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**EKC 483 – Petroleum & Gas Processing Engineering**  
***[Kejuruteraan Pemprosesan Petroleum & Gas]***

Duration : 3 hours  
*[Masa : 3 jam]*

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Please check that this examination paper consists of FOUR pages of printed material and TWO pages of Appendix before you begin the examination.

*[Sila pastikan bahawa kertas peperiksaan ini mengandungi EMPAT muka surat yang bercetak dan DUA muka surat Lampiran sebelum anda memulakan peperiksaan ini.]*

**Instruction:** Answer **ALL** (4) questions.

**Arahan:** Jawab **SEMUA** (4) soalan.]

In the event of any discrepancies, the English version shall be used.

*[Sekiranya terdapat sebarang percanggahan pada soalan peperiksaan, versi Bahasa Inggeris hendaklah diguna pakai.]*

Answer ALL questions.

Jawab SEMUA soalan.

1. [a] List out the main properties of crude oil and their implications.  
*Senaraikan ciri-ciri utama minyak mentah dan implikasinya.*  
[5 marks/markah]
- [b] Gasoline is one of the major fuels for motor vehicle. Discuss the production of gasoline via FCC process in a refinery in order to cope with the market demand.  
*Gasolin merupakan salah satu daripada bahan api utama bagi kenderaan bermotor. Bincangkan penghasilan gasolin melalui FCC dalam kilang penapisan untuk memenuhi permintaan pasaran.*  
[7 marks/markah]
- [c] Using the crude oil analysis given in Appendix,  
*Dengan menggunakan analisis minyak mentah yang diberikan dalam Lampiran:*
- [i] construct the True Boiling Point and gravity-mid percent curves.  
*Binakan lengkung Takat Didih Benar dan lengkung peratus tengah graviti.*
- [ii] find the first two lightest cut product volume % with mid boiling point 250°F and 400°F.  
*Carikan peratus isipadu bagi dua produk pecahan pertama yang paling ringan dengan takat didih tengah 250°F dan 400°F.*  
[13 marks/markah]
2. [a] Desalting process is needed before fractionation of the crude oil. Discuss the importance and the process.  
*Proses penyahgaraman diperlukan sebelum penyulingan minyak mentah. Bincangkan kepentingan dan proses tersebut.*  
[5 marks/markah]
- [b] What is coking process? Provide the common types of petroleum coke formed during a coking process and their main uses.  
*Apakah proses pengekokan? Berikan jenis umum kok petroleum yang terbentuk daripada suatu proses pengekokan dan kegunaan utamanya.*  
[5 marks/markah]
- [c] Describe the solvent extraction process to extract vacuum reduced crude to be used as a good quality feed for a FCC unit.  
*Terangkan proses penyarian pelarut untuk menyari produk bawah unit penyulingan vakum supaya dapat digunakan sebagai bahan suapan berkualiti untuk unit FCC.*  
[7 marks/markah]

- [d] Outline the main goal of catalytic reforming. How this can be achieved through catalytic reforming? Discuss the main reactions taking place during reforming.

*Nyatakan objektif utama proses pembentukan semula bermangkin. Bagaimana ini boleh dicapai melalui pembentukan semula bermangkin? Bincangkan tindak balas utama yang berlaku semasa pembentukan semula.*

[4 marks/markah]

- [e] Discuss the feed characteristic for a hydrocracker. How does it differ from the feed for a catalytic cracker?

*Bincangkan ciri-ciri suapan bagi suatu penghidropecah. Bagaimanakah ia berbeza daripada suapan bagi seunit pemecah bermangkin?*

[4 marks/markah]

3. [a] Identify whether the natural gas (NG) with composition below is rich or lean, sweet or sour.

*Kenalpastikan samada gas asli dengan komposisi di bawah adalah kaya atau kurang, manis atau masam.*

Given that 1 lbmol of gas at standard condition has a volume of 379.49 ft<sup>3</sup>.

*Diberikan 1 lbmol gas pada keadaan piawai mempunyai isipadu 379.49 kaki<sup>3</sup>.*

	Mol%	gal/mol	H (MJ/Sm <sup>3</sup> )	$\gamma$
He	0	0	-	-
N <sub>2</sub>	3.2	0	-	-
CO <sub>2</sub>	1.7	0	-	-
H <sub>2</sub> S	3.3	0	-	-
CH <sub>4</sub>	77.1	0	37.7	0.554
C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>6</sub>	6.6	10.123	66.1	1.038
C <sub>3</sub> H <sub>8</sub>	3.1	10.428	93.9	1.523
C <sub>4</sub> H <sub>10</sub>	2.0	12.160	121.4	2.007
C <sub>5</sub> H <sub>12+</sub>	3.0	13.721	177.6	2.975

[8 marks/markah]

- [b] Calculate the heating value for the gas in MJ/Sm<sup>3</sup>. Does it meet the pipeline quality? Explain.

*Kirakan nilai pemanasan untuk gas tersebut dalam MJ/Sm<sup>3</sup>. Adakah ia memenuhi kualiti paip? Terangkan.*

[9 marks/markah]

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- [c] Calculate mol% of air and reduction in methane in order to give consistent burning with minimum  $W_B$  of  $43.3 \text{ MJ/Nm}^3$ .  
*Kirakan mol% udara dan pengurangan metana untuk memberi pembakaran yang konsisten dengan  $W_B$  minima pada  $43.3 \text{ MJ/Nm}^3$ .*  
[8 marks/markah]
4. [a] What is the most preferred method to transport NG over short distance and long distance, respectively? Why?  
*Apakah kaedah yang paling digemari untuk memindahkan gas asli pada jarak dekat dan jauh masing-masing? Kenapa?*  
[4 marks/markah]
- [b] Explain the differences between peak shaving and baseload.  
*Terangkan perbezaan antara 'peak shaving' dan 'baseload'.*  
[4 marks/markah]
- [c] Provide the schematic of peak shaving facility and explain.  
*Berikan rajah skematik kemudahan 'peak shaving' dan terangkan.*  
[7 marks/markah]
- [d] Provide the schematic for baseload plant and explain.  
*Berikan rajah skematik untuk loji 'baseload' dan terangkan.*  
[10 marks/markah]

Appendix**CRUDE PETROLEUM ANALYSIS**Sample 62066**GENERAL CHARACTERISTIC**Gravity, specific, 0.871Nitrogen, wt % 0.02Gravity, API, 31.0Colour, green blackSulfur %, 0.15**DISTILLATION DATA**

Stage 1- Distillation at atmospheric pressure 745 mm Hg

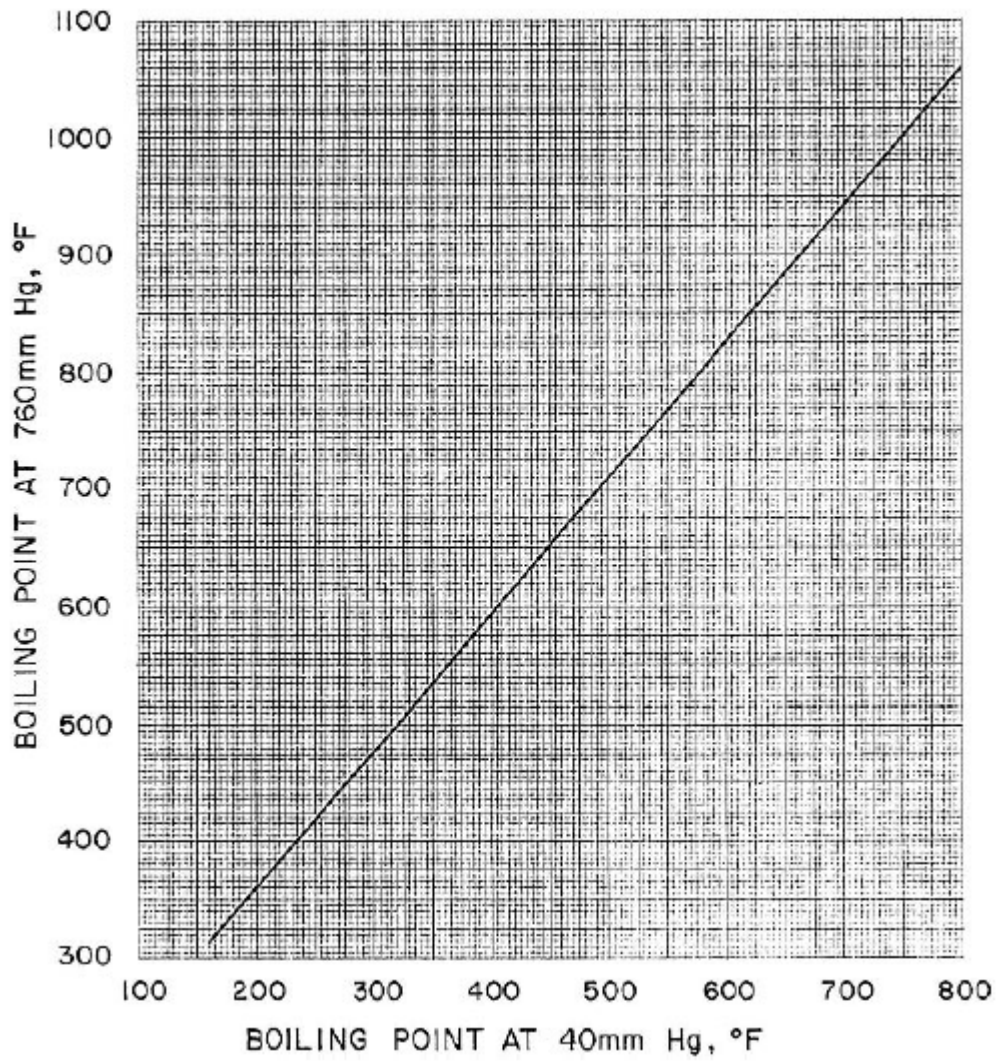
Fraction no.	Cut temp. °F	Percent	Sp. Gr. 60/60 °F
1	122	-	-
2	167	1.1	0.748
3	212	1.8	0.753
4	257	1.7	0.757
5	302	2.7	0.770
6	347	3.4	0.789
7	392	5.1	0.813
8	437	5.9	0.829
9	482	9.8	0.846
10	527	10.7	0.860

Stage 2 – Distillation continued at 40 mmHg

11	392	4.4	0.871
12	437	8.7	0.880
13	482	6.7	0.891
14	527	5.9	0.904
15	572	6.6	0.910
Residuum	-	23.0	0.942

Carbon residue, Conradsom: Residuum, 4.3 %; crude 1.1 %

Note: API = [141.5/specific gravity (60°F)] - 131.5



Boiling point at 760 mmHg versus boiling point at 40 mmHg.