

**KISII UNIVERSITY**  
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**SPECIAL EXAMINATION**  
**FOURTH YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF THE DEGREE OF**  
**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE RENEWABLE ENERGY**  
**FIRST SEMESTER 2021/2022**  
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**PHRE 411: WIND ENERGY II**

**STREAM: Y4 S1**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DAY: MONDAY, 11:30 AM – 1:30 PM**

**DATE: 25/07/2022**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. *Do not write anything on this question paper.*
2. *Answer Question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.*

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) What is the difference between data screening and data validation [2Marks]
- b) State three reasons as to why the armature voltage  $E_A$  is not equal to the output voltage  $V_\phi$  in synchronous machine. [3marks]
- c) In an experiment to find how wind picks from one height to another, the following data was obtained.

Height (m)	Speed (m/s)	
	Hour 1	Hour 2
10	4.8	7.2
30	5.4	8.2

Using the information and by applying an appropriate extrapolation method, determine;

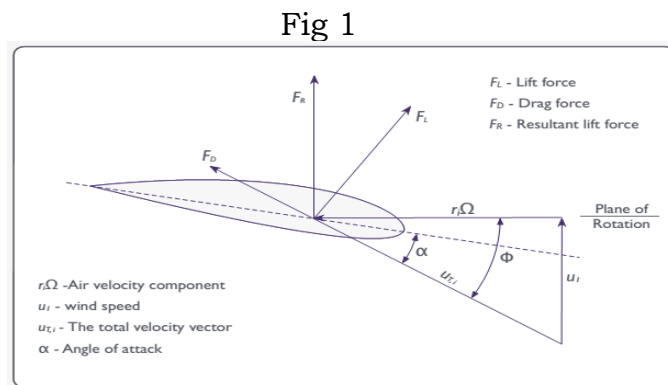
- i. The wind shear exponent [2marks]
- ii. Surface roughness parameter. [2marks]
- iii. Calculate the WPD using the combined two-hour average ( $n=1$ ) and then with the two distinct hourly average values ( $n=2$ ) for the two

hub heights. Comment on the results. (Assume standard temperature and pressure (101,325 Pa and 288 °K) and the specific gas constant for air (287 J/kg·K))  
[10marks]

- iv. Wind speeds of the site at 50m above the ground [2marks]
- d) If you wish to closely examine wind data from selected stations, several attributes about the data should be determined. Name any four of them; [4Marks]
- e) State three quantities that must be determined in order to describe the generator model. [3marks]
- f) Briefly discuss the Open circuit Test under Measuring parameters of synchronous generator model. [2marks]

**QUESTION TWO**

- a) d)By aid of a diagram figure 1, show that for Betz condition to be satisfied, the width at radius r is equal to;  $W = \frac{8\pi R \sin\Phi}{3\lambda n C_L}$  [8marks]



- b) A three bladed wind turbine operates in a mean wind speed of 6m.s<sup>-1</sup>. The turbine rotates at 15 rpm, each blade is 40m long and has an angle of attack,  $\alpha$  of 5.4°. Determine;
  - i. The speed of the tip. [2marks]
  - ii. The tip speed ratio, comment on this result. [3marks]
  - iii. The width and the angle the blade make with the plane of rotation for  $r=10$ ,  $r=R/2$  and  $r=R$ . Assume  $C_L \approx 1$ . [6marks]
- c) What is the significance of introducing a twist into wind turbine blade design? [1mark]

**QUESTION THREE**

- a) Wind turbines are classified into two general types. State and explain these types. [2marks]
- b) State and explain any three parts of a wind turbine. [3marks]

- c) A 200KV, 480V, 50HZ, Y-connected synchronous generator with a rated field current of 5A was tested and the following data was obtained;
- i.  $V_{T,OC} = 540V$  at the rated  $I_F$
  - ii.  $V_{L,SC} = 300A$  at the rated  $I_F$

When a DC voltage of 10V was applied to two of the terminals, a current of 25A was measured. Find the generator's model at the rated conditions. (i.e, the armature resistance and the approximate synchronous reactance) [8marks]

- d) "The wind power system design must optimize the annual energy capture at a given site". Stating two advantages for each, briefly discuss the fixed and variable-speed system designs. [6amrks]
- e) State one factor that affect wind. [1mark]

#### QUESTION FOUR

- a) The Suzlon S.66/1250, 1.25MW rated power at 12m/s rated wind speed turbine design has a rotor diameter of 66 meters & a rotational speed of 13.9-20.8rpm. Determine its angular speed, rotor's tip speed range and tip speed ratio range [6marks]
- b) With the aid of a diagrams, discuss the following techniques as used in wind power systems energy capture maximization; [9marks]
- I. The Hill climbing MPPT technique
  - II. Peak-Power-Tracking technique.
  - III. Constant TSR technique
- c) State four present and future energy storage technologies that may be considered for stand-alone wind energy systems. [4marks]
- d) What do you understand by the word 'rated speed?' [1marks]

#### QUESTION FIVE

Discuss the following wind energy conversion systems; [20marks]

- i. Single speed WECS
- ii. Wound-Rotor Inductor Generator (WRIG) with external Rotor Resistances.
- iii. Doubly Fed Induction Generator WECS with reduced capacity power converter
- iv. Configuration with full-capacity Back-to-Back power converters