

**National Exams December 2017**  
**98-PET-A5-Petroleum Production Operations**  
**(Duration 3 hrs)**

**NOTES:**

1. If doubt exists as to the interpretation of any question, the candidate is urged to submit with the answer paper, a clear statement of any assumptions made.
2. This is an OPEN BOOK EXAM.  
Any non-communicating calculator is permitted.
3. FOUR (4) questions constitute a complete exam paper.  
The first four questions as they appear in the answer book will be marked.
4. Each question is of equal value.

Note 3 sheets of graph paper follow the exam questions.

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### Problem-1 (25 points)

A well was tested for 10 hours at a rate of about 120 STB/D while the wellbore flowing pressure was recorded as 600 psi. After shutting the well in for 24 hours, the bottomhole pressure reached a static value of 1200 psi. The rod pump used in this well is considered undersized, and a larger pump can be expected to reduce wellbore flowing pressure to a level near 350 psi (bubble point pressure is 300 psi). Calculate the following:

- Productivity index  $J$
- Absolute open flow based on constant productivity index
- Wellbore flowing pressure required to produce 150 STB/D
- Oil production rate for a wellbore flowing pressure of 350 psi.
- Draw the IPR curve and indicate the calculated quantities.

### Problem-2 (25 points)

Average Reservoir Pressure :	$P_R$	= 4000 psig
Bubble Point Pressure	$P_b$	= 4200 psig
Wellbore Radius:	$r_w$	= 0.4 ft
Drainage Radius:	$r_e$	= 2000 ft
Skin Factor: .	$S'$	= 4.18

#### Stabilized Test Data

$P_{WF}$ , psig	$Q_{oil}$ , STB/Day
3000	1615

a-) (10 points) Construct the IPR curve for this reservoir under current conditions.

b-) (15 points) After performing hydraulic fracturing job, a production test was conducted and the following data were obtained:

$P_{WF}$ , psig	$Q_{oil}$ , STB/Day
3430	1100
2500	2470

Is this stimulation job successful? Explain!

**Problem-3 (25 points)**

It is hoped to flow a well at an oil production rate of 400 STBO/Day. The reservoir has a productivity index of 0.5 STBL/day/psi and the current static (average) reservoir pressure is 2800 psi. The well is equipped with a 4000 ft of 2 7/8 in (ID=2.441 in) tubing and the required wellhead pressure is 160 psi. The producing gas liquid ratio is 100 SCF/STBL and %50 water production is expected.

Other relevant information:

Bubble point pressure: 3000 psi

Gas Gravity: 0.65

Oil API Gravity: 35

Water Specific Gravity: 1.07

Average Flowing Temperature: 150 °F

a-) Will the well flow at the desired rate (i.e. 400 STBO/day)?

b-) If you would like to increase the oil production rate up to 500 STBO/Day. How much gas (SCF/Day) you would need to inject into the tubing? Assume reservoir pressure, productivity index, water cut, wellhead pressure, and the gas/liquid ratio provided by the reservoir are all the same as in part a.

**4- (25) points**

The following oil well will be completed in an unconsolidated formation by using gravel packing scheme. Determine the anticipated producing capacity of this well for perforating densities of 8 shots per foot. Assume that there is no compacted zone around the perforations. Production test data showed that the liquid production rate is 2200 STB/day when the flowing bottomhole pressure is 2400 psi.

**From DST and PVT Analysis:**

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$k_o = 100 \text{ md}$	$P_R = 2800 \text{ psig}$
$S' = 0$	$f_w = 0$
$\mu_o = 0.9 \text{ cp}$	$p_b = 3000 \text{ psig}$
$B_o = 1.20 \text{ bbl / STB}$	} <i>assume constant</i>
$\rho_o = 50 \text{ lbm / ft}^3$	
GOR = 1000 scf/STB	$T_R = 180^\circ\text{F}$
API = 35°	$\gamma_g = 0.65$

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**COMPLETION DATA**

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$r_w = 4.25 \text{ in.}$	$r_o = 1200 \text{ ft.}$
$h = 40 \text{ ft}$	Screen diameter = 4.5 in.
Depth = 10000 ft.	$p_{wh} = 160 \text{ psig}$
Tubing I.D. = 2.441 in.	Gravel permeability = 40 darcies
Perforation diameter = 0.5 in.	Casing I.D. = 6.5 in.

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**Problem-5 (25 points)**

The following well is going to be equipped with Electrical Submersible Pump (ESP) set at 6,000 ft from the surface. Assume that 50% of the free gas is separated at the pump. Assume that producing fluid flowing pressure gradient (psi/ft) in the 7in (ID) casing is given by:

$$dP/dL = 0.0001 \cdot q_L$$

$q_L$  = the total liquid flow(production) rate, STBL/day

dP: Pressure drop, psi

dL: Unit length of casing, ft

Other relevant data:

Depth of Well : 7, 000 ft

Productivity Index,  $J = 1$  bbl/day/psi

Average Reservoir Pressure= 1800 psi

Average Flowing Temperature: 200 °F

Desired Oil Production Rate: 1000 STBO/day

Oil Gravity = 35°API

$B_o = 1.1$  Bbl/STB

Gas Gravity = 0.65

$f_w = 0$

Gas Liquid Ratio = 400 SCF/STBL

Tubing Wellhead Pressure: 160 psi

Tubing ID = 2.441 in.

Determine the required pump horsepower.

**NOMENCLATURE**

$Q_L$  = Liquid production rate, STB/Day

$P_{wf}$  = Flowing Bottomhole pressure, psig

$P_R$  = Average Reservoir Pressure, psig

$P_b$  = Bubble point pressure

$f_w$  = Water cut, fraction

GLR = Gas liquid ratio, SCF/STBL



