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FLUID MECHANICS

CIVIL ENGINEERING

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ANSWER KEY ➤

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DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (d)

$$u = \lambda xy^3 - x^2y$$

$$v = xy^2 - \frac{3}{4}y^4$$

For incompressible flow,

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} + \frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 0$$

$$\frac{\partial u}{\partial x} = \lambda y^3 - 2xy$$

$$\frac{\partial v}{\partial y} = 2xy - 3y^3$$

$$\lambda y^3 - 2xy + 2xy - 3y^3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

2. (b)

For laminar boundary layer over a flat plate

$$\tau = C_f \frac{\rho v^2}{2}$$

where $C_f = \frac{0.664}{\sqrt{R_{ex}}}$

$$\Rightarrow \tau \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\tau_1}{\tau_2} \propto \sqrt{15}$$

3. (a)

4. (d)

In case of parallel connection, head loss remains same for all the pipes.

$$\therefore h_{f1} = h_{f2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8Q_1^2}{\pi^2 g} \times \frac{fL}{D_1^5} = \frac{8Q_2^2}{\pi^2 g} \times \frac{fL}{D_1^5}$$

where Q_1 and Q_2 are discharges in smaller and larger diameter pipe respectively

Since, f and L are equal for both the pipes,

$$\therefore \frac{Q_1^2}{D_1^5} = \frac{Q_2^2}{D_2^5}$$

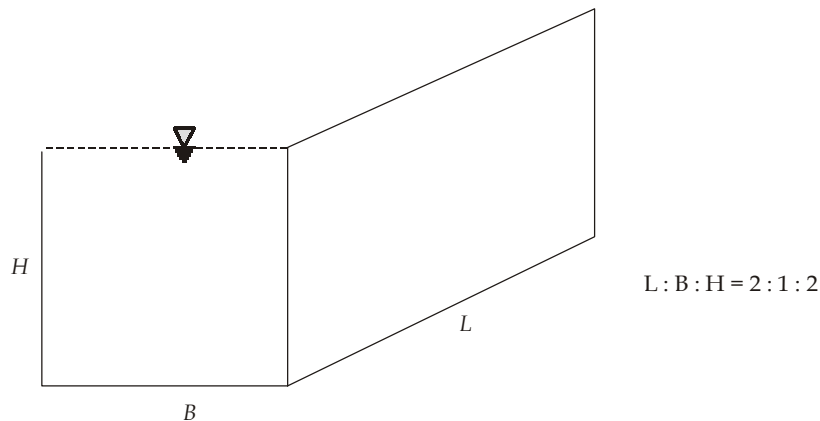
Here, $D_1 = 20 \text{ cm}$

and $D_2 = 35 \text{ cm}$

$$\therefore \frac{Q_1}{Q_2} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{D_1}{D_2}\right)^5} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{20}{35}\right)^5} = 0.2468 \approx 0.25$$

5. (b)

Let L, B, H be the length, breadth and height of rectangular tank.



Hydrostatic force on the bottom of tank,

$$F_1 = (\text{Pressure at bottom}) \times \text{Area} \\ = \rho g H \times LB$$

Hydrostatic force on vertical surface

$$F_2 = (\text{Average pressure}) \times \text{Area} \\ = \frac{1}{2} \rho g H \times LH$$

$$\therefore \frac{F_1}{F_2} = \frac{\rho g H L B}{\frac{1}{2} \rho g H^2 L} = \frac{2B}{H} = \frac{2 \times 1}{2} = 1$$

6. (a)

$$\psi = 2xy$$

$$\therefore u = -\frac{\partial \psi}{\partial y} = -2x$$

$$v = \frac{\partial \psi}{\partial x} = 2y$$

At $(2, -2)$, $U = 4$, $v = 4$

$$\therefore |\vec{V}| = \sqrt{u^2 + v^2} = 4\sqrt{2}$$

7. (c)

$$\frac{q}{Q} = \frac{1}{40} \times \frac{1}{9} \sqrt{\frac{1}{9}}$$

$$\Rightarrow Q = 1080 \text{ lps}$$

8. (b)

$$Q = C_d \frac{8}{15} \sqrt{2g} \tan\left(\frac{\theta}{2}\right) H^{5/2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial Q}{Q} = \frac{5}{2} \frac{\partial H}{H} = \frac{5}{2} \times 4 = 10\%$$

9. (b)

In pipe, limiting Reynolds is 2000. ($Re \leq 2000$) In general.

$$f = \frac{64}{Re}$$

$$f = \frac{64}{2000} = 0.032$$

10. (d)

Displacement thickness, $\delta^* = \int_0^\delta \left(\frac{u}{U} \right) \cdot dy = \int_0^\delta \left(1 - \frac{y^2}{\delta^2} \right) dy = \left[y - \frac{y^3}{3\delta^2} \right]_0^\delta = \delta - \frac{\delta}{3} = \frac{2\delta}{3}$

11. (a)

For pipes in series

$$\frac{L}{d^5} = \frac{L_1}{d_1^5} + \frac{L_2}{d_2^5} + \frac{L_3}{d_3^5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6000}{d^5} = \frac{1000}{(0.2)^5} + \frac{2000}{(0.4)^5} + \frac{3000}{(0.6)^5}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 0.282 \text{ m} \quad \text{or} \quad d = 282 \text{ mm}$$

12. (d)

$$h_L = \frac{Q^2 f_1}{12.1 D^5}$$

$$\dot{m} = \rho Q$$

$$\frac{900}{60} = 0.9 \times 10^3 \times Q$$

$$\therefore Q = 0.0167 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec}$$

$$Re = \frac{\rho V D}{\mu} = \frac{V D}{\nu}$$

$$V = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{4Q}{\pi D^2}$$

$$h_L = \frac{64}{Re} \times \frac{L Q^2}{12.1 D^5} = \frac{64 L Q^2}{12.1 D^5} \times \frac{\nu}{V D} = \frac{64 L Q^2}{12.1 D^5} \times \frac{\nu}{D} \times \frac{\pi D^2}{4 Q}$$

$$h_L = 4.15 \frac{L D \nu}{D^4}$$

$$8 = \frac{4\pi}{3} \times \frac{400 \times 0.0167 \times 0.0002}{D^4}$$

$$D = 0.1622 \text{ m}$$

13. (d)

Maximum head available at the outlet of the pipe = $H - h_f$

$$= H - \frac{H}{3} = \frac{2H}{3} = \frac{2 \times 400}{3} = 266.67 \text{ m}$$

∴ Maximum power available = $\rho Qg(H - h_f)$

$$= \frac{1000 \times 9.81 \times 0.2 \times 266.67}{1000} \text{ kW} = 523.2 \text{ kW}$$

14. (a)

Equating pressure at interface level,

$$P_A + \rho_o g(0.15) = \rho_{Hg} g(0.1)$$

where ρ_o is density of oil and ρ_{Hg} is density of mercury

$$\Rightarrow P_A + (0.85 \times 10^3) \times g \times 0.15 = (13.6 \times 10^3) \times g \times 0.10$$

$$\Rightarrow P_A = 12090.825 \text{ N/m}^2 \\ = 12.09 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

15. (b)

$$\text{Reynold's number, Re} = \frac{\rho Vd}{\mu}$$

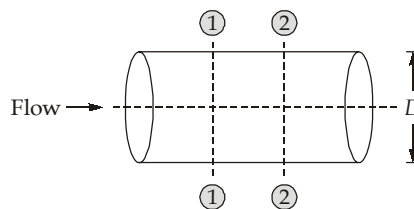
$$= \frac{0.8 \times 1000 \times 2.8 \times 0.25}{1.5}$$

$$= 373.33 < 2000$$

So, flow is laminar.

For laminar flow through circular pipe,

$$\text{Shear stress at wall, } \tau_0 = \frac{R}{2} \left(\frac{-\partial P}{\partial x} \right) = \frac{D}{4} \left(\frac{-\partial P}{\partial x} \right) \quad \dots(i)$$



From Hagen-Poiseuille's equation,

$$\frac{-\partial P}{\partial x} = \left(\frac{P_1 - P_2}{L} \right) = \frac{32\mu\bar{u}}{D^2} \quad \dots(ii)$$

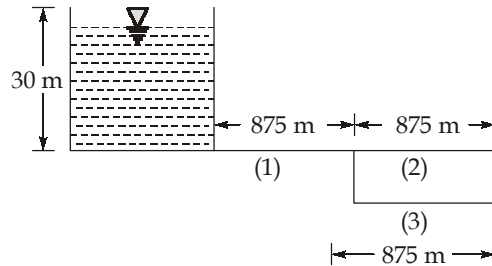
Putting (ii) in (i), we get

$$\tau_0 = \frac{D}{4} \left(\frac{32\mu\bar{u}}{D^2} \right) \\ = \frac{8\mu\bar{u}}{D} = \frac{8 \times 1.5 \times 2.8}{0.25} = 134.4 \text{ Pa}$$

16. (b)

Let Q be the initial discharge.

Diameter, $d = 0.55$ m, Length, $l = 1.75$ km = 1750 m



Before addition of pipe,
$$h_f = \frac{8f_l Q^2}{\pi^2 g D^5} \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\Rightarrow 30 = \frac{8(0.04) \times (1750) Q^2}{\pi^2 (9.81) \times (0.55)^5}$$

Solving, $Q = 0.51$ m³/sec

After addition of pipe, $h_f = h_{f1} + h_{f2}$

... (ii)

Where, h_{f2} is Head loss in pipe 2, h_{f3} is Head loss in pipe 3

Also, $h_{f2} = h_{f3}$

$$\therefore \frac{f l_2 v_2^2}{2g D_2} = \frac{f l_3 v_3^2}{2g D_3}$$

$$v_2 = v_3$$

Also, let Q' be the final discharge

Now, $Q' = Q_2 + Q_3$ [$\because$ Continuity equation]

$\therefore Q_2 = Q_3$ [$\because V_2 = V_3, A_2 = A_3$]

$$\Rightarrow Q_2 = Q_3 = \frac{Q'}{2}$$

Substituting values in (ii)

$$h_f = \frac{8f l_1 Q^2}{\pi^2 g D_1^5} + \frac{8f l_2 (Q/2)^2}{\pi^2 g D_2^5}$$

$$30 = \frac{8 \times 0.04 \times 875}{\pi^2 \times 9.81 \times 0.55^5} \left(Q^2 + \frac{Q^2}{4} \right)$$

Solving, $Q' = 0.65$ m³/s

$$\% \text{ increase} = \frac{Q' - Q}{Q} \times 100 = \frac{0.65 - 0.51}{0.51} \times 100 = 27.45\%$$

17. (d)

Given, $\theta = 60^\circ$

Distance,
$$AC = \frac{h}{\sin 60^\circ} = \frac{2h}{\sqrt{3}}$$

The gate will start tipping about hinge B if the resultant pressure force acts at B. If the resultant pressure force passes through a point which is lying from B to C anywhere on the gate, the gate will tip over the hinge. Hence for the given position, point B becomes the centre of pressure.

Depth of centre of pressure,

$$h^* = (h - 3) \text{ m} \quad \dots(i)$$

But h^* is also given by,
$$h^* = \frac{I_G \sin^2 \theta}{A \bar{h}} + \bar{h}$$

Taking width of gate unity, then

Area,
$$A = AC \times 1 = \frac{2h}{\sqrt{3}} \times 1; \quad \bar{h} = \frac{h}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} I_G &= \frac{bd^3}{12} = \frac{1 \times AC^3}{12} = \frac{1 \times \left(\frac{2h}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^3}{12} \\ &= \frac{8h^3}{12 \times 3 \times \sqrt{3}} = \frac{2h^3}{9 \times \sqrt{3}} \end{aligned}$$

$$h^* = \frac{2h^3}{9\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sin^2 60}{\frac{2h}{\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{h}{2}} + \frac{h}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow h^* = \frac{2h^3 \times \frac{3}{4}}{9h^2} + \frac{h}{2} = \frac{2h}{3} \quad \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$h - 3 = \frac{2h}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow h = 9 \text{ m}$$

$\therefore$ Height of water required for tipping the gate = 9 m

18. (d)

1 and 3 are correct

A submerged body becomes unstable if the centre of gravity is above the centre of buoyancy. While a floating body may remain stable even if centre of gravity is above the centre of buoyancy so statement 2 is wrong.

For a submerged body if the centre of gravity coincides with the centre of buoyancy, the equilibrium is said to be neutral stability so statement 4 is wrong.

19. (b)

For rough pipe,
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\sqrt{f}} &= 2 \log_{10} \left(\frac{R}{k_s} \right) + 1.74 \\ &= 2 \log_{10} \left(\frac{0.30}{0.20 \times 10^{-3}} \right) + 1.74 = 8.09 \end{aligned}$$

$$f = 0.015$$

$$\tau_{\text{wall}} = \rho \frac{f V^2}{8}$$

where,

$$V = V_{\text{avg}} = \frac{Q}{A} = \frac{0.64}{\frac{\pi}{4} \times 0.6^2} = 2.264 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\therefore \tau_{\text{wall}} = \frac{1000 \times 0.015 \times 2.264^2}{8} = 9.61 \text{ N/m}^2$$

20. (a)

Discharge ratio,

$$Q_r = \frac{Q_m}{Q_p} = L_{r_h} (L_{r_v})^{3/2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{625} \times \left(\frac{1}{36} \right)^{3/2} = \frac{1}{135000}$$

$$\therefore Q_p = \frac{Q_m}{Q_r} = 0.025 \times 135000$$

$$= 3375 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

21. (c)

$$d_1 = 30 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore a_1 = \frac{\pi}{4} \times 30^2 = 706.86 \text{ cm}^2 = 0.070686 \text{ m}^2$$

$$d_2 = 15 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore a_2 = \frac{\pi}{4} \times 15^2 = 176.71 \text{ cm}^2 = 0.017671 \text{ m}^2$$

Specific gravity of oil, $S_o = 0.9$

Specific gravity of mercury,

$$S_g = 13.6$$

Differential manometer reading,

$$x = 30 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore h = \left(\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + Z_1 \right) - \left(\frac{p_2}{\rho g} + Z_2 \right) = x \left(\frac{S_g}{S_o} - 1 \right)$$

$$= 30 \left(\frac{13.6}{0.9} - 1 \right) = 30(15.11 - 1)$$

$$= 30 \times 14.11$$

$$= 423.33 \text{ cm of oil} = 4.23 \text{ m of oil}$$

$$C_d = 1.0 \text{ (since losses are zero)}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore \text{Discharge, } Q &= \frac{C_d a_1 a_2}{\sqrt{a_1^2 - a_2^2}} \times \sqrt{2gh} \\ \Rightarrow Q &= \frac{(1) \times (0.070686) \times (0.017671) \times \sqrt{2 \times 9.81 \times 4.23}}{\sqrt{0.070686^2 - 0.017671^2}} \\ \Rightarrow Q &= 0.1663 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} = 166.3 \text{ l/s}\end{aligned}$$

22. (b)

In order to apply the hydrostatic relation for the air pressure calculation, the density of fluid X must be found. Neglecting the buoyancy of the air on the upper part of the block, then

$$\begin{aligned}0.6 \gamma_{\text{water}} V &= \gamma_x (0.75 V) \\ \gamma_x &= 0.8 \gamma_{\text{water}} \\ &= 0.8 \rho_{\text{water}} g \\ &= 0.8 \times 1000 \times 9.81 \\ &= 7848 \text{ N/m}^3.\end{aligned}$$

The air gauge pressure may then be calculated as

$$\begin{aligned}0 - \gamma_x (0.4) &= P_{\text{air}} \\ P_{\text{air}} &= -7848 \times 0.4 = -3139.2 \text{ Pa}\end{aligned}$$

23. (b)

For circular cylindrical jet of liquid,

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta P &= \frac{\sigma}{R} \\ \Rightarrow R &= \frac{\sigma}{\Delta P} = \frac{73 \times 10^{-3}}{40} \\ &= 1.825 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 1.825 \text{ mm} \\ \therefore \text{Diameter} &= 2R = 1.825 \times 2 = 3.65 \text{ mm}\end{aligned}$$

24. (a)

From Bernoulli's equation, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{p_1}{\rho g} + \frac{V_1^2}{2g} &= \frac{p_2}{\rho g} + \frac{V_2^2}{2g} + h_c \\ \Rightarrow \frac{14 \times 10^4}{1000 \times 9.81} + \frac{1.6^2}{2 \times 9.81} &= \frac{12 \times 10^4}{1000 \times 9.81} + \frac{6.4^2}{2 \times 9.81} + h_c \\ \Rightarrow h_c &= 0.0816 \text{ m} \\ \text{Now, } h_c &= \frac{V_2^2}{2g} \left[\frac{1}{C_c} - 1 \right]^2 \\ \Rightarrow 0.0816 &= \frac{V_2^2}{2g} \left[\frac{1}{C_c} - 1 \right]^2 \\ \Rightarrow 0.0816 &= \frac{6.4^2}{2 \times 9.81} \left[\frac{1}{C_c} - 1 \right]^2 \\ \Rightarrow C_c &= 0.835 \simeq 0.84\end{aligned}$$

25. (d)

$$\text{Velocity, } V = \frac{100 \times 10^3}{3600} = 27.78 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Reynolds number, } Re = \frac{Vx}{\nu}$$

where x is the distance upto which laminar boundary layer exists.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore x &= \frac{\nu Re}{V} = \frac{1.49 \times 10^{-5} \times 3 \times 10^5}{27.78} \\ &= 0.161 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

Thickness of laminar boundary layer,

$$\begin{aligned} \delta &= 5 \sqrt{\frac{x\nu}{V}} = 5 \times \sqrt{\frac{0.161 \times 1.49 \times 10^{-5}}{27.78}} \\ &= 1.47 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} = 1.47 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

26. (a)

The volume of the air before and after the rotation must be the same. Recognizing that the volume of a paraboloid of revolution is half of the volume of a circular cylinder of the same radius and height.

The height of the paraboloid of revolution is determined as:

$$\pi \times 0.16^2 \times 0.02 = \frac{1}{2} \pi \times (0.16)^2 h$$

$$\therefore h = 0.04 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Using equation, } z = \frac{r^2 \omega^2}{2g}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.04 = \frac{0.16^2 \times \omega^2}{2 \times 9.81}$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega = 5.54 \text{ rad/s}$$

The pressure, on the bottom as a function of the radius r is $p(r)$ which is given by

$$p - p_0 = \frac{\rho \omega^2}{2} (r^2 - r_1^2)$$

$$\text{where, } p_0 = 9810 \times (0.22 - 0.04) = 1765.8 \text{ Pa} = 1766 \text{ Pa}$$

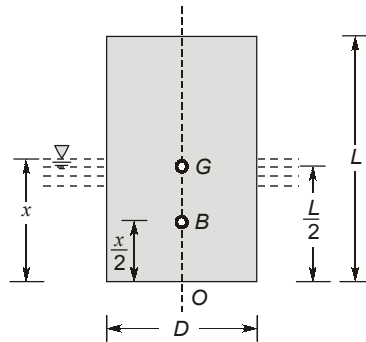
$$\text{So, } p = \frac{1000 \times 5.54^2}{2} r^2 + 1766 = 15346 r^2 + 1766$$

This pressure is integrated over the area to find the force

$$= \int_0^{0.16} (15346 r^2 + 1766) 2\pi r dr = 157.8 \text{ N}$$

27. (d)

As shown in figure, if the depth of immersion is x , then



Buoyant force = weight of solid cylinder

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\pi D^2}{4} x \right) \times 1.0 = \left(\frac{\pi D^2}{4} \times L \right) \times 0.6$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \left(\frac{0.6}{1.0} \right) L = \frac{3}{5} L$$

So, $OB = \frac{x}{2} = \frac{3}{10} L$

Since, $\overline{BM} = \frac{I}{V}$

where, $I = \frac{\pi D^4}{64}; \quad V = \left(\frac{\pi D^2}{4} \times \frac{3}{5} L \right) = \frac{3\pi D^2}{20} L$

$$\Rightarrow \overline{BM} = \left(\frac{\pi D^4}{64} \times \frac{20}{3\pi D^2 L} \right) = \frac{5D^2}{48L}$$

and, $\overline{BG} = \overline{OG} - \overline{OB} = \left(\frac{L}{2} - \frac{3}{10} L \right) = \frac{L}{5}$

For neutral equilibrium,

$$\overline{BM} = \overline{BG}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5D^2}{48L} = \frac{L}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{L^2}{D^2} = \frac{25}{48}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{L}{D} = \frac{5}{4\sqrt{3}}$$

28. (a)

$$\text{Buoyant Force } (F_B) = \text{Drag Force } (F_D)$$

[Neglect weight of the bubble]

$$\left(\frac{\pi d^3}{6}\right) \gamma = 3\pi\mu Vd$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = \frac{\gamma d^2}{18V} \quad \therefore v = \frac{\mu}{\rho} = \frac{gd^2}{18V}$$

$$\Rightarrow v = \frac{9.81 \times (10^{-3})^2}{18 \times 8 \times 10^{-3}} = 6.8125 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s} \simeq 6.813 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m/s}$$

29. (a)

$$\text{Local acceleration} = \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = 2\left(1 - \frac{x}{2L}\right)^2$$

$$\text{at } t = 3 \text{ s and } x = 0.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial V}{\partial t} = 2\left(1 - \frac{0.5}{2 \times 0.8}\right)^2 = 0.945 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Convective acceleration} &= V \frac{\partial V}{\partial x} = 2t \left(1 - \frac{x}{2L}\right)^2 \cdot 2t \cdot 2\left(1 - \frac{x}{2L}\right) \left(-\frac{1}{2L}\right) \\ &= -\frac{4t^2}{L} \left(1 - \frac{x}{2L}\right)^3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{at } t = 3 \text{ s and } x = 0.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Convective acceleration} = -\frac{4 \times 3^2}{0.8} \left(1 - \frac{0.5}{2 \times 0.8}\right)^3 = -14.623 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total Acceleration} &= (\text{Local} + \text{Convective}) \text{ Acceleration} \\ &= 0.945 - 14.623 = -13.68 \text{ m/s}^2 \end{aligned}$$

30. (a)

$$D_1 = 150 \text{ mm}$$

$$A_1 = \frac{\pi}{4} \times (0.150)^2 = 0.01767 \text{ m}^2$$

$$D_2 = 300 \text{ mm} = 0.3 \text{ m}$$

$$A_2 = \frac{\pi}{4} \times (0.3)^2 = 0.0707 \text{ m}^2$$

$$Q = 0.25 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$V_1 = \frac{Q}{A_1} = \frac{0.25}{0.01767} = 14.15 \text{ m/s}$$

$$V_2 = \frac{Q}{A_2} = \frac{0.25}{0.0707} = 3.536 \text{ m/s}$$

Loss of head due to enlargement is given as:

$$h_e = \frac{(V_1 - V_2)^2}{2g} = \frac{(14.15 - 3.536)^2}{2g} = 5.742 \text{ m of water}$$

