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**FACULTY OF HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**DEGREE IN ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH SCIENCES**  
**(FINAL EXAMINATION)**

**TITLE OF PAPER : WATER DRAINAGE AND SEWARAGE**  
**COURSE CODE : EHS 587**  
**TIME : 3HOURS**  
**TOTAL MARKS : 100**

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

- **ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS**
- **QUESTION 1 (I) IS MULTIPLE CHOICE**
- **ALL QUESTIONS ARE WORTH 25 MARKS EACH**
- **NO FORM OF PAPER SHOULD BE BROUGHT IN OR OUT OF THE EXAMINATION ROOM**
- **BEGIN THE ANSWER TO EACH QUESTION IN A SEPARATE SHEET OF PAPER.**

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## QUESTION 1.

I.

**Multiple choice: Write True or False against each letter corresponding to the following statements as they apply to water drainage and sewerage.**

- a) Sewers are designed to be laid at a gradient which ensures that peak flows carry away any solids deposited during periods of low flow.
- b) Storm sewers are usually designed to have sufficient capacity so that they do not run full when conveying the computed surface run off.
- c) Pipe network analysis involves the determination of the pipe flow rates and pressure heads which do not satisfy the continuity and energy conservation equations.
- d) For a common block shallow sewer the self cleansing velocity should be 0.5m/s and the maximum diameter should be 100mm and the minimum gradient 1:167.
- e) The “critical tractive force” theory and the “maximum permissible velocity” concept are commonly used in the design of erodible channels for stability.
- f) Most sulphate reducing bacteria live in slime layers on sewer walls and require a flow of sewage to bring them fresh supplies of bio chemical food and sulphate.
- g) Waste water sewers are designed using a general flow at six times the dry weather flow.
- h) The depth of flow to the diameter of sewer ( $d/D$ ) at peak flow should be 0.8 minimum and 0.2 maximum
- i) For the design of shallow sewers, the minimum peak flow should be 2.2 l/s.
- j) Conventional sewerage is too expensive; small bore sewerage, with several households connected to individual interceptor tanks, is a possibility and is low-cost than shallow sewers.

**(20 Marks)**

II.

If a 250 mm sewer is placed on a slope of 0.010, what is the full quantity and velocity for (i)  $n = 0.013$ , and (ii)  $n = 0.015$ ?

**(5 marks)**

## QUESTION 2

- a) Compute the diameter of the outfall sewer required to drain storm water from the watershed described in figure 3, which gives the lengths of lines, drainage areas, and inlet times. Assume the following: a rainfall coefficient of 0.30 for the entire area, the five-year frequency curve from figure 4, and a flowing full velocity of 0.75 m/s in the sewer. (15 marks)
- b) The measured of flow in a 1200 mm concrete storm sewer on a grade of 0.0015 m/m is 740. What is the calculated quantity and velocity of flow? (5 marks)
- c) A 450 mm sewer pipe,  $n = 0.013$ , is placed on a slope of 0.0025. At what depth of flow does the velocity of flow equal 0.60 m/s? (5 marks)

## QUESTION 3

A trade waste treatment plant works on a batch system taking a discharge of up to 1000 m<sup>3</sup> from a 2000 m<sup>3</sup> capacity tank at regular hourly intervals. The tank receives waste from a number of units of process plant, each of which discharges 500 m<sup>3</sup> when it empties. The number of units emptied in any one hour is random and independent. There is a 25 per cent probability of only one unit being emptied in an hour, a 50 per cent probability of two units being emptied in an hour, and a 25 per cent per cent of three units being emptied in an hour. If the tank is full when a unit is to be emptied, the waste is discharged untreated to the nearby river instead. Estimate the probability of such an occurrence.

(25 marks)

## QUESTION 4

- a) Design a branch within a storm sewer network which has a length of 100m, a bed slope of 1 in 150 and roughness size of 0.15mm which receives the storm run off from 3.5 hectares of impermeable surface using the Rational (Lloyd-Davies) Method. In designing the upstream pipes the maximum 'time of concentration' at the head of the pipe has been found to be 6-2minutes. The relationship between rainfall intensity and average storm duration is tabulated below.

Storm duration (mm)	2.0	3.0	4.0	5.0	6.0	7.0	8.0
Average rainfall intensity (mm/hr)	94.0	82.7	73.8	70.0	61.4	57.2	53.5

Note: the (Rational) Lloyd-Davies Method gives the peak discharge ( $Q_p$ ) from the urbanized catchment in the form.

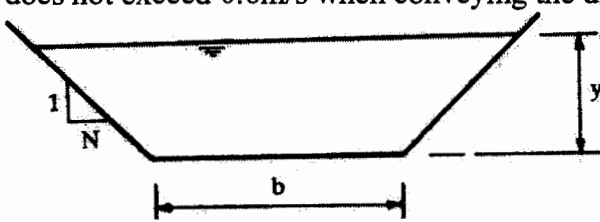
$$Q_p = \frac{1}{360} A_p i \text{ (m}^3\text{/s)}$$

Where  $A_p$  = impermeable area (hectars)

$i$  = average rainfall intensity (mm/hr) during the storm.

(18 marks)

b) A trapezoidal irrigation channel excavated in silty sand having a critical force on the horizontal of  $2.4 \text{ N/m}^2$  and angle of friction  $30^\circ$  is to be designed to convey a discharge of  $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$  on the bed slope of 1: 10 000. The side slopes will be 1 (vertically): 2 (horizontally).  $n = 0.02$ . Determine the channel dimensions such that the mean velocity does not exceed  $0.6 \text{ m/s}$  when conveying the discharge of  $10 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ .



(7 marks)

### QUESTION 5

A vertical sluice gate with an opening of  $0.67 \text{ m}$  produces a down stream jet depth of  $0.40 \text{ m}$  when installed in a long rectangular channel  $5.0 \text{ m}$  wide conveying a steady discharge of  $20.0 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ . Assuming that the flow downstream of the gate eventually returns to the uniform flow depth of  $2.5 \text{ m}$ .

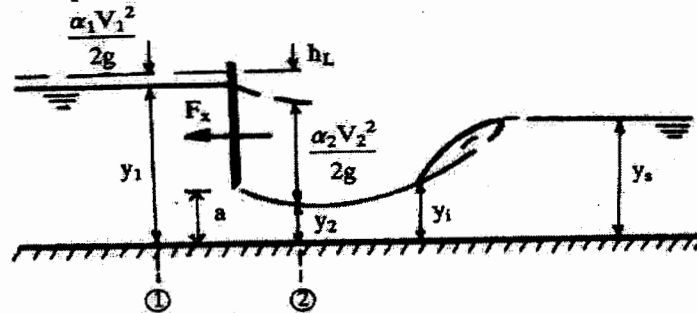


Fig. 1

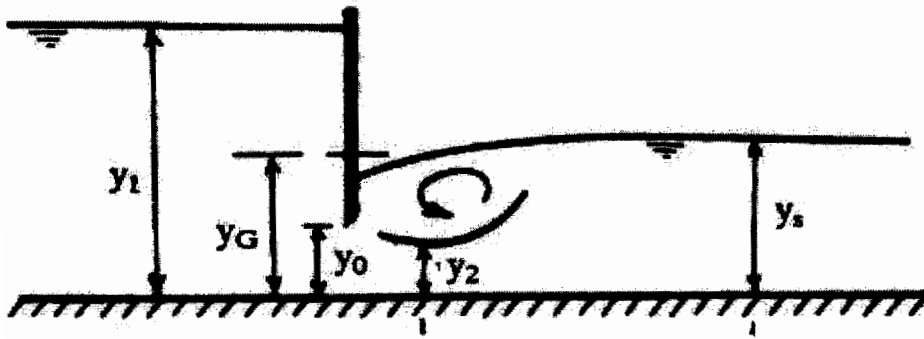
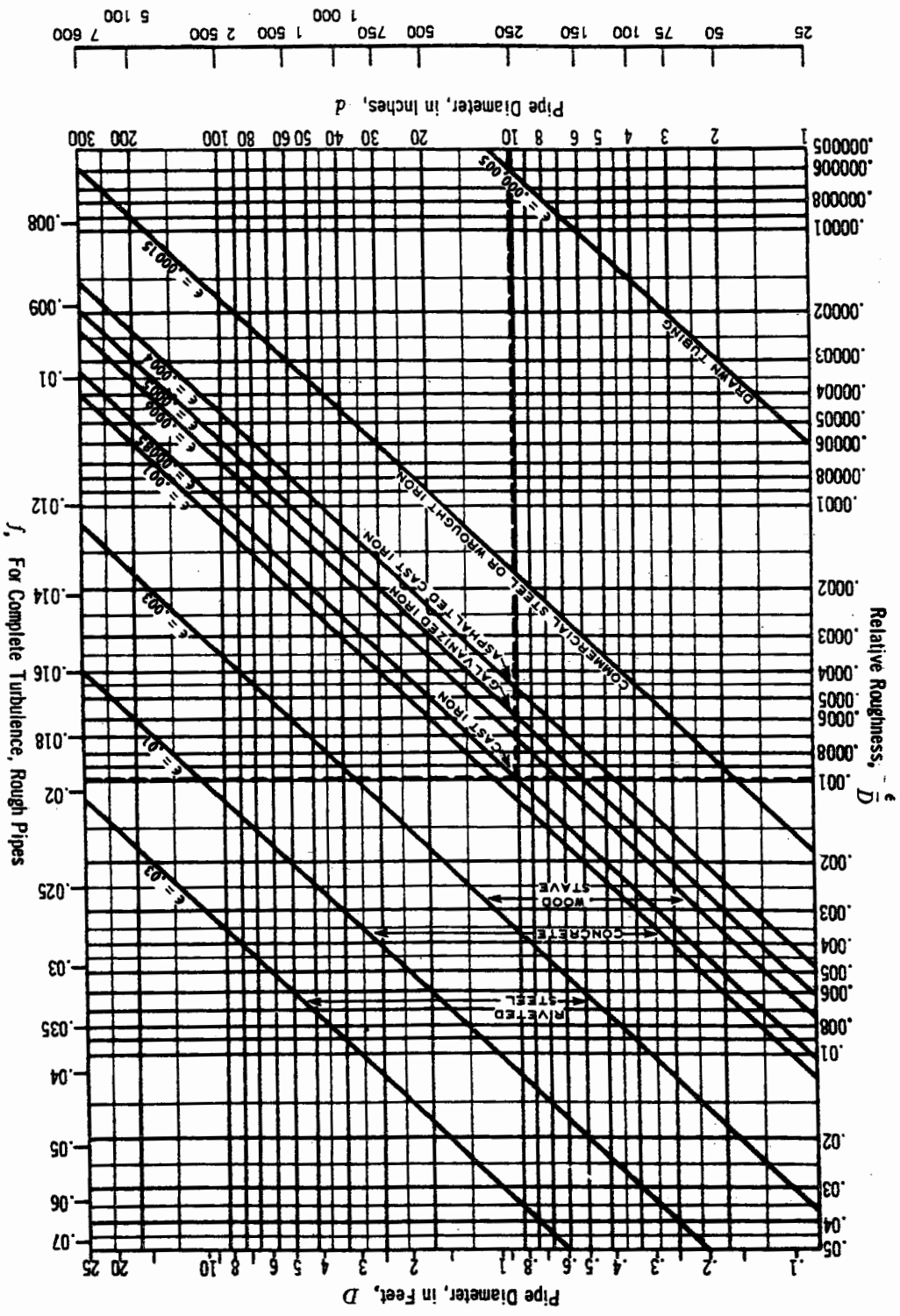
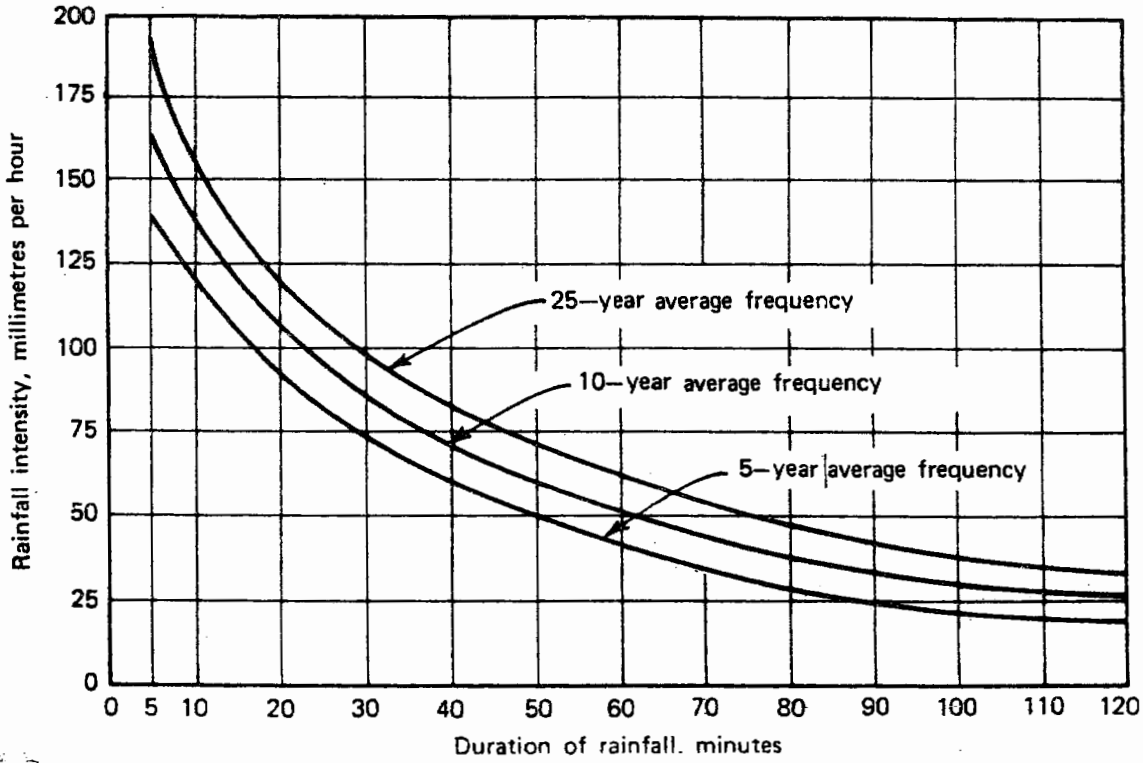


Fig. 2

- a) Verify that that a hydraulic jump occurs. Assume  $\alpha = \beta = 1.0$  (See fig.1) **(5 marks)**
- b) Calculate the head loss in the jump. **(3 marks)**
- c) If the head loss through the gate is  $0.05 V_j^2/2g$ , calculate the depth upstream of the gate and the force on the gate. **(9 marks)**
- d) If the down stream depth is increased to 3.0 m analyze the flow conditions at the gate. (See fig.2) **(8 marks)**

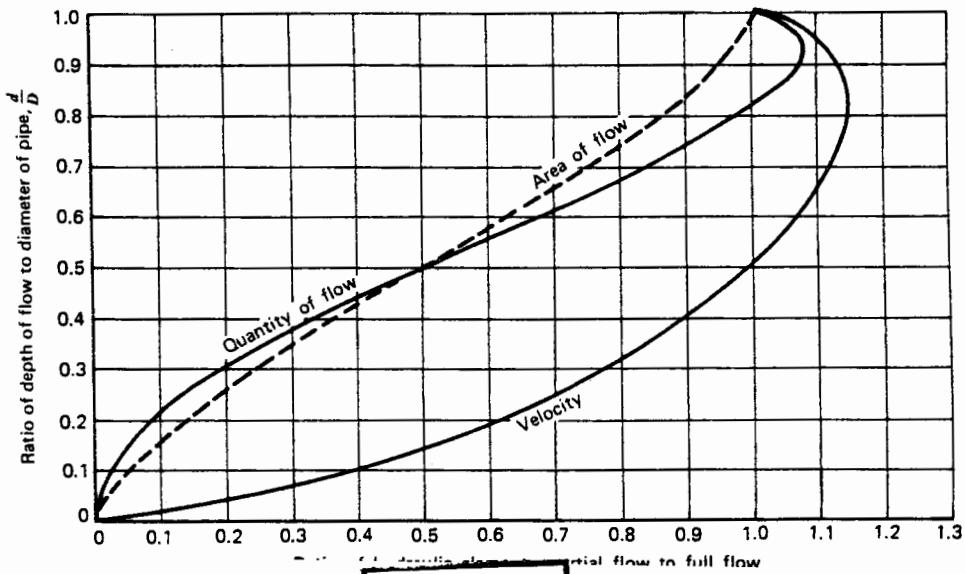


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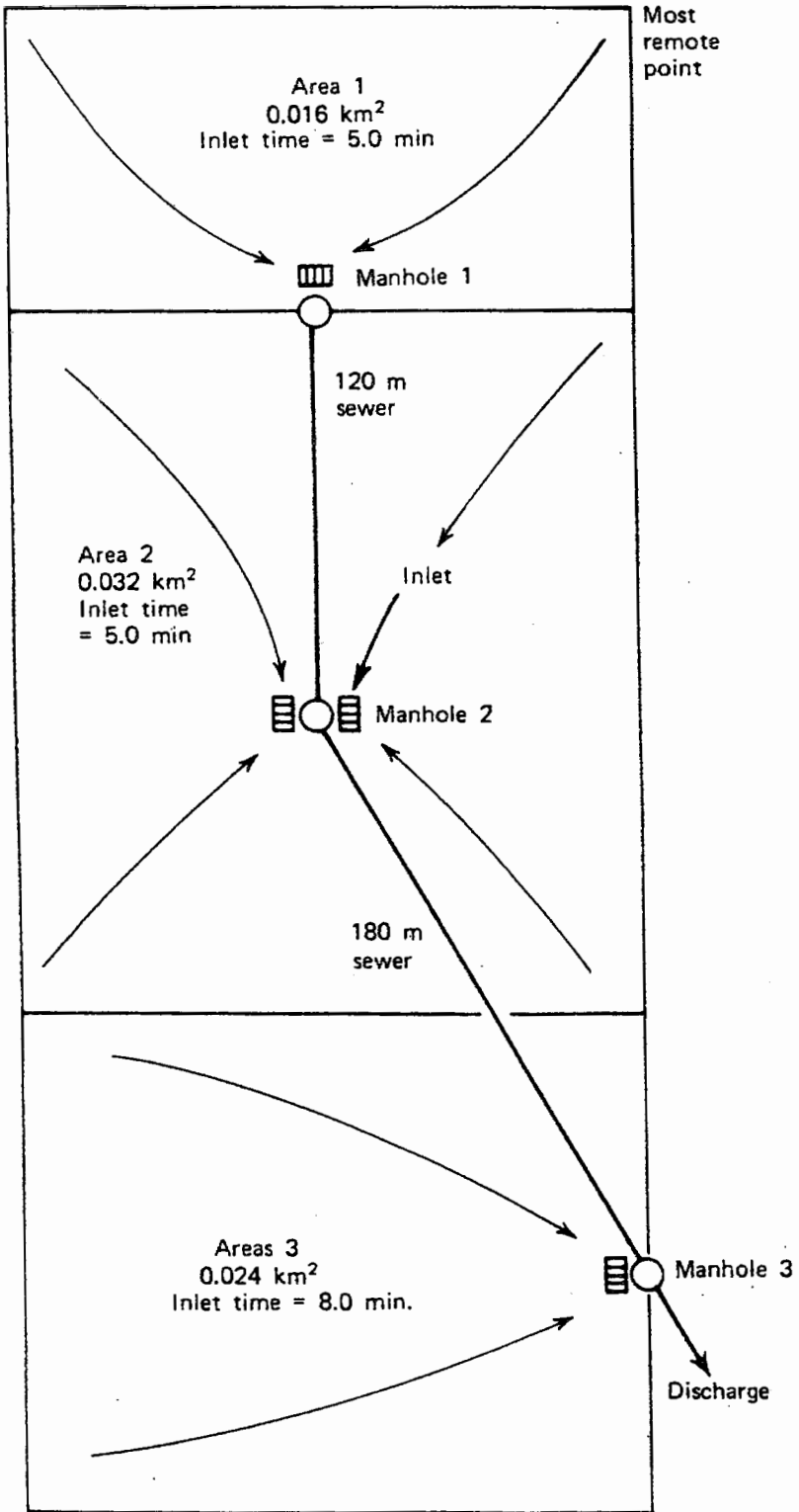


**FIGURE 4**

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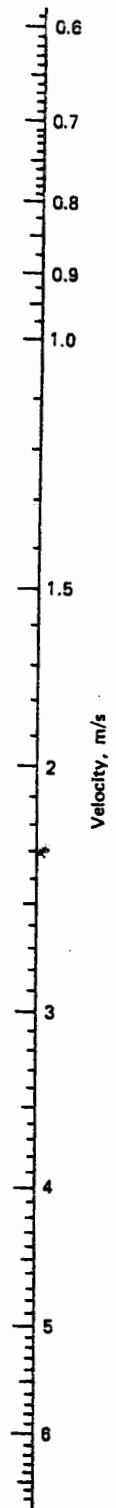
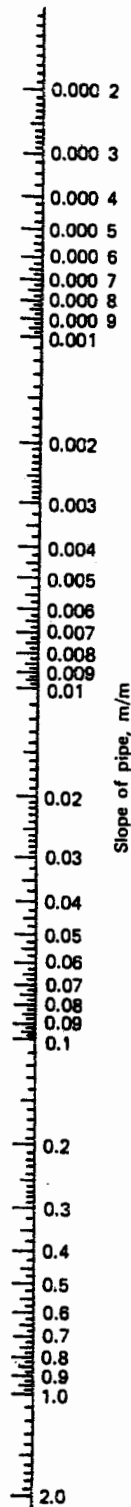
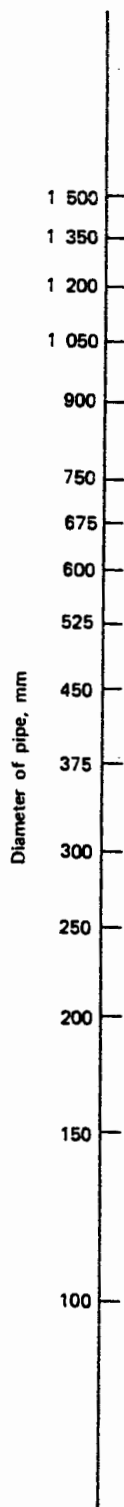
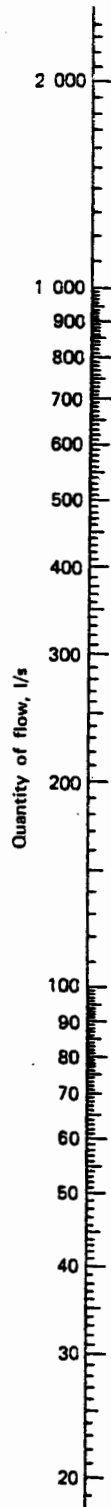
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**FIGURE 3**

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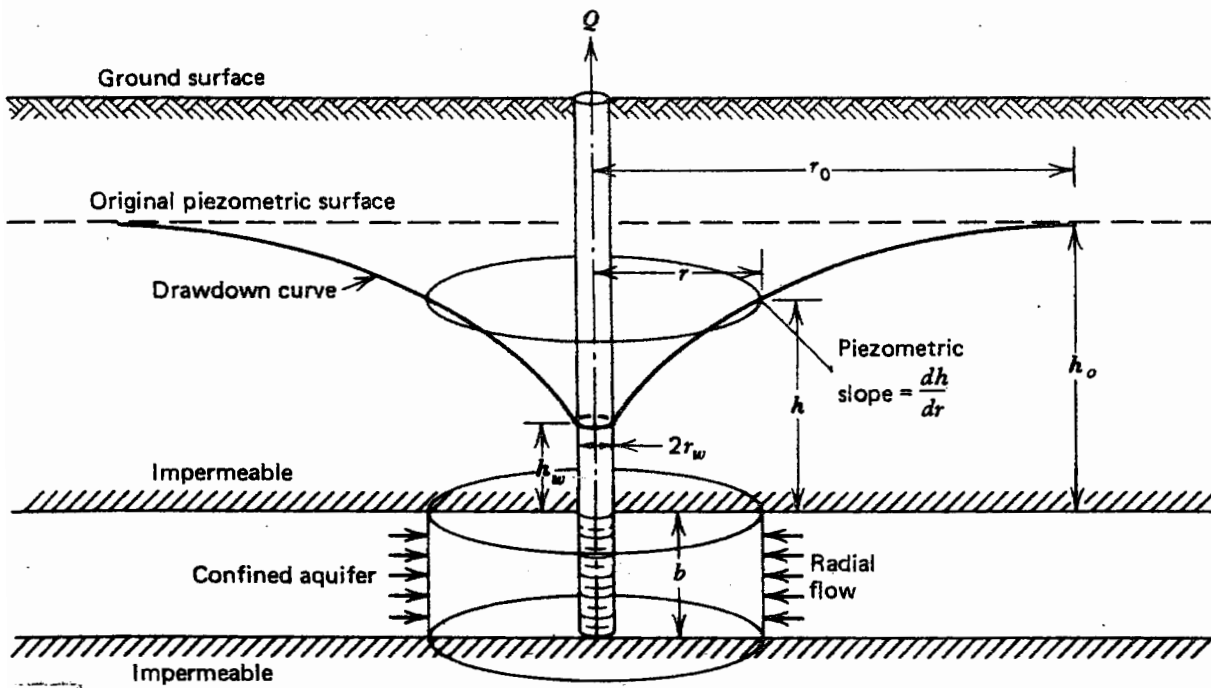


Figure 1.