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# UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN WATER RESOURCE AND ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT SEMESTER 2016/2017 ACADEMIC YEAR

#### **CENTRE: MAIN CAMPUS**

**COURSE CODE: PWE 3212** 

COURSE TITLE: WATER RESOURCE THECHNOLOGY I

EXAM VENUE: STREAM: SPATIAL PLANNING

DATE: EXAM SESSION:

TIME: 2 HOURS

## **Instructions:**

- 1. Answer question 1 (compulsory) and ANY other 2 questions.
- 2. Candidates are advised not to write on the question paper.
- 3. Candidates must hand in their answer booklets to the invigilator while in the examination room.

QUESTION ONE [30 marks]

(a) Discuss the different types of reservoirs and the purpose served by each type. [8 marks]

- (b) Discuss the activities involved in engineering surveys for planning and investigation of reservoirs and dams. [9 marks]
- (c) Discuss global overview of water resources.
- (d) Table 1(d) gives the areas enclosed by contours at various elevations.

Table 1(d)

Contour [m]	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]	Contour [m]	Area [km <sup>2</sup> ]
222	1.8	237	2362.5
225	22.4	240	3473.8
228	166.6	243	4000.5
231	258.3	246	4396.0
234	1526.9	249	4638.4

[7 marks]

Taking 222 m as the bottom level of the reservoir and 249 m as the top level, compute the capacity of the reservoir by:

i. Trapezoidal formula. [2 marks]

ii. Prismoidal formula. [2 marks]

iii. Cone formula [2 marks]

QUESTION TWO [20 marks]

- (a) Discuss effects of sedimentation on reservoir functions [4 marks]
- (b) Discuss both pre- construction and post construction measures for controlling siltation in reservoirs. [8 marks]

The runoff from a catchment during the successive months is shown in Table 2(c). Determined by mass curve method the capacity of the reservoir required if the entire inflow of water is withdrawn at a uniform rate without any loss of water over the spillway. [8 marks]

Table 2(c)

Months	Runoff x10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup>	Months	Runoff x10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup>
January	1.8	July	20
February	2.5	August	24
March	3.2	September	3.5
April	9.0	October	2.8
May	12.5	November	2.2
June	13.0	December	1.8

## **QUESTION THREE**

[20 marks]

- (a) With the aid of a sketch describe the construction features of a buttress dam. Outline its merits and demerits. [7 marks]
- (b) With the aid of a sketch describe the construction features of an arch dam. Outline its merits and demerits. [7 marks]
- (c) Discuss the factors considered when selecting a dam site. [6 marks]

QUESTION FOUR [20 marks]

(a) Explain the meaning of a spillway and why is it necessary in dam construction.[4 marks] Figure 4(b) gives the profile of a gravity dam with reservoir level as shown. Determine the normal stresses at the toe and heel. Take unit weight of concrete as 23.5 kN/m³ and C=1.

[10 marks]

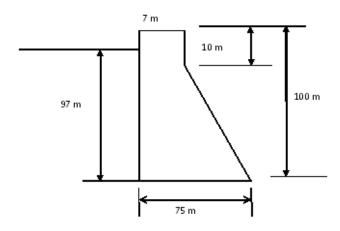


Figure 4(b)

(b) Describe the following types of earthen dams:

> i. Homogeneous embankment

ii. Zoned embankment type [3 marks]

[3 marks]

**QUESTION FIVE** [20 marks]

(a) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of Hydro-Power System. [5 marks]

(b) With the help of a map show any four major hydropower generation plants in Kenya

[4 marks]

(c) Give an account of environmental impacts of water power development projects.

[5 marks]

(d) The construction costs for certain possible heights of a dam at a given site have been estimated and tabulated in Table 5(d). The storage capacities for all these dam heights are also given.

Table 5(d)

Height of dam in [m]	Constrction cost x 10 <sup>6</sup> Ksh.	Storage x 10 <sup>6</sup> m <sup>3</sup>
10	40	50
20	80	110
30	120	180
40	180	250
50	270	350
60	390	500
65	500	600

Determine the most economical height of the dam from purely construction point of [6 marks] view.