

BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MESRA, RANCHI
(MID SEMESTER EXAMINATION SP2023)

CLASS: BTECH
BRANCH: MECHANICAL

SEMESTER :
SESSION : SP2023

SUBJECT: ME349 TURBO MACHINERY

TIME: 02 Hours

FULL MARKS: 25

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. The question paper contains 5 questions each of 5 marks and total 25 marks.
2. Attempt all questions.
3. The missing data, if any, may be assumed suitably.
4. Tables/Data handbook/Graph paper etc., if applicable, will be supplied to the candidates

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- Q.1(a) Show that the discharge of a centrifugal pump is given by $Q = ND^3 f \left[\frac{gH}{N^2 D^2}, \frac{\mu}{ND^2 \rho} \right]$ [5] CO 2 BL 2
where N is the speed of the pump in rpm, D is the diameter of the impeller, g is the acceleration due to gravity, H is the manometric head, μ is the viscosity of the fluid and ρ is the density of the fluid.
- Q.2(a) What is the significance of the specific speed of the turbine and pump? [2] CO1 1
Q.2(b) An axial flow pump with a rotor diameter of 30 cm handles liquid water at the rate of 2.7 m³/min while operating at 1500 rpm. The corresponding energy input is 125 J/kg. The total-to-total efficiency is 75%. If a second geometrically similar pump with a diameter of 20 cm operates at 3000 rpm, find (a) its flow rate, (b) power input and (c) change in total pressure. [3] CO4 3
- Q.3(a) Explain the working principle of the reaction turbine with pressure and velocity variation across the turbine. [2] CO1 2
Q.3(b) Air flows through the rotor of a power-absorbing machine at a mean radius of 20 cm. If the tangential component of velocity increases by +20 m/s, calculate (a) the torque exerted on air for a flow rate of 118.92 kg/s. (b) Find the power input in kW if the machine rotates at 2400 rpm. [3] CO3 3
- Q.4(a) Explain the pressure compounding in an impulse turbine with velocity and pressure variation across the nozzle, moving and fixed blades. [3] CO2 2
Q.4(b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of velocity compounding? [2] CO1 1
- Q.5 In a stage of an impulse turbine provided with a single-row wheel, the mean diameter of the blade ring is 80 cm and the speed of rotation is 3000 rpm. The steam issues from the nozzles with a velocity of 300 m/s and the nozzle angle is 20°. The rotor blades are equiangular and the blade velocity coefficient is 0.85. What is the power developed in the blades? [5] CO3 3

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