

Internal Assessment Test I - Sept 2016

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Note Answer all questions. Sketch figures wherever necessary.

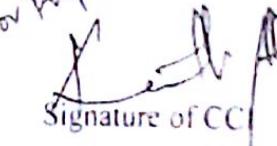
1. Define precipitation. Explain different forms of precipitation. (8)
2. Explain the methods of finding the mean precipitation over an area. (7)
3. The average annual rainfall in cm at 4 existing rain gauge stations is 105, 79, 70 and 66 cm respectively. If the average depth of rainfall over the basin is to be estimated within 10% error, determine the additional number of rain gauges required. (7)

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4. a) Define mass curve and hyetograph with the help of a sketch. (3)  
b) Discuss Blaney Criddle formula for evapo-transpiration. (3)
5. What is infiltration? What are the factors that affect infiltration? (7)
6. Define evaporation. With a neat sketch, explain the measurement of evaporation using class A pan. (7)
7. For a small catchment, the infiltration rate at the beginning of the storm was observed 90mm/hr and decreased exponentially to a constant rate of 8mm/hr after 2.5 hrs. The total infiltration during 2.5 hour was 60mm. Determine the infiltration rate at 90mins by developing the Horton's equation. (8)



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1. Precipitation:- The process by which different forms of water reaches the earth from atmosphere it may be either rain, sleet, snow, hail etc, is called as precipitation.

It mainly depends upon temperature, humidity, wind, pressure etc,

Different forms of precipitation are-

- 1) Rain
- 2) Snow
- 3) Sleet
- 4) Drizzle
- 5) Hail

1) Rain

It is form of water drops that reaches the surface of earth due to precipitation. The size of rain drop must be greater than 0.5 mm and less than 6mm. If greater than 6mm then they are broken into small raindrops and thus by reducing size. The rainfall may be classified as low, medium, heavy in terms of cm/hr or mm/he.

2) Snow.

It is form of precipitation which resembles as ice crystals. The density of snow varies from  $0.06 \text{ g/cm}^3$  to  $0.15 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and the average density is  $0.15 \text{ g/cm}^3$ .

3) Drizzle  
as speckle fragments formed by water reaches the ground surface at  $0^{\circ}\text{C}$ . The intensity may 0.01cm/hr.

4) Sleet  
These are particles when water enters the air at the subfreezing temperature in the precipitation.  
It is mixture of snow and rain.

5) Hail

It is a shiny precipitation forms as lumps of ice with size greater than 8mm. It forms during high thunder storms.

$$P_1 = 105\text{ cm} \quad P_2 = 79\text{ cm} \quad P_3 = 70\text{ cm} \quad P_4 = 66\text{ cm}$$

$$\varepsilon = 10\% \quad m = 4$$

$$\bar{P} = \frac{105 + 79 + 70 + 66}{4} = 80\text{ cm}$$

$$C_V = \frac{100 \sigma_{(m-1)}}{\bar{P}}$$

$$\sigma_{(m-1)} = \sqrt{\sum_{i=1}^m \frac{(P_i - \bar{P})^2}{m-1}}$$

$$r_3 = \sqrt{\frac{(105-80)^2 + (79-80)^2 + (70-80)^2 + (66-80)^2}{3}}$$

$$r_3 = 17.53 \text{ cm}$$

$$C_v = \frac{100 \times 17.53}{80}$$

$$= 21.91$$

$$N = \left( \frac{C_v}{\epsilon} \right)^2$$

$$= \left( \frac{21.91}{0.10} \right)^2$$

$$= 4.8 \approx 5$$

So, the additional no. of gauges required =  $5 - 3 = 2$

Infiltration:- The process of movement of water from surface to ground is called infiltration. It mainly influences or depends on runoff process. The infiltration process depends on timing, distribution, and magnitude of rainfall.

Usually the high intensity rainfall area will have high infiltration capacity compared to the low intensity rain area.

## Factors Affecting Infiltration Capacity

### 1) Characteristics of soil

→ sand, silt or clay, its texture, structure, porosity and underdrainage

→ loose sand, porous, sandy soil >  
high infiltration capacity  
light clayey soil

- A soil with good under-drainage (ie) facility to transmit the infiltrated water downward to gw storage - high infiltration
- <sup>sedimentary rocks</sup> soil in layers → transmission capacity of layers determine the overall infiltration rate
- dry soil absorbs more water than soil whose pores are already full <sup>under identical conditions</sup>
- Land use: forest soil has more infiltration than urban area → compacted soil

## 2) Surface of Entry

At the soil surface, the impact of raindrops causes the fines in the soil to be displaced and these in turn can clog the pore spaces in the upper layers. This is an important factor affecting the infiltration capacity

Surface covered by grass and other vegetation → effect of fc

## Fluid characteristics

water infiltrating into the soil will have many impurities, both in solution & in suspension. Turbidity of the water, esp in clay and colloidal content is as important factor as such suspended particle block the fine pores in the soil and reduces its infiltration capacity.

temp of the water is a factor in a sense that it affects the viscosity of the water which in turn affects the infiltration rate.

contamination of the water by dissolved salts can affect the soil structure.

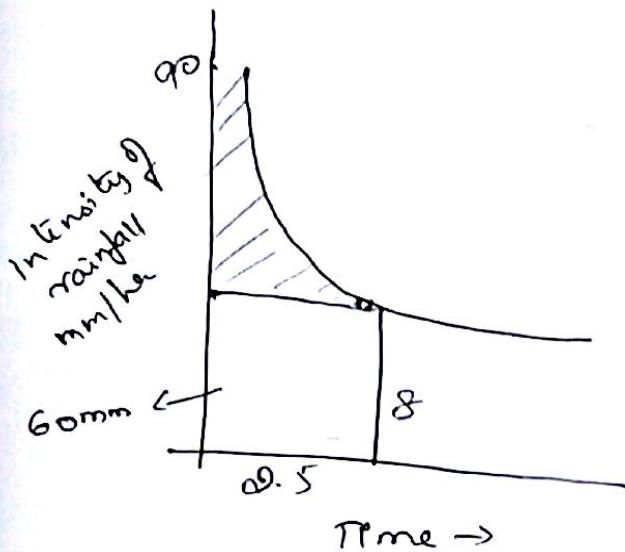
$$f_{co} = 90 \text{ mm/ha}$$

$$f_{cf} = 8 \text{ mm/ha}$$

$$t_d = 2.5 \text{ hrs}$$

$$I = 60 \text{ mm} \quad t = 90 \text{ mins} = 1.5$$

$$f_{ct} = ?$$



$$f_{ct} = f_{cf} + (f_{co} - f_{cf}) e^{-k_h t}$$

$$\begin{aligned} k_h &= \frac{f_{co} - f_{cf}}{f_c} \\ &= \frac{90 - 8}{60} \\ &= 2.05 \end{aligned}$$

$f_c$ : field capacity

$$= 60 - 2.5 \times 8$$

$$= 40 \text{ mm}$$

$$\begin{aligned} f_{ct} &= 8 + (90 - 8) e^{-2.05 \times 1.5} \\ &= 11.78 \text{ mm/ha} \end{aligned}$$

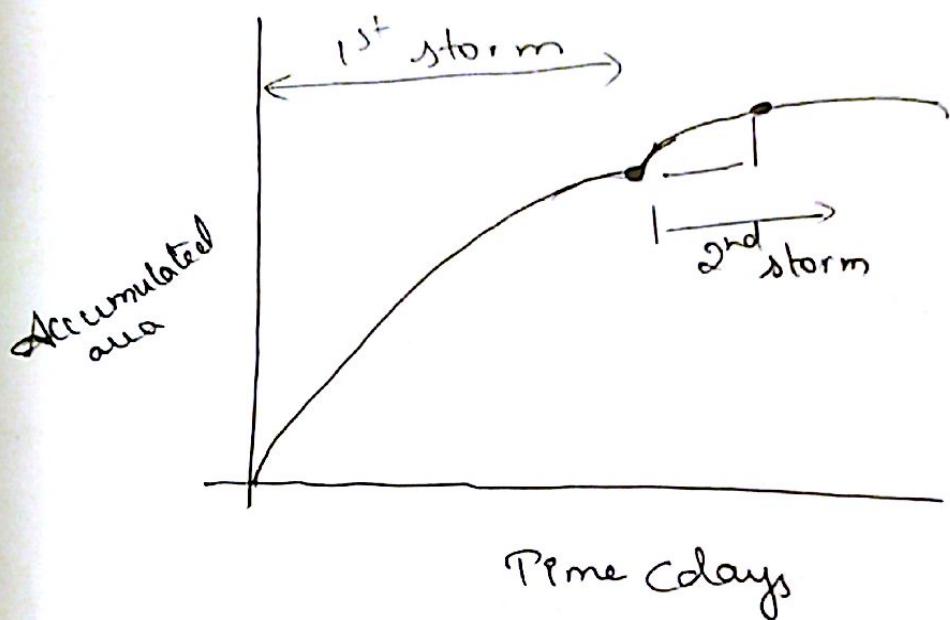
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{15}{30} &= 0.5 \\ \frac{90-8}{90} &= 0.8 \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{90-8}{30}$$

## a) Mass curve methods

### Mass curve:-

This method is used to know the nature of storm or rainfall occurring @ that particular area. It is plotted between accumulated area against the time.



### Histogram:-

It is a bar graph, which derived from the mass curve and it plotted by intensity of rainfall against time. It shows the magnitude and duration of rainfall of that particular area.



Blaney-Criddle formula for evapo-transpiration.  
This formula is used @ the arid regions.

$$E_T = 0.54 K F$$

$E_T$ : Evapo-transpiration of that particular area.

$K$ : Crop factor

$$F = \frac{\sum P \bar{T}_f}{100}$$

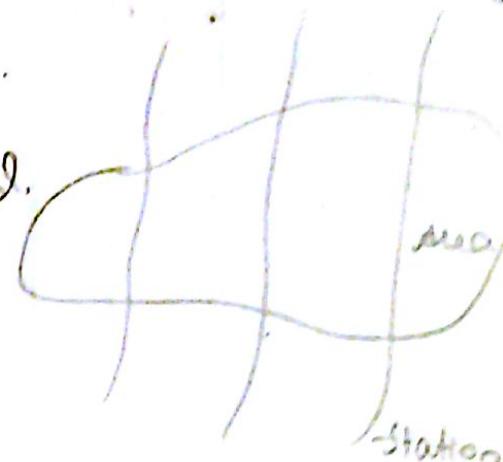
where  $F$ : field capacity at that particular month.

$P$ : sum of rainfall data

$\bar{T}_f$ : Temperature @ which the rainfall occurs in Fahrenheit.

The method of finding the mean precipitation over an area is given by three methods namely.

- 1) Arithmetic mean method.
- 2) Thiessen polygon method.
- 3) Isohyetal method.



### 1) Arithmetic mean method

$$\text{Mean precipitation over an area} = \frac{\text{Sum of annual rainfall (cm)}}{\text{Total no. of rain gauge stations}}$$

$$= \frac{(P_1 + P_2 + \dots + P_m)}{m} \quad P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m : \frac{\text{annual rainfall}}{\text{mm}}$$

### 2) Thiessen polygon method.

In this method, particular catchment area pertaining to that station is divided into small areas and the avg precip. precipitation is calculated by annual rainfall of <sup>that</sup> area.

If it is given by.

$$= P_1 \left( \frac{a_1}{A_0} \right) + P_2 \left( \frac{a_2}{A_2} \right) + P_3 \left( \frac{a_3}{A_3} \right)$$

where  $\frac{a_1}{A_0}$  is the weightage factor of area.

### 3) Isohyetal method

This method is more precision compared to other two method and it is determined by knowing average precipitation of the area with fraction of area pertaining to that particular catchment area.

It is given by:

$$= \underbrace{\left( \frac{P_1 + P_2}{2} \right) \alpha_1 + \left( \frac{P_2 + P_3}{2} \right) \alpha_2 + \dots + \left( \frac{P_{m-1} + P_m}{2} \right) \alpha_m}_{A}$$

$P_1, P_2, \dots, P_m$  :- annual rainfall in mm

$\frac{\alpha_1}{A_1}$  :- fraction area factor or weightage area factor.

### 6. Evaporation:-

It occurs converting water from liquid<sup>state</sup> to gaseous state under the influence of heat energy.

Evaporation may depends on temperature, wind, vapour pressure, soluble salts, atmospheric pressure. It type of loss.

factors which affects evaporation are:-

- 1) Temperature:- As the temperature increases the evaporation rate goes on increasing
- 2) Wind:- The wind will also influence the water to evaporate from evaporation zone. As the wind increases, the evaporation goes on increasing and at critical point further increase in wind will not affect evaporation.

3) Soluble salts:-

When salts are added to water the vapour pressure goes on decreasing due to this the evaporation decreases.

4) Vapour pressure- As the vapour pressure increases the evaporation goes on increasing. And it depends on relative humidity.

Measurement of evaporation using class A Pan.

This type of apparatus which is used to measure the rate of evaporation. It is a container of diameter 1210 mm and depth height about 550 mm. And it covered by galvanized iron sheet. If it ~~is causes~~ affects the corrosion then monal steel is used. The depth 18 mm to 25 mm is maintained for water. It is placed on the wooden horizontal surface of 1215 mm dia. Now a days it is covered by wire mesh which prevents the attack of birds and wind. The pointing gauge is attached to it to measure the rate of evaporation. It is not placed on ground surface, minimum 10-15 mm is left upspace for air penetration purpose.

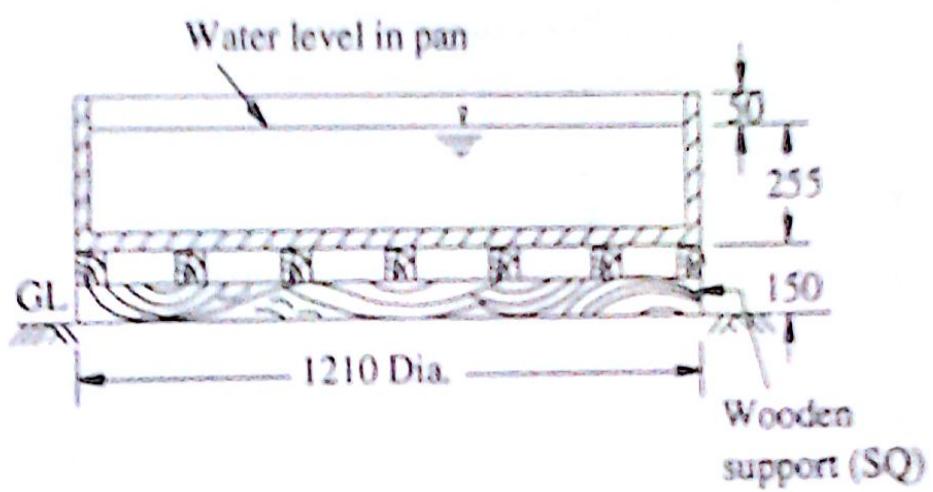


Fig. 3.1 U.S. Class A evaporation pan