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# OPEN CHANNEL FLOW

## CIVIL ENGINEERING

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### ANSWER KEY ➤

1. (b)	7. (a)	13. (c)	19. (a)	25. (a)
2. (b)	8. (a)	14. (b)	20. (c)	26. (b)
3. (a)	9. (a)	15. (c)	21. (b)	27. (c)
4. (a)	10. (b)	16. (b)	22. (b)	28. (b)
5. (a)	11. (a)	17. (b)	23. (b)	29. (b)
6. (a)	12. (a)	18. (c)	24. (b)	30. (d)

## DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (b)

2. (b)

3. (a)

As piezometric head is sum of pressure head and elevation (datum) head

$$\text{Total head} = \text{pressure} + \text{datum head} + \text{velocity head}$$

Therefore difference between total head and piezometric head is velocity head.

4. (a)

We know that

if,  $y_1 = 1$  depth at vena contracta,  $y_2 =$  sequent depth if  $y_t =$  tailwater depth then for  $y_1$

for  $y_2 > y_t$  repelled jump occur

$\Rightarrow$  for  $y_2 < y_t$  = submered jump occur

$\Rightarrow y_2 = y_t$  = free jump occur

5. (a)

Ratio of area and perimeter is hydraulic radius and for most efficient trapezoidal section

$$R = \frac{y}{2}$$

At  $y = 2.8 \text{ m}$

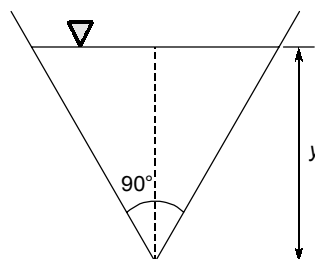
$\Rightarrow R = 1.4 \text{ m}$

6. (a)

Specific energy are same at alternate depth.

7. (a)

Froude number of triangular section given as  $= \frac{\sqrt{2} V}{\sqrt{gy}}$



$$V = \frac{Q}{A}$$

$$A = y^2 = (3)^2 = 9$$

$$V = \left( \frac{Q}{A} \right) = \left( \frac{20}{9} \right) = 2.22 \text{ m/s}$$

$$F = \frac{\sqrt{2} \times 2.22}{\sqrt{9.81 \times 3}} = 0.579$$

8. (a)

- Supercritical state profiles are :  $S_2$ ,  $S_3$  and  $M_3$
- If  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is positive,  $\frac{dE}{dx}$  is positive only if  $y > y_c$ .

9. (a)

10. (b)

For most efficient trapezoidal channel section

- Top width is twice the sloping side.
- Hydraulic radius is half of depth of flow.
- Side slope width vertical is  $30^\circ$ .
- Sloping side are equal to bottom width.
- Area is  $\sqrt{3}y^2$ .

11. (a)

$$\text{Force on gate per unit width} = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_w \frac{(y_1 - y_2)^3}{(y_1 + y_2)}$$

Given,

$$y_1 = 3.8 \text{ m}, y_2 = 0.8 \text{ m}$$

$$\begin{aligned} F &= \frac{1}{2} \times 9.81 \times \frac{(3.8 - 0.8)^3}{(3.8 + 0.8)} \\ &= 28.79 \text{ kN/m} \end{aligned}$$

12. (a)

As per manning's formula

$$Q = \frac{A}{n} R^{2/3} \sqrt{S}$$

Where,

$A$  = area of section

$R$  = Hydraulic radius

$S$  = Slope of channel

For wide rectangular channel,

$$R = y$$

$\therefore$

$$Q = \frac{B}{n} y^{5/3} \sqrt{S}$$

$$Q \propto y^{5/3}$$

$$y_1 = 2.8 \text{ m}, y_2 = 3.8 \text{ m}$$

$$\frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = \frac{(3.8)^{5/3}}{(2.8)^{5/3}}$$

$$Q_2 = 1.6636 Q_1$$

$$\% \text{ increase in discharge} = \left( \frac{Q_2 - Q_1}{Q_1} \right) \times 100 = 66.36\%$$

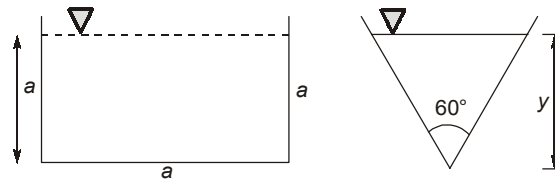
13. (c)

As per manning's formula

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} A R^{2/3} \sqrt{s}$$

$$Q \propto \frac{1}{P^{2/3}}, P = \text{perimeter}$$

$$\left( \frac{Q_{\text{triangular}}}{Q_{\text{Rectangle}}} \right) = \left( \frac{P_{\text{Rectangle}}}{P_{\text{triangular}}} \right)^{2/3} \quad \dots (i)$$



As area of both channel is same

$$a^2 = \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$y = 1.316a \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{Perimeter of rectangular section} = 3a \quad \dots(iii)$$

$$\text{Perimeter of triangular channel} = 2 \sqrt{y^2 + \left( \frac{y}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2}$$

$$= 2.309y$$

$$= 3.039a \quad \dots(iv)$$

$$\therefore \left( \frac{Q_{\text{triangular}}}{Q_{\text{rectangular}}} \right) = \left( \frac{P_{\text{rectangular}}}{P_{\text{triangular}}} \right)^{2/3} = \left( \frac{3a}{3.039a} \right)^{2/3} = 0.991$$

14. (b)

As per manning formula

$$Q = \frac{1}{n} A R^{2/3} \sqrt{s}$$

$$\therefore A \propto \sqrt{s}$$

$$\frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = \sqrt{\frac{s_2}{s_1}}$$

$$s_2 = \frac{1}{1000}, s_1 = \left( \frac{1}{1000} \right)$$

$$\frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = \sqrt{\frac{1200}{1000}}$$

$$\frac{Q_2}{Q_1} = 1.095$$

$$Q_2 = 32.86 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

15. (c)

$$R = \frac{\text{Wetted area}}{\text{Wetted perimeter}} = \frac{A}{P}$$

$$A = \left( \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{y}{\sqrt{3}} \times y \right) \times 2 + \left( a - \frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}} \right) y$$

$$P = a + 2 \times \frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{3}} + ay - \frac{2y^2}{\sqrt{3}} = ay - \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore R = \frac{ay - \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{3}}}{a + \frac{4y}{\sqrt{3}}}$$

For  $R$  to be maximum,  $\frac{dR}{dy} = 0$

$$\frac{dR}{dy} = \frac{\left( a + \frac{4y}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \left( a - \frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \left( ay - \frac{y^2}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \left( \frac{4}{\sqrt{3}} \right)}{\left( a + \frac{4y}{\sqrt{3}} \right)^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4y^2 + 2\sqrt{3}ya - 3a^2 = 0$$

$$\therefore y = 0.535a \approx 0.54a$$

16. (b)

Froude number is unity at critical flow

- specific energy is minimum at critical flow.
- discharge is maximum for given specific force at critical condition.

17. (b)

For rectangular channel

$$y_c^3(\text{critical depth}) = \frac{2y_1^2 y_2^2}{(y_1 + y_2)}$$

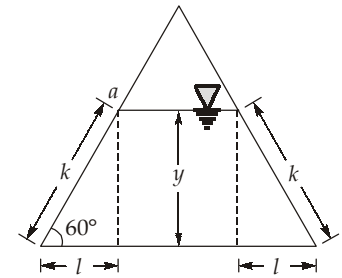
$y_1, y_2$  are alternate depth

$$\text{given, } y_1 = 3.8 \text{ m, } y_2 = 0.8 \text{ m}$$

$$y_1^3 = \frac{2y_1^2 y_2^2}{(y_1 + y_2)}$$

$$y_c = \left[ \frac{2 \times (3.8)^2 (0.8)^2}{(3.8 + 0.8)} \right]^{1/3} = 1.59 \text{ m}$$

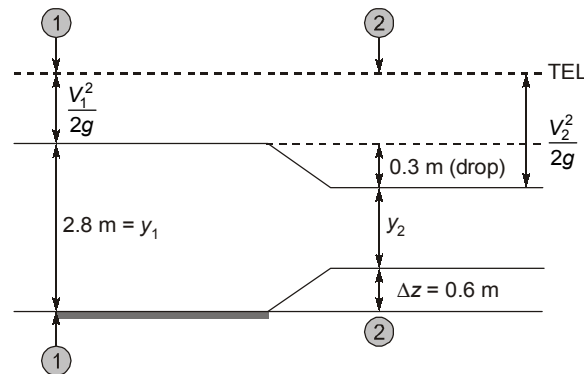
Specific energy ( $E_c$ ) at critical flow for rectangular channel =  $1.5 y_c = 2.39 \text{ m}$



$$\tan 60^\circ = \frac{y}{l} \Rightarrow l = \frac{y}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\sin 60^\circ = \frac{y}{k} \Rightarrow k = \frac{2y}{\sqrt{3}}$$

18. (c)



$$y_1 = y_2 + \Delta z + 0.3$$

Given,

$$y_1 = 2.8 \text{ m}, \Delta z = 0.6 \text{ m}, \text{ drop in water level} = 0.3 \text{ m}$$

 $\therefore$ 

$$y_2 = 2.8 - 0.6 - 0.3 = 1.9 \text{ m}$$

As there is no loss

$$\text{Total energy at (1) - (1)} = \text{Total energy at (2) - (2)}$$

$$y_1 + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} = y_2 + \Delta z + \frac{V_2^2}{2g}$$

$$2.8 + \frac{Q^2}{2g(A_1)^2} = y_2 + \Delta z + \frac{Q^2}{2(A_2)^2 g}$$

$$2.8 + \frac{Q^2}{2 \times 9.8 (2.8 \times 4.8)^2} = 1.9 + 0.6 + \frac{Q^2}{2 \times 9.8 (3.6 \times 1.9)^2}$$

$$2.8 + \frac{Q^2}{3544.03} = 2.5 + \frac{Q^2}{917.93}$$

$$Q = 19.278 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

19. (a)

20. (c)

21. (b)

Equation of slope of water surface for gradually varied flow is

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = So \left[ \frac{1 - \left( \frac{y_n}{y} \right)^{10/3}}{1 - \left( \frac{y_c}{y} \right)^3} \right]$$

If  $y > y_n$  and  $y > y_c$  then both term  $\left( \frac{y_n}{y} \right)$  and  $\left( \frac{y_c}{y} \right)$  will be less than one and numerator and denominator

will be positive and  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  will be ultimately positive.

If  $y < y_n$  and  $y < y_c$ , both term  $\left(\frac{y_n}{y}\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{y_c}{y}\right)$  will be greater than one and numerator and denominator will be negative and  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  will finally be positive.

22. (b)

$$y_c = \left(\frac{q^2}{g}\right)^{1/3} = 1.54 \text{ m}$$

As per manning's formula

$$Q = A \frac{1}{n} R^{2/3} \sqrt{s_0}$$

For wide rectangular channel  $R = y$ ,  $A = By$

$$q = \frac{1}{n} y^{5/3} \sqrt{s_0}$$

$$y_0^{5/3} = \frac{qn}{\sqrt{s_0}}$$

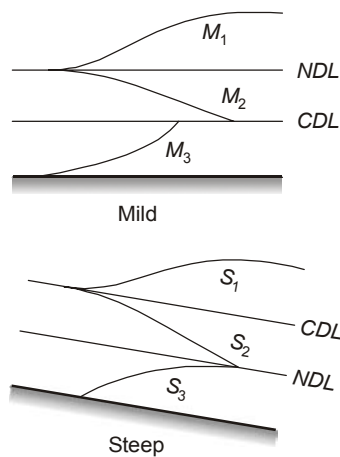
$$y_0 = \left[ \frac{6 \times 0.013}{\sqrt{0.006}} \right]^{3/5} = 1 \text{ m}$$

$y_0$  = normal depth

Now as  $y_0 < y_c$  (slope is steep) and local depth  $y = 1.2$  which is  $y_0 < y < y_c$  hence flow profile is  $S_2$ .

23. (b)

24. (b)



**25. (a)**

Given data,

$$Q = 50 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$S = 0.004$$

We know that under free fall condition depth of flow at free fall location will be critical flow.

hence,

$$\frac{Q^2 T}{A^3 g} = 1$$

$$\frac{(50)^2 \times 5}{(5y)^3 \times 9.81} = 1$$

$$\frac{50 \times 50 \times 5}{125 \times y^3 \times 9.81} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2.168 \text{ m} \simeq 2.17 \text{ m}$$

**26. (b)**

We know that

$$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = \left( \frac{1}{2} \left[ -1 + \sqrt{1 + 8F_1^2} \right] \right)$$

given,  $F_1 = 4.5$ 

$$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -1 + \sqrt{1 + 8 \times (4.5)^2} \right]$$

$$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = 5.88$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = 5.88 y_1 \quad \dots(i)$$

We know that,

$$E_L = \frac{(y_2 - y_1)^3}{4y_1 y_2}$$

$$8 = \frac{(5.88 y_1 - y_1)^3}{4 \times 5.88 y_1 \times y_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 = 1.62 \text{ m}, y_2 = 9.53 \text{ m}$$

**27. (c)**

Given data,

$$Q = 25 \frac{\text{m}^3}{\text{s}}, y_1 = 0.8 \text{ m}, B = 5 \text{ m}$$

$$V_1 = \left( \frac{Q}{A} \right) = \frac{25}{(0.8 \times 5)} = 6.25 \text{ m/sec}$$

$$F_1 = \frac{V}{\sqrt{g y_1}} = \frac{6.25}{\sqrt{9.81 \times 0.8}} = 2.23$$

We know that,

$$\frac{y_2}{y_1} = \frac{1}{2} \left[ -1 + \sqrt{1 + 8F_1^2} \right]$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{y_2}{(0.8)} = \frac{1}{2}[-1 + \sqrt{1 + 8 \times 2.232}]$$

$$\Rightarrow y_2 = 2.15 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Length of jump} = 6.9 (y_2 - y_1)$$

$$= 9.32 \text{ m}$$

28. (b)

Given data,  $y_1 = 3, y_2 = 3.8 \text{ m}$

We know that for hydraulic jump is rectangular channel,

$$\frac{q^2}{g} = \frac{1}{2} y_1 y_2 (y_1 + y_2) = y_c^3$$

$$\therefore \frac{q^2}{g} = \frac{1}{2} \times 0.3 \times 3.8 \times (0.3 + 3.8)$$

$$\Rightarrow q = 4.78 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}/\text{m}$$

$$\text{Now, } y_c^3 = \frac{1}{2} y_1 y_2 (y_1 + y_2)$$

$$y_c = 1.32 \text{ m}$$

29. (b)

Given data,

Apex angle =  $90^\circ$ , depth of flow =  $0.8 \text{ m}$

$Q = 5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ ,  $A = y^2$  (as apex angle  $90^\circ$ )

$$V = \left( \frac{Q}{A} \right) = \frac{5}{(0.8)^2} = 7.81 \text{ m/s}$$

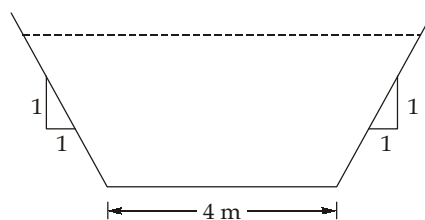
$$\text{Froude number for triangular section} = \frac{\sqrt{2}V}{\sqrt{9y}}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{2} \times 7.81}{\sqrt{9 \times 0.8}} = 3.94$$

as  $F$  lies between  $2.5 - 4.5$ , hence type of jump oscillating jump.

30. (d)

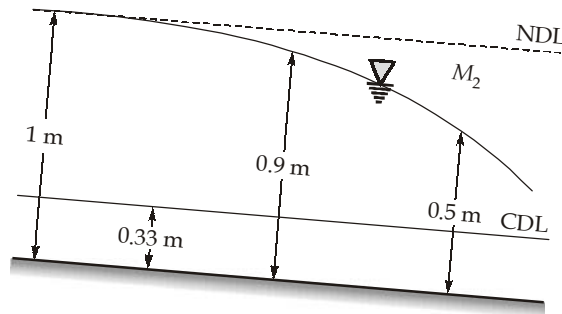
Given data: Normal depth,  $y_o = 1 \text{ m}$ , Critical depth,  $y_c = 0.33 \text{ m}$



Since  $y_o > y_c$  the given slope is mild and  $0.9 \text{ m}$  and  $0.5 \text{ m}$  lie between  $y_o$  and  $y_c$  so it is a type 2 profile namely  $M_2$ . It is a drawdown curve. Hence depth will change from  $0.9 \text{ m}$  and  $0.5 \text{ m}$  in downstream direction.

$$y_1 = 0.9 \text{ m}, \quad V_1 = \frac{2.485}{(4+0.9)0.9} = 0.563 \text{ m/s} \quad \left\{ V = \frac{Q}{A}; A = (b + my)y \right\}$$

$$y_2 = 0.5 \text{ m}, \quad V_2 = \frac{2.485}{(4+0.5)0.5} = 1.104 \text{ m/s}$$



Further,

$$\text{Hydraulic radius,} \quad R_1 = \frac{A_1}{P_1} = \frac{(B + my_1)y_1}{B + 2y_1\sqrt{1+m^2}} = \frac{(4 + 1 \times 0.9)0.9}{4 + 2 \times 0.9\sqrt{1+1}} = 0.674 \text{ m}$$

$$R_2 = \frac{(4 + 1 \times 0.5)0.5}{4 + 2 \times 0.5\sqrt{1+1}} = 0.416 \text{ m}$$

$$E = y + \frac{V^2}{2g}$$

$$E_1 = 0.9 + \frac{0.563^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 0.916 \text{ m}$$

$$E_2 = 0.5 + \frac{(1.104)^2}{2 \times 9.81} = 0.562 \text{ m}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{1}{n} R_1^{2/3} \sqrt{S_{f1}}$$

$$S_{f1} = \frac{V_1^2 n^2}{(R_1)^{4/3}} = \frac{(0.563)^2 \times (0.02)^2}{(0.674)^{1.333}} = 2.146 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$S_{f2} = \frac{V_2^2 n^2}{(R_2)^{4/3}} = \frac{(1.104)^2 \times (0.02)^2}{(0.416)^{1.333}} = 15.699 \times 10^{-4}$$

$$\bar{S}_f = \frac{S_{f1} + S_{f2}}{2} = 8.9225 \times 10^{-4} = 0.00089225$$

$$\Delta x = \frac{\Delta E}{S_o - \bar{S}_f} = \frac{0.562 - 0.916}{0.00015 - 0.00089225} = 476.928 \text{ m} \simeq 476.93 \text{ m}$$

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