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EAP 583/4 – Air and Noise Pollution Control

Duration : 3 hours

Please check that this examination paper consists of **SEVEN (7)** printed pages including Appendices before you begin the examination.

[Instructions: This paper contains **SIX (6)** questions. Answer **FIVE (5)** questions only.

You must answer the questions in English.

All question **MUST BE** answered on a new sheet.

1. a) Briefly explain the origin of unit decibel (dB) in noise measurement.

[6 marks]

- b) Calculate the wavelength of a given sound at following conditions :

Air pressure 101.325 kPa

Air temperature 30°C

Frequency of sound 10,000 Hz.

[7 marks]

- c) Temperature and pressure are the functions of sound intensity. Briefly explain and develop the relationship.

[7 marks]

2. a) With the help of a sketch, define Impulse Noise Type B.

[3 marks]

- b) i. Discuss and illustrate the Pure Tone Equation.

[5 marks]

- ii. Briefly discuss the effect of distance, wind, temperature and intensity when sound propagates from frequency 10 Hz to 4,000 Hz.

[5 marks]

- c) Calculate the value of $L_{eq(1 \text{ jam})}$ from the following monitoring data:

Time (minutes)	L_p , dB (A)
10	84
20	92
30	78
40	83
50	90
60	84
70	77
80	78
90	82
100	90

[7 marks]

3. a) Predict the L_{eq} from following data:

Volume of cars	640 vehicles/hour
Volume of 6 tires truck	120 trucks/hour
Distance to receiver	20 m
Average speed of vehicle	75 km/hour

[4 marks]

- b) i. Briefly explain filtering mechanism and bandwidth in noise measurement.

[4 marks]

- ii. Differentiate with example 1/1 octave and 1/3 octave filters.

[4 marks]

- c) Illustrate different types of sound reflection and solid obstacles.

[4 marks]

- d) Briefly discuss main noise control measures at receiver.

[4 marks]

4. Air pollutant emitted from motor vehicles exhaust contributes mainly to air pollution loading in Malaysia. It was estimated that 27 millions vehicles were registered with 80% running on Malaysian road network, whereby half of these are believed to be cars. Calculate annual exhaust emissions loading from cars travelling on Malaysian roads. It was estimated that 5 g/km hydrocarbons and 4 g/km NO_x were emitted from a car on a clear day. Suggest emission loading reduction strategies and action to curb the loading from increasing despite the rise in total number of vehicles annually.

[20 marks]

5. Sulphur dioxide and oxides of nitrogen emissions loads can be reduced by management and engineering control measures. Draw framework to reduce SO₂ and NO_x emissions in urban and industrial areas. Your discussion should include both management and engineering control.

[20 marks]

6. a) Calculate the concentrations of sulphur dioxide at ground level of an open and flat area at points located 3.0km and 5.0km downwind in bright and stable atmospheric condition emitted from a stack of a coal fired power station, with daily mass of solid fuel burned at 3000 tonne. The stack is 40 m height with internal radius of 10 m, exit velocity of 10 m/s at temperature 393 K. Wind velocity at 10 m is 5 m/s. The sulphur content of solid fuel is 2.4%. (in $\mu\text{g m}^{-3}$). Draw pollution map as a function of distance and concentrations.

[10 marks]

- b) Discuss the effects of air pollutants on bricks, mortar, glasses and steels. Give appropriate examples of chemical reactions that should take place.

[10 marks]

7. a) i. Briefly explain why adsorption and absorption are called non-steady state process?.

[2 marks]

- ii. Write the similarity and dissimilarity (each one at least **THREE (3)**) between NO_x and SO_x in air pollution control.
- [3 marks]
- iii. List **FIVE (5)** advantages of the dry-scrubbing process as compared to wet-scrubbing process.
- [2 marks]
- b) The dust loading of a gas from a cement kiln is 4.1 g/m^3 . The design loading before exhaust is 0.065 g/m^3 .
- i. Calculate the collection efficiency required to obtain the desired exit dust loading if one collector is to be used?
- [2 marks]
- ii. Calculate the efficiency required if two collectors are used in series (each with the same efficiency)?.
- [3 marks]
- iii. Calculate the efficiency required for the first collector of two in series, if the efficiency of the second unit is only 75% compared to the first unit?
- [5 marks]
- c) Cement dust is characterized by very fine Particulate Months. The exhaust gas temperatures from a cement kiln are very hot. Which of the following air pollution control devices would appear to be appropriate?. Explain the reasoning for your selection.
- a) Wet scrubber
 - b) Fabric filters
 - c) Electrostatic Precipitator
 - d) Cyclone (Centrifugal) Separators
- [3 marks]

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APPENDICE A

Useful formulae:

$$C = 20.05T^{1/2}$$

$$K = C + 273.15$$

$$I = w/s$$

$$L_1 = 10 \log_{10} I/10^{-12}$$

$$L_p = 20 \log_{10} (P/P_o), P_o = 20 \mu\text{Pa}$$

$$\text{Weighted } L_p = 10 \log_{10} (P/P_o), P_o = 20 \mu\text{Pa}$$

$$L_w = 10 \log_{10} (w/10^{-12})$$

$$L_{eq} = 10 \log_{10} \sum t_i 10^{L_i/10}$$

$$L_{wp} = 10 \log_{10} 1/N \sum 10^{(L_j/10)}$$

$$L_{pp} = 20 \log_{10} 1/N \sum 10^{(L_j/20)}$$

$$T_L = 10 \log_{10} \left\{ \frac{s}{\tau_1 s_1 + \dots + \tau_2 s_2} \right\}$$

$$T_L = 10 \log_{10} 1/\tau$$

$$NNI = \text{Average Peak Noise Level} + 15 \log_{10} N - 80$$

$$\text{Average Peak Noise Level} = 10 \log_{10} 1/N \sum 10^{\text{Peak noise level}/10} \text{ dB (A)}$$

$$\text{Traffic } L_{eq} = 42.3 + 10.2 \log (V_c + 6 V_t) - 13.9 \log D + 0.13 S$$

$$\text{Traffic } L_{dn} = 31.0 + 10.2 \log [AADT + T\% AADT/20] - 13.9 \log D + 0.13 S$$

$$L_{NP} = L_{eq} + (L_{10} - L_{90})$$

$$TNI = 4 (L_{10} - L_{50}) + L_{90} - 30$$

APPENDICE B

$$\sigma_z (\text{kelas stabiliti C}) = 0.08x (1 + 0.0001x)^{-0.5}$$

$$\sigma_z (\text{kelas stabiliti D}) = 0.06x (1 + 0.0001x)^{-0.5}$$

$$\sigma_z (\text{kelas stabiliti F}) = 0.04x (1 + 0.0001x)^{-0.5}$$

$$\sigma_y (\text{kelas stabiliti C}) = 0.11x (1 + 0.0001x)^{-0.5}$$

$$\sigma_y (\text{kelas stabiliti D}) = 0.08x (1 + 0.0001x)^{-0.5}$$

$$\sigma_y (\text{kelas stabiliti F}) = 0.16x (1 + 0.0003x)^{-1}$$

$$q(x,0,0) = \frac{Q}{\pi \bar{u} \sigma_z \sigma_y} \exp \left[- \frac{H^2}{2 \sigma_z^2} \right]$$

$$q(x,y,0) = \frac{Q}{\pi \bar{u} \sigma_z \sigma_y} \exp \left[- \frac{y^2}{2 \sigma_y^2} - \frac{H^2}{2 \sigma_z^2} \right]$$