionless speed in  $\text{RPM}/\sqrt{K}$ ;
- design pressure ratio;
- design mass flow rate in  $\text{kg/s}$ ;
- choking mass flow rate at design speed in  $\text{kg/s}$ ; and
- pressure ratio at surge point for 70% design speed.

(20 marks)

**Q5** A small inward radial-flow gas turbine, comprising a ring of nozzle blades, a radial-vaned rotor and an axial diffuser, operates at the nominal design point with a total-to-total efficiency of 0.90. At turbine entry, the stagnation pressure and temperature of the gas are 400 kPa and 1140 K. The flow leaving the turbine is diffused to a pressure of 100 kPa and has negligible final velocity. Given that the flow is just choked at nozzle exit, determine the impeller peripheral speed and the flow outlet angle from the nozzles. The gas specific heat ratio,  $k$ , and the gas constant,  $R$ , are 1.333 and 287 J/(kg °C) respectively.

(20 marks)

**Q6** A Pelton wheel operates at 16 m/s bucket velocity with water ( $\rho_{\text{water}} = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) being supplied at a rate of  $0.8 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  and a head of 45 m. The water jet is deflected in the bucket by  $160^\circ$ . Taking the velocity coefficient ( $C_v$ ) to be 0.98 and neglecting the losses in the bucket, determine.

- (a) jet velocity;
- (b) tangential velocity component at bucket exit;
- (c) power developed by turbine; and
- (d) efficiency of turbine.

(20 marks)

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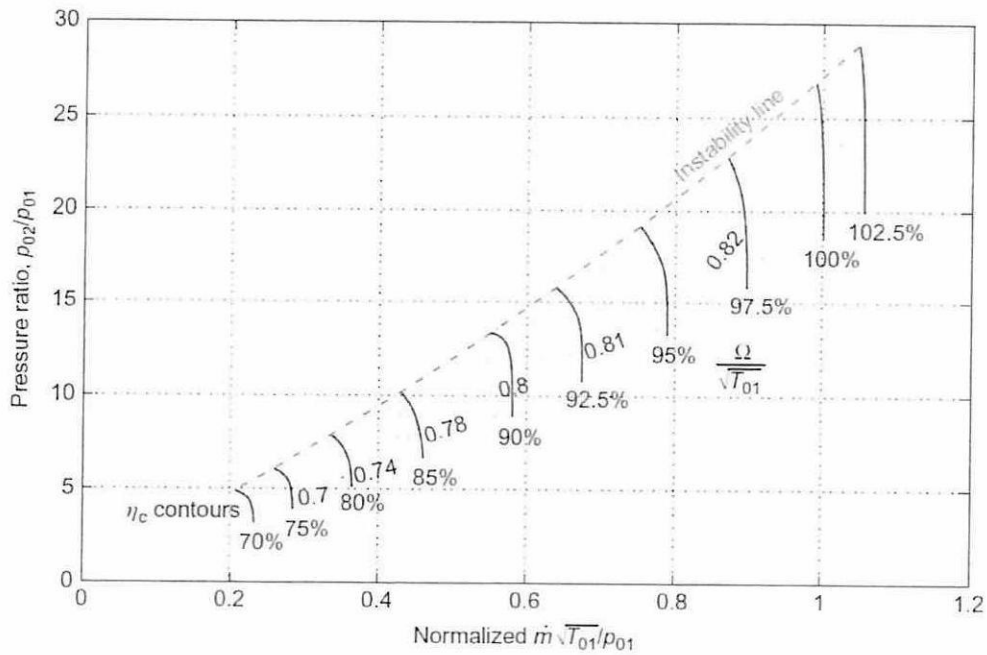


Figure Q1 (b)

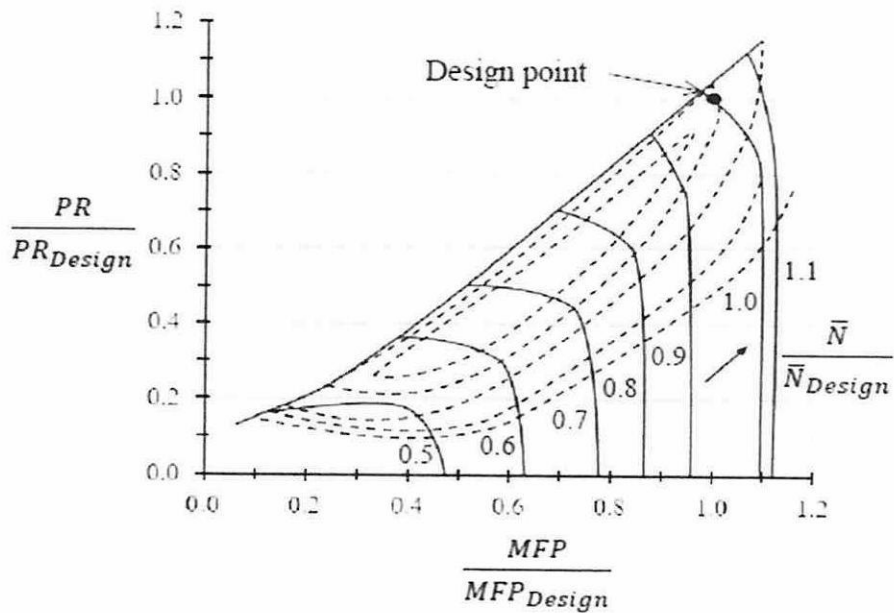


Figure Q4

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## List of Formula

$$1. W = \rho g Q h$$

$$2. C_h = \frac{g h_a}{\omega^2 D^2}$$

$$3. C_Q = \frac{Q}{\omega D^3}$$

$$4. C_P = \frac{\dot{W}}{\rho \omega^3 D^5}$$

$$5. \eta = \frac{\rho g Q h_a}{P}$$

$$6. c = \sqrt{k R T}$$

$$7. p = \rho R T$$

$$8. T_0 = T + \frac{v^2}{2} c_p$$

$$9. \text{Pressure ratio, } \frac{p_1}{p_2} = \left( \frac{T_1}{T_2} \right)^{k/(k-1)}$$

$$10. \frac{\rho_1}{\rho_2} = \left( \frac{T_1}{T_2} \right)^{1/(k-1)}$$

$$11. C_P = \frac{R k}{(k-1)}$$

$$12. \text{Nondimensional mass flow, } \hat{m} = \frac{\dot{m} \sqrt{k R T}}{D^2 p}$$

$$13. \text{Nondimensional speed} = \frac{\omega D}{\sqrt{k R T}}$$

$$14. k = \frac{c_p}{c_v}$$

$$15. \frac{T_{02}}{T_{01}} = \frac{(p_{02}/p_{01})^{(k-1)/k} - 1}{\eta_c} + 1$$

$$16. \eta_P = \frac{k-1}{k} \frac{\ln(p_{02}/p_{01})}{\ln(T_{02}/T_{01})}$$

$$17. \frac{\Delta T_0}{T_{01}} = \frac{T_{02}}{T_{01}} - 1$$

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18. Power,  $P = \dot{m}C_p\Delta T_0$

19. Actual specific work,  $\Delta W_x = \dot{W}_x/\dot{m} = (h_{01} - h_{02})$

20. Ideal specific work,  $\Delta W_{max} = \dot{W}_{max}/\dot{m} = (h_{01} - h_{02s})$

21. Total-to-total efficiency,  $\eta_{tt} = \Delta W_x/\Delta W_{max}$

22. Small stage efficiency,  $\eta_p = \frac{dh_0}{dh_{0s}}$

23.  $Tds = dh - \frac{dp}{\rho}$