



B.E DEGREE EXAMINATIONS : MAY 2018

(Regulation 2015)

Sixth Semester

AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING

U15AEE007 : Wind Tunnel Techniques

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1:** Design low speed / high speed wind tunnel.
CO2: Apply the calibration technique on a wind tunnel.
CO3: Design the model as per the wind tunnel requirement.
CO4: Use various instruments for measuring the flow properties.
CO5: Use optical instruments to predict the shock wave characteristics.
CO6: Predict flow characteristics using flow visualization techniques.

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

**Answer all the Questions:-
PART A (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)**

1. Matching type item with multiple choice code

CO1 [K₂]

List I	List II
A. Reynolds number	i. Inertia force and elastic force
B. Froude number	ii. Inertia force and surface tension force
C. Weber number	iii. Inertia force and gravity force
D. Mach number	iv. Inertia force and viscous force

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| a) | ii | i | iii | iv |
| b) | iv | iii | ii | i |
| c) | ii | iv | iii | i |
| d) | iii | i | iv | ii |

2. Which one of the dimensionless numbers identifies the compressibility effect of a fluid?

CO1 [K₁]

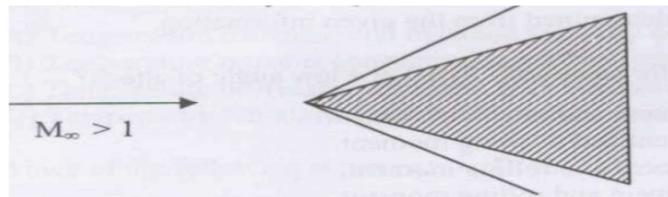
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| a) Euler number | b) Froude number |
| c) Mach number | d) Weber number |

9. Assertion (A): Reynolds number must be same for the model and prototype immersed in subsonic flows. CO1 [K₁]

Reason (R): Equality of Reynolds number for the model and prototype satisfies the dynamic similarity criteria.

- a) Both A and R are Individually true and R is the correct explanation of A
b) Both A and R are Individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A
c) A is true but R is false
d) A is false but R is true

10. Consider a 2-D body in supersonic flow with an attached oblique shock as shown below CO4 [K₁]



An increase in free stream Mach number will cause the oblique shock wave to

- a) Move close to the body
b) Move away from the body
c) Detach from the body
d) Become a normal shock

PART B (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)
(Answer not more than 40 words)

11. What is scale effect and how it is related to the similarities. CO1 [K₂]
12. List out the forces acting on a fluid flow. CO1 [K₂]
13. What is meant by liquefaction in supersonic wind tunnels? CO1 [K₂]
14. Define horizontal buoyancy. CO2 [K₂]
15. Mention the various losses in a low speed wind tunnel. CO2 [K₂]
16. State the principle of manometer? List out the pressure measuring devices. CO3 [K₂]
17. How turbulence can be measured by using the turbulence sphere? CO3 [K₂]
18. What are the limitations of dye injection method for flow visualization? CO4 [K₂]
19. What is the need for cryogenic wind tunnel? CO5 [K₂]
20. Why air heaters required in hypersonic wind tunnels? CO5 [K₂]

Answer any FIVE Questions:-
PART C (5 x 14 = 70 Marks)
(Answer not more than 300 words)

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21. Describe the types of wind tunnel balances. What are the six components measured by the wind tunnel balances? Explain how these are measured. CO2 [K₃]

22. (i) Write any three non-dimensional numbers used for aerodynamics and their importance. (7) CO1 [K₃]
(ii) Write the types of similarities and explain each in detail with examples. (7) CO1 [K₃]
23. Explain in detail any two types of wind tunnels with neat sketches and also discuss its advantages and disadvantages. CO2 [K₃]
24. (i) State the principle of Hot-Wire Anemometer. Explain the constant temperature mode of operation of Hot-Wire Anemometer with neat circuit. (7) CO4 [K₄]
(ii) Explain the starting problem and starting loads in high speed wind tunnels. (7) CO4 [K₃]
25. (i) What is the purpose of calibration of wind tunnel? How the wind tunnel test section speed and horizontal buoyancy is calibrated? (7) CO2 [K₄]
(ii) Explain how the sphere type yaw meter is employed for measuring the flow angularity? (7) CO2 [K₃]
26. Give a description of the shadowgraph and schlieren techniques. What are the main differences between the two techniques? CO5 [K₃]
27. Explain the following with neat sketches: (i) Helium tunnel, (ii) Gun tunnel and (iii) Shock tubes. CO6 [K₄]
