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## **EBS 329E/3 - Engineering Geophysics** *EBS 329E/3 - Geofizik Kejuruteraan*

Time : 3 hours  
*Masa : 3 jam*

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Please ensure that this paper consists of NINE printed pages before you proceed with the examination.

This paper contains SEVEN questions. TWO questions in PART A and FIVE questions in PART B.

Answer any FIVE questions. Please answer ALL questions in PART A and any THREE questions in PART B. If a candidate answers more than five questions, only the first five answers will be examined and awarded marks.

Please use the provided log-log or linear graphs papers whenever necessary.

Answer to any question must start on a new page.

All questions could be answered in Bahasa Malaysia or English.

*Sila pastikan bahawa kertas peperiksaan ini mengandungi SEMBILAN muka surat yang bercetak sebelum anda memulakan peperiksaan.*

*Kertas soalan ini mengandungi TUJUH soalan. DUA soalan di BAHAGIAN A dan LIMA soalan di BAHAGIAN B.*

*Jawab LIMA soalan. Sila jawab SEMUA soalan di BAHAGIAN A dan mana-mana TIGA soalan di BAHAGIAN B. Jika calon menjawab lebih daripada lima soalan hanya lima soalan pertama mengikut susunan dalam skrip jawapan akan diberi markah.*

*Sila guna kertas graf linear dan log-log yang disediakan sekiranya perlu.*

*Mulakan jawapan anda untuk setiap soalan pada muka surat yang baru.*

*Semua soalan boleh dijawab samada dalam Bahasa Malaysia atau Bahasa Inggeris.*

**PART A****BAHAGIANA**

1. Answer the following questions.

- [a] Discuss constrains on seismic velocity. What is the P velocity of the geological formation which buried at the depth of 200m below ground surface and aged about 100 millions years?
  
- [b] The following seismogram shows a result of refraction survey along a survey line. Short point is located at 98.0m (Data file : 1000.dat).
  - (i) Plot the Time-Distant (T-D) or travel time curve?
  - (ii) Determine the velocities, V of top (overburden) and reflector (bedrock).
  - (iii) Determine the thickness, t of the overburden.

(Notes : This is a two layers case with horizontal or planer interfaces)

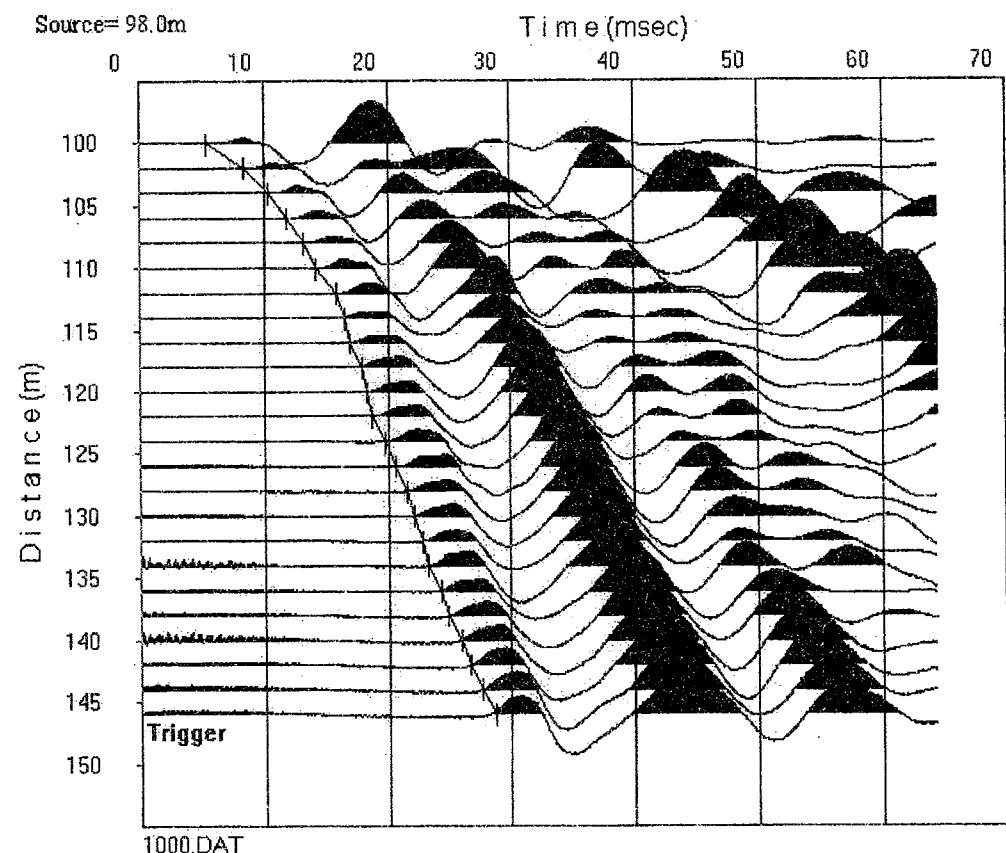
(20 marks)

1. Jawab kesemua soalan-soalan berikut.

- [a] Bincangkan kekangan dalam halaju seismik. Apakah halaju gelombang P bagi formasi geologi yang tertimbus pada kedalaman 200m di bawah paras permukaan bumi dan berumur sekitar 100 juta tahun?
  
- [b] Berikut adalah seismogram hasil daripada satu profil survei seismik biasan. Titik tembak (SP) terletak pada kedudukan 98.00m (Fail data : 1000.dat).
  - (i) Plot lengkung Masa-Jarak (T-D) atau lengkung masa perembatan?
  - (ii) Tentukan halaju, V lapisan beban atas dan pembalik (batuan dasar)?
  - (iii) Tentukan ketebalan, t lapisan beban atas.

(Nota : Ini adalah kes dua lapisan dengan lapisan antaramuka mendatar)

(20 markah)



***Data file : 1000.dat***

***Fail Data : 1000.dat***

2. Briefly describe or define any **five (5)** of the following?

- [a] Geophysical anomalies
- [b] Environmental geophysics (application)
- [c] Earthquake seismology
- [d] Relative gravity (in gravity survey)
- [e] Background potential (in SP survey)
- [f] Active/artificial method (in geophysical survey principle)

(20 marks)

2. Terangkan secara ringkas atau takrifkan lima (5) perkara-perkara berikut.

- [a] Anomali geofizik
- [b] Geofizik persekitaran (aplikasi)
- [c] Seismologi gempa bumi
- [d] Graviti bandingan (dalam survei graviti)
- [e] Keupayaan latar (dalam survei SP)
- [f] Kaedah aktif/palsu (dalam prinsip survei geofizik)

(20 markah)

**PART B****BAHAGIAN B**

3. Answer all of the following questions.

- [a] There are three (3) different of geoelectrics methods on the basis of their electrical property. State and briefly describe these methods.
- [b] Gravity surveys measures the acceleration due to gravity, g. Gravitational attraction depends on the density of underlying rocks, to which gravity survey are sensitive. So value of g varies across the surface of earth. State and briefly describe three (3) major scales (magnitude) of gravity survey which are carried out for different purposes.
- [c] Magnetic susceptibility,  $\kappa$  is the physical parameter to which magnetic surveys are sensitive. States three (3) main applications of this survey method.
- [d] What is body wave? States types and characteristics of these waves.

(20 marks)

3. Jawab kesemua soalan berikut.

- [a] Terdapat tiga (3) kaedah survei geoelektrik yang berlandaskan kepada sifat-sifat elektrik yang berlainan. Nyata dan bincangkan secara ringkas kaedah-kaedah ini.
- [b] Survei graviti mengukur pecutan akibat pengaruh graviti, g. Tarikan graviti bergantung kepada ketumpatan bahan bumi (batuan) yang amat sensitif kepada survei graviti. Oleh yang demikian nilai g adalah berubah-ubah daripada satu kawasan ke kawasan yang lain. Nyata dan bincangkan secara ringkas tiga (3) sekala (magnitud) survei yang lazim dijalankan untuk maksud tertentu.
- [c] Kerantanian magnetik,  $\kappa$  adalah parameter fizikal yang sensatif kepada survei magnet. Nyatakan tiga kegunaan utama survei magnetik.
- [d] Apakah itu gelombang jasad? Nyatakan jenis-jenis dan ciri-ciri gelombang tersebut.

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4. Answer all of the following questions.

- [a] State and describe the similarity and differences between gravity and magnetic methods.
- [b] Several corrections must be applied to observed gravity data to obtain sea level reference and anomaly. State and explains at least three (3) of these data correction.
- [c] What is "Local Latitude Correction"? Estimate the local latitude correction at  $51^{\circ}$  N (unit gu/km).
- [d] Write the final Bouger anomaly formula.

(20 marks)

4. Jawab kesemua soalan berikut.

- [a] Nyata dan perihalkan persamaan dan perbezaan antara kaedah-kaedah graviti dan magnetik.
- [b] Beberapa proses pembetulan terhadap data graviti cerapan perlu dilakukan terlebih dahulu sebelum memperolehi rujukan paras laut dan anomali-anomali. Nyata dan terangkan sekurang-kurangnya tiga (3) jenis pembetulan data ini.
- [c] Apakah itu "Pembetulan latitud tempatan"? Anggarkan nilai pembetulan latitud tempatan pada  $51^{\circ}$  N (unit gu/km).
- [d] Tuliskan rumus untuk anomali Bouger (akhir).

(20 markah)

5. Answer all of the followings questions.

[a] Define or describe the following

- (i) Electrode arrays (in resistivity survey) and geometrics factors.
- (ii) Apparent resistivity.

[b] Plot the following resistivity data (**Table 1**) and determine the resistivity of layers 1 and 2 and thickness of layer 1 for the given data?

(Master curve and graph paper (log-log) are provided)

(20 marks)

5. Jawab kesemua soalan berikut.

[a] Takrif atau jelaskan perkara-perkara berikut.

- (i) Susunan/tatarajah elektrod (dalam survei resistiviti dan faktor geometrik?).
- (ii) Resistiviti nyata.

[b] Plot data resistiviti berikut (**Jadual 1**) dan tentukan nilai resistiviti lapisan 1 dan 2 serta ketebalan lapisan 1 untuk data yang diberikan.

(Lengkung master dan kertas graf (log-log) adalah disediakan)

(20 marks)

**Table 1 - Resistivity Data (Wenner Configuration)**

**Jadual 1 - Data Resistiviti (Konfigurasi Wenner)**

“a” spacing (meters) Jarak “a” (meters)	Apperent resistivity (ohm-meters) Resistiviti nyata (ohm-meters)
5	210
10	276
15	360
20	450
30	610
50	850
100	1210

7. Answer all of the following questions.

- [a] There are two main methods in resistivity (VES and CST). State and briefly discuss the procedures and advantages or usage of these methods.
- [b] State the typical uses of electrical resistivity survey and factors that governed resistivity (increasing or reducing).
- [c] What is geophone? State main applications of seismic refraction in engineering geology/geophysics.
- [d] What are the measuring units for apparent resistivity, gravity, magnetic and Self-Potential (SP)?

(20 marks)

7. Jawab semua soalan berikut.

- [a] Terdapat dua kaedah utama perlaksanaan survei resistiviti (VES dan CST). Nyata dan bincangkan secara ringkas prosedur dan kesesuaian penggunaan kaedah-kaedah ini.
- [b] Nyatakan kegunaan lazim survei elektrik resistiviti dan faktor-faktor yang mengekang/mempengaruhi nilai resistiviti (meningkat dan mengurangkan).
- [c] Apakah itu geofon? Nyatakan aplikasi utama seismik biasan dalam kejuruteraan geologi/geofizik.
- [d] Apakah unit-unit pengukuran resistiviti nyata, graviti, magnetik dan keupayaan-diri (SP)?

(20 markah)