

The Open University of Sri Lanka
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Bachelor of Industrial Studies Honours
(Agriculture)
Final Examination - 2019/2020
AGX4537/AEX4237
Irrigation and Drainage Engineering

SECTION II: Answer any four (04) questions. All questions carry equal marks.

- (1) (a) Differentiate between reference evapotranspiration (ET<sub>0</sub>) and crop evapotranspiration (ET<sub>c</sub>).
  - (b) Discuss the direct methods to estimate evapotranspiration.
  - (c) When p=0.29 and mean daily temperature is 21.5 °C, calculate the reference evapotranspiration (ET<sub>0</sub>) in mm/day using Blaney-Criddle method.
- (2) (a) State the importance of making an irrigation schedule.
  - (b) Define the following terms regarding an irrigation system.
    - i. Application Efficiency (Ea)
    - ii. Conveyance efficiency (Ec)
    - iii. Project efficiency (E<sub>p</sub>)
  - (c) Write a note on drip irrigation system.
- (3) (a) List the basic knowledge needed for the alignment of canals.
  - (b) Discuss the water control and measuring structures in canals.
  - (c) The discharge of a pipe turnout is 0.58 m3/s. The bed level is 25.50 m and the full supply depth is 3.35 m. In a tail canal the Full Supply Depth (FSD) is 0.46 m. The bed width is 3.56 m and free board is 0.43 m. The turnout pipe diameter is 0.78 m and Manning's n is 0.015. The pipe length is 15.15 m. Calculate
    - i) The velocity through the pipe
    - ii) Maximum Allowable Velocity (MAV)
    - iii) Friction loss of the pipe
- (4) (a) King Parakramabahu I was considered as the greatest ruler in Polonnaruwa era. What are the great irrigation work done by him?

- (b) 'Ancient Engineers are good technological and technical inventors' critically evaluate this statement.
- (c) State the functions of Irrigation Department in Sri Lanka.
- (5) (a) What are the basic methods of irrigation?
  - (b) Compare the advantages and disadvantages of each method.
  - (c) What are the crops suitable to be grown under each method and why?
  - (d) Calculate the scheme water requirement in February for a 30 ha farm growing the following crops.

| Crop       | Area (ha) | Crop Water Requirement in February (mm/d) |
|------------|-----------|---|
| Maize      | 15        | 5.4                                       |
| Cotton     | 10        | 4.3                                       |
| Vegetables | 5         | 3.0                                       |

Assume that: Water application efficiency is 65%, Conveyance efficiency is 70% and Irrigation only takes place for 14 hours each day and 5 days each week.

- (6) Write short notes on any three (03) of the following.
  - (a) Acid Sulphate soils
  - (b) Earth moving equipment
  - (c) Canal operation and maintenance
  - (d) 'System A' management structure
  - (e) Class A Evaporation Pan