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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF  
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY  
(MMUST)**

MAIN CAMPUS

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2023/2024 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**FIFTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS**

**FOR THE DEGREE  
OF  
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE  
IN CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING**

**COURSE CODE: CSE 531**

**COURSE TITLE: SEWAGE AND WASTE WATER  
TREATMENT**

**DATE: 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2023**

**TIME: 8 A.M – 10 A.M**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. This paper consists of **FIVE** questions
2. Answer question **ONE** and **ANY** other **THREE** questions
3. All symbols have their usual meaning unless otherwise stated

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**Question ONE {COMPULSORY (25 marks)}**

- a) In wastewater treatment, differentiate sewage from sewerage works (4 Marks)
- b) Explain the overall objective of wastewater treatment (4 Marks)
- c) Give three negative effects of untreated wastewater discharged into a receiving stream (3 marks)
- d) Differentiate the action of aerobic and anaerobic bacteria in a wastewater treatment process (2 marks)
- e) Explain the importance of testing a sewer line and give two methods commonly used to test sewers (3 Marks)
- f) Give four favorable conditions for development of a separate sewer system (4 marks)
- g) Design a sewer for a maximum discharge of  $1.5\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  running half full. Consider Manning's Coefficient  $n = 0.012$ , and gradient of sewer  $S = 0.0001$ . (5 Marks)

**Question TWO (15 marks)**

- a) Explain why design of sewer pumping main is fundamentally based on flow velocities (4 marks)
- b) Outline three conditions that favor the development of a combined sewer system for a town. (3 marks)
- h) Due to terrain and to manage sewer pumping costs, it has been decided that a sewer treatment plant be developed for Suneka in the peri-urban of Kisii town. The following data is available for the urban center;
- Population for the Base Year 2019 – 10,000 persons
  - Population growth rate (r)– 2.3%
  - Population growth for the town is geometric
- Estimate the current wastewater generation for the urban center to inform design for the sewer system and treatment plant. (8 marks)

**Question THREE (15 marks)**

- a) Explain the overall objective of wastewater treatment process (2 marks)
- b) Explain two reasons why provision of freeboard is necessary in the design of sewer pipes (4 marks)
- c) Give 4 reasons that may necessitate the use a sewer pumping station (4 Marks)

- d) Treated wastewater is being discharged into a receiving stream at 500l/sec with a BOD of 80mg/l, DO= 2.5mg/l and temperature 20°C. At the point of discharge, the receiving stream is flowing at 40m<sup>3</sup>/sec with a BOD=3mg/l, DO=7.5mg/l and temperature 15°C. The de-oxygenation constant of the waste is 0.1 per day at 20°C. The velocity of the river downstream is 0.15m/s and the depth of flow is 1.5m

Determine the following after mixing of the wastewater and river water: Combined Discharge, Biochemical Oxygen Demand, Dissolved Oxygen, Temperature and Critical Oxygen (5 marks)

#### **Question FOUR (15 marks)**

- a) Classify with examples, the main contaminants found in wastewater (6 marks)
- b) Explain why screening and pre-aeration is important in a wastewater treatment process (2 marks)
- c) Design a grit chamber for a conventional water treatment system to remove substances with the following parameters;

Diameter 0.2mm, specific gravity 2.65, settling velocity range from 0.018m/s, Flow-through velocity 0.3m/s. Assume a wastewater flow of 10,000m<sup>3</sup>/d with a rectangular section of 1.5m depth. (7 marks)

#### **Question FIVE (15 marks)**

- a) Explain two factors that are likely to affect the rate of reaction in an oxidation pond (4 Marks)
- b) Wastewater sludge treatment process includes sludge thickening, digestion and condition. Explain the aim of each of the processes (3 marks)
- c) Outline two functions of a manhole in a sewer conveyance system (2 marks)
- d) Determine the dimensions of an oxidation pond to treat 8000m<sup>3</sup>/day of sewage received from a suburb of a city, located in an area of hot climate, the BOD of sewage being 350 mg/l. Assume BOD loading of 300m<sup>3</sup>/Ha/Day for hot climate, detention time of 14 days for winter and 7 days for summer. (6 marks)

