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**ZCT 535/4 - Nuclear Medicine and Radiotherapy Physics**  
***[Perubatan Nuklear dan Fizik Radioterapi]***

Duration 3 hours  
*[Masa 3 jam]*

Please check that the examination paper consists of **SEVEN** pages of printed material before you begin the examination

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**Instruction** Answer all **FIVE** questions Students are allowed to answer all questions in Bahasa Malaysia or in English

**Arahan** Jawab kesemua **LIMA** soalan Pelajar dibenarkan menjawab semua soalan sama ada dalam Bahasa Malaysia atau Bahasa Inggeris ]

**SECTION A (90 minutes)**  
**[BAHAGIAN A (90 menit)]**

- 1 (a) Explain what is meant by the following terms  
*[Huraikan maksud ungkapan berikut ]*
- (i) percentage depth dose along the central axis  
*[peratusan dos kedalaman sepanjang paksi pusat]*
  - (ii) tissue air ratio (TAR)  
*[nisbah udara tisu]*
  - (iii) tissue maximum ratio (TMR)  
*[nisbah maksimum tisu]*
- (20/100)
- (b) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of replacing a cobalt radiation unit by a linear accelerator under the following terms  
*[Bincangkan kebaikan dan keburukan dalam penggantian unit sinaran kobalt dengan suatu 'linear accelerator' di bawah ungkapan berikut ]*
- (i) beam energy and output  
*[tenaga bim dan output]*
  - (ii) beam geometry  
*[geometri bim]*
  - (iii) protection for the room and personnel  
*[perlindungan bilik dan pekerja]*
  - (iv) construction and maintenance of the unit  
*[pembinaan dan penyelenggaraan unit]*
- (40/100)
- (c) A dose of 200 cGy is prescribed to the tumor located at 5 cm depth from field A and 15 cm depth from field B. Treatment plan uses parallel opposed isocentric fields. The field sizes are  $9 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$  and the SAD is 100 cm and a 10 MV photon beam is used. Field A is weighted twice as much as field B.  
*[Suatu dos 200 cGy diberi pada tumor yang letaknya pada kedalaman 5 cm dari medan A dan kedalaman 15 cm dari medan B. Rawatannya menggunakan medan bertentangan dan isosentrik. Saiz medannya  $9 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2$  dan SADnya 100 cm dan 10 MV foton bim digunakan. Pemberat pada medan A adalah dua kali daripada medan B.]*

- (i) Calculate the MU required from each field  
*[Hitungkan MU yang diperlukan dari setiap medan]*
- (ii) Calculate the  $D_{\max}$  of field A and field B  
*[Hitungkan  $D_{\max}$  bagi medan A dan medan B]*

$$Scp (9 \times 10 \text{ cm}^2) = 0.995$$

(40/100)

- 2 (a) To determine the tumor/organ position using X-ray machine, orthogonal films are used. Why? Discuss the further steps and information necessary to plan the radiation treatment at the isocentre of tumor using the films  
*[Untuk menentukan kedudukan tumor/organ dengan mesin sinar-x, filem orthogonal digunakan. Mengapa? Bincangkan langkah-langkah dan maklumat yang perlu untuk mencadangkan rawatan sinaran pada isocentre dalam tumor dengan menggunakan filem-filem itu.]*  
 (30/100)
- (b) Describe two purposes for which wedges are used in radiotherapy  
*[Huraikan dua tujuan untuk baji digunakan di dalam radioterapi.]*  
 (20/100)
- (c) Discuss and draw the approximate isodose curves expected when breast cancer is treated with and without wedges. State the positioning of the wedges  
*[Bincangkan dan lakarkan isodos secara kasar yang akan didapati dalam rawatan kanser payudara dengan adanya dan tiadanya baji. Nyatakan kedudukan baji.]*  
 (20/100)
- (d) A 20 MeV electron beam is used in the treatment of bone metastasis in the spine  
*[20 MeV bim elektron digunakan dalam rawatan 'bone metastasis' dalam tulang belakang.]*
- (i) Draw the central axis depth dose curve to scale and name the axes  
*[Lakarkan lengkung kedalaman dos pada paksi pusat dan namakan paksi-paksinya.]*
- (ii) State the useful portion of the beam. Why?  
*[Nyatakan bahagian bim yang berguna dalam terapi. Mengapa?]*

- (iii) State the advantages and disadvantages in using the electron beam for the above treatment  
*[Nyatakan kebaikan dan keburukan menggunakan bim elektron dalam rawatan ini ]*
- (iv) If a 'lead cutout' is used to protect part of the spine, determine the thickness of the cutout Explain  
*[Jika suatu 'lead cutout' digunakan untuk melindungi sebahagian tulang belakang, tentukan ketebalan 'cutout'nya Terangkan ]*  
 (30/100)

**SECTION B (90 minutes)**  
***[BAHAGIAN B (90 minut)]***

- 3 Briefly explain  
*[Jelaskan secara ringkas]*
- (a) why Tc-99m is widely used for imaging  
*[kenapa Tc-99m digunakan untuk imejan secara menyeluruh]*  
 (10/100)
- (b) the operation of Mo-99/Tc-99m generator  
*[operasi penjana Mo-99/Tc-99m]*  
 (20/100)
- (c) four (4) factors that influence the image quality in nuclear imaging  
*[empat (4) faktor yang mempengaruhi kualiti imej dalam imejan nuklear]*  
 (40/100)
- (d) three (3) performance parameters of gamma camera  
*[tiga (3) parameter prestasi gamma kamera]*  
 (30/100)
- 4 (a) Explain the advantages of SPECT compare to planar imaging  
*[Jelaskan kebaikan SPECT jika dibandingkan dengan imejan mensatah]*  
 (20/100)
- (b) In SPECT image reconstruction briefly explain the function of filtering  
*[Dalam pembinaan semula imej SPECT terangkan secara ringkas fungsi turas]*  
 (20/100)
- (c) Explain the limitations in using SPECT to determine the activity in a certain volume in the organ  
*[Terangkan faktor yang menghadkan prosedur SPECT untuk menentukan keaktifan di dalam suatu isipadu organ]*  
 (20/100)

- (d) Compare any four (4) aspects of PET versus SPECT  
*[Bandingkan mana-mana empat (4) aspek berkaitan dengan PET melawan SPECT]*

(40/100)

- 5 (a) Show that cumulative activity =  $1.44 A_0 T_e$  in the situation where the uptake of radiopharmaceutical in the organ is instantaneous and the clearance is by both physical and biological excretion  
*[Buktikan  $A = 1.44 A_0 T_e$  dalam keadaan di mana pengambilan radiofarmasetikal oleh organ adalah secara serta-merta dan terdapat penghapusan fizikal dan biologi dari organ]*

$T_e$  = effective half -- life

*[ $T_e$  = separuh hayat berkesan]*

$A_0$  = initial activity

*[ $A_0$  = keaktifan permulaan di dalam organ]*

(30/100)

- (b) In liver imaging three (3) millicurie of Tc-99m-Sulphur Colloid was injected into the patient. Calculate the dose to the liver if 60% of the injected activity was taken by the liver, 30% by the spleen, and 10% by bone marrow. The uptake by the organs is instantaneous with no biological excretion.

*[Pesakit telah menerima suntikan tiga (3) millicurie Tc-99m-koloid sulfur bagi imejan hati. Kira dos sinaran di dalam hati jika 60% keaktifan di dalam hati, 30% di dalam spleen dan 10% di dalam sumsum tulang. Andaikan pengambilan oleh organ adalah secara serta-merta dan tidak terdapat pengumuhan biologi.]*

Given *[Diberikan]*

$$S (\text{liver} \leftarrow \text{liver}) = 4.6 \times 10^5 \text{ rad/microCurie hr}$$

$$[S (\text{hati} \leftarrow \text{hati}) = 4.6 \times 10^5 \text{ rad/microCurie hr}]$$

$$S (\text{liver} \leftarrow \text{spleen}) = 9.8 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/microCurie hr}$$

$$[S (\text{hati} \leftarrow \text{limpa}) = 9.8 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/microCurie hr}]$$

$$S (\text{liver} \leftarrow \text{bone marrow}) = 9.2 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/microCurie hr}$$

$$[S (\text{hati} \leftarrow \text{sumsum tulang}) = 9.2 \times 10^7 \text{ rad/microCurie hr}]$$

(70/100)

Table 11-8 Percentage depth dose table 10 MV x-ray at 100 cm SSD

Eq Sq Depth (cm)	00	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	220	240	260	280	300
00	104	105	105	116	126	138	149	161	170	179	188	197	206	214	222	230	238	246	258	269	280	292	304
10	770	770	771	788	806	831	863	891	895	899	902	905	908	911	917	917	920	925	924	925	931	938	944
20	940	940	941	949	956	964	972	979	980	980	981	981	981	982	983	983	984	984	984	984	985	988	991
25	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000
30	967	980	983	983	983	982	982	982	982	983	983	983	984	983	983	983	983	983	982	982	982	982	982
40	913	947	954	954	955	953	952	951	952	953	955	956	956	956	955	954	954	954	953	953	953	953	953
50	864	903	911	912	914	913	913	914	915	917	918	920	921	920	920	920	920	920	920	919	920	920	920
60	817	860	869	872	875	875	876	871	879	881	883	885	885	886	886	886	887	887	887	887	887	887	887
70	772	819	829	833	837	838	839	841	843	846	848	851	851	852	852	853	853	854	855	855	856	856	857
80	730	781	791	796	801	802	804	807	809	812	815	818	818	819	820	821	821	822	822	823	823	825	826
90	690	741	752	758	763	765	767	770	773	777	780	783	784	785	786	787	788	789	790	791	792	793	793
100	650	705	716	722	728	730	732	735	739	743	747	750	751	752	754	755	756	757	759	760	761	762	762
110	619	669	680	687	693	695	698	702	706	710	714	717	719	721	722	724	725	726	728	729	731	732	732
120	585	636	647	654	660	663	667	670	675	679	683	686	688	690	692	694	695	697	699	700	702	703	703
130	554	603	614	623	629	632	636	640	644	649	653	656	658	660	663	664	666	668	670	672	674	675	674
140	524	573	584	593	599	602	606	610	615	620	625	627	630	632	634	636	638	639	643	644	647	647	647
150	496	543	555	564	570	574	578	583	588	592	597	600	602	605	607	609	611	613	616	618	621	621	620
160	471	516	527	537	543	547	551	556	561	566	571	574	576	579	581	583	585	587	591	593	596	596	595
170	446	489	500	509	515	519	524	529	534	539	544	547	550	552	555	557	559	562	565	568	570	570	570
180	422	464	474	483	489	493	499	504	509	514	519	522	525	527	530	533	535	537	541	544	546	546	546
190	400	440	450	458	463	469	474	479	484	490	494	497	500	503	506	509	511	514	518	521	523	522	522
200	379	417	427	434	440	446	451	456	462	467	471	475	478	481	484	487	489	492	496	499	501	500	500
210	359	396	405	413	418	424	429	434	440	445	449	453	456	460	463	465	469	471	475	478	479	479	479
220	340	376	385	393	399	404	410	415	420	425	429	433	436	440	442	445	448	450	454	458	458	458	458
230	323	358	367	374	380	385	390	395	401	406	410	414	417	421	424	426	429	431	435	439	439	439	438
240	306	340	349	356	361	367	372	377	382	387	391	395	399	402	405	408	410	413	417	420	420	420	419
250	290	327	336	343	348	354	359	364	369	374	378	381	385	389	391	394	397	399	403	406	406	405	405
260	275	314	323	331	336	341	346	351	356	361	365	368	372	375	378	381	383	386	389	392	391	391	391
270	261	303	311	318	323	329	334	338	343	348	352	355	359	362	365	368	371	373	376	379	378	378	378
280	248	292	300	306	312	317	322	327	331	336	340	343	347	350	353	355	358	360	364	365	365	365	365
290	235	281	289	295	300	305	310	315	320	324	328	331	335	338	341	343	346	348	351	353	352	352	352
300	223	270	278	285	289	294	299	304	309	313	316	320	323	326	329	332	335	337	339	340	340	340	340
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10 MV tissue maximum ratio

Table 11-15

Eq Sq Depth (cm)	00	40	50	60	70	80	90	100	110	120	130	140	150	160	170	180	190	200	220	240	260	280	300
00	0.099	0.100	0.100	0.111	0.122	0.133	0.144	0.156	0.165	0.174	0.182	0.191	0.200	0.208	0.216	0.225	0.233	0.241	0.253	0.264	0.276	0.288	0.300
10	0.749	0.750	0.750	0.770	0.790	0.816	0.848	0.880	0.884	0.888	0.892	0.896	0.900	0.904	0.908	0.912	0.916	0.920	0.924	0.928	0.934	0.942	0.950
20	0.933	0.934	0.934	0.945	0.956	0.967	0.976	0.986	0.987	0.989	0.990	0.991	0.993	0.994	0.996	0.997	0.999	1.001	1.004	1.007	1.011	1.015	1.019
25	1.000	1.001	1.001	1.005	1.009	1.012	1.013	1.015	1.016	1.017	1.018	1.019	1.020	1.021	1.022	1.023	1.024	1.025	1.028	1.031	1.032	1.033	1.034
30	0.978	0.992	0.995	0.999	1.003	1.006	1.007	1.008	1.009	1.010	1.012	1.013	1.014	1.015	1.016	1.017	1.018	1.019	1.021	1.024	1.025	1.026	1.027
40	0.942	0.976	0.985	0.989	0.993	0.995	0.995	0.995	0.997	0.999	1.001	1.003	1.005	1.006	1.006	1.007	1.007	1.008	1.010	1.013	1.014	1.015	1.016
50	0.908	0.948	0.958	0.963	0.968	0.972	0.973	0.974	0.976	0.979	0.981	0.984	0.986	0.987	0.988	0.989	0.990	0.991	0.993	0.996	0.998	0.999	1.000
60	0.875	0.920	0.931	0.937	0.944	0.949	0.950	0.952	0.955	0.958	0.960	0.963	0.966	0.967	0.969	0.970	0.972	0.973	0.976	0.979	0.981	0.982	0.983
70	0.843	0.892	0.904	0.912	0.919	0.924	0.927	0.930	0.933	0.936	0.940	0.943	0.946	0.948	0.949	0.951	0.952	0.954	0.957	0.960	0.963	0.965	0.967
80	0.812	0.864	0.878	0.886	0.895	0.901	0.904	0.908	0.912	0.915	0.919	0.922	0.926	0.928	0.930	0.931	0.933	0.935	0.938	0.941	0.944	0.947	0.950
90	0.782	0.836	0.849	0.858	0.867	0.874	0.878	0.882	0.886	0.890	0.895	0.899	0.903	0.905	0.907	0.909	0.911	0.913	0.917	0.921	0.924	0.927	0.929
100	0.754	0.808	0.822	0.832	0.842	0.849	0.853	0.857	0.862	0.866	0.871	0.875	0.880	0.882	0.885	0.887	0.890	0.892	0.896	0.900	0.903	0.906	0.909
110	0.727	0.781	0.794	0.805	0.816	0.823	0.828	0.832	0.837	0.842	0.847	0.852	0.857	0.860	0.862	0.865	0.867	0.870	0.874	0.879	0.883	0.886	0.889
120	0.700	0.754	0.768	0.779	0.790	0.798	0.803	0.808	0.813	0.818	0.824	0.829	0.834	0.837	0.840	0.843	0.846	0.849	0.854	0.859	0.863	0.866	0.869
130	0.675	0.728	0.741	0.752	0.765	0.774	0.779	0.784	0.789	0.795	0.800	0.806	0.811	0.814	0.817	0.821	0.824	0.827	0.832	0.837	0.842	0.845	0.849
140	0.650	0.703	0.716	0.728	0.741	0.750	0.755	0.760	0.766	0.772	0.777	0.783	0.789	0.792	0.795	0.799	0.802	0.805	0.811	0.816	0.821	0.825	0.829
150	0.626	0.678	0.691	0.704	0.717	0.726	0.731	0.737	0.743	0.749	0.755	0.761	0.767	0.770	0.774	0.777	0.781	0.784	0.790	0.796	0.801	0.805	0.809
160	0.604	0.654	0.667	0.680	0.693	0.703	0.708	0.714	0.720	0.727	0.733	0.740	0.746	0.749	0.753	0.756	0.760	0.763	0.769	0.776	0.781	0.786	0.790
170	0.582	0.631	0.643	0.655	0.668	0.677	0.684	0.690	0.696	0.703	0.709	0.716	0.722	0.726	0.730	0.733	0.737	0.741	0.747	0.754	0.759	0.764	0.769
180	0.560	0.608	0.620	0.632	0.644	0.653	0.659	0.667	0.674	0.680	0.687	0.693	0.700	0.704	0.708	0.711	0.715	0.719	0.726	0.733	0.739	0.744	0.749
190	0.540	0.586	0.597	0.609	0.620	0.630	0.637	0.644	0.651	0.657	0.664	0.670	0.677	0.681	0.685	0.690	0.694	0.698	0.705	0.712	0.719	0.724	0.729
200	0.520	0.565	0.576	0.587	0.598	0.607	0.615	0.623	0.630	0.636	0.643	0.649	0.656	0.660	0.665	0.669	0.674	0.678	0.685	0.692	0.699	0.704	0.710
210	0.501	0.544	0.555	0.566	0.577	0.586	0.594	0.602	0.609	0.615	0.622	0.628	0.635	0.640	0.644	0.649	0.653	0.658	0.666	0.673	0.680	0.685	0.691
220	0.483	0.525	0.536	0.547	0.558	0.567	0.575	0.583	0.590	0.596	0.603	0.609	0.616	0.621	0.625	0.630	0.634	0.639	0.647	0.654	0.661	0.666	0.672
230	0.466	0.507	0.518	0.528	0.539	0.548	0.556	0.564	0.571	0.577	0.584	0.590	0.597	0.602	0.607	0.611	0.616	0.621	0.629	0.636	0.643	0.648	0.654
240	0.449	0.489	0.499	0.510	0.521	0.530	0.537	0.545	0.552	0.558	0.565	0.571	0.578	0.583	0.588	0.593	0.598	0.603	0.611	0.618	0.625	0.630	0.636
250	0.433	0.477	0.488	0.498	0.509	0.518	0.526	0.534	0.540	0.547	0.553	0.560	0.567	0.571	0.576	0.581	0.586	0.591	0.599	0.607	0.613	0.619	0.624
260	0.416	0.464	0.476	0.487	0.498	0.507	0.514	0.522	0.529	0.535	0.542	0.548	0.555	0.560	0.565	0.569	0.574	0.579	0.587	0.595	0.602	0.607	0.612
270	0.402	0.453	0.466	0.476	0.486	0.495	0.503	0.511	0.518	0.524	0.531	0.537	0.544	0.548	0.553	0.558	0.563	0.568	0.576	0.584	0.590	0.595	0.601
280	0.387	0.441	0.455	0.465	0.475	0.484	0.492	0.500	0.506	0.513	0.519	0.526	0.532	0.537	0.542	0.546	0.551	0.556	0.564	0.572	0.579	0.584	0.589
290	0.373	0.430	0.444	0.454	0.464	0.473	0.481	0.488	0.495	0.502	0.508	0.515	0.521	0.526	0.530	0.535	0.540	0.545	0.553	0.561	0.568	0.573	0.578
300	0.359	0.418	0.433	0.443	0.454	0.463	0.470	0.477	0.484	0.490	0.497	0.503	0.510	0.515	0.519	0.524	0.528	0.533	0.541	0.550	0.556	0.561	0.566