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**Note: Attempt all Questions & Draw diagrams where necessary.**

**Question No 1**

- A. With the help of a diagram show different Elements of a Hydropower Plant? CLO 1
- B. Water for a small hydroelectric station is to be made available from a pondage with a volume of  $5 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$  located at a height uphill to provide water at a head of 100m at a hydraulic efficiency of 85% If the electrical efficiency is 94% and the water supply is available for 8 hours daily, determine the capacity of the generator to be installed at the power station.  
CLO 2

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**Question No 2**

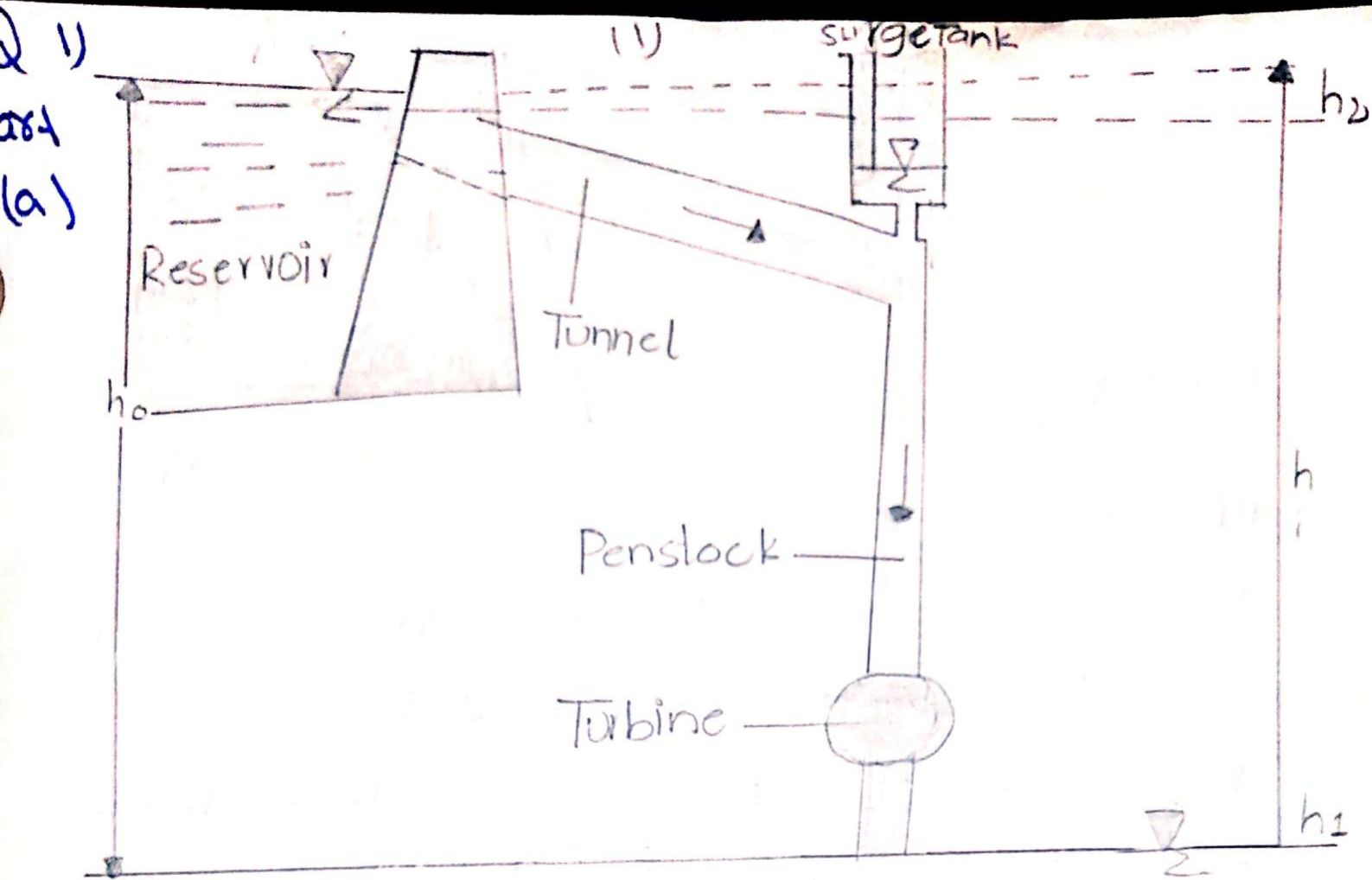
- A. Classify different hydropower turbines, what are the parameters required for the selection of hydropower turbines? CLO1
- B. Select a suitable turbine for a hydropower scheme with available head height of 190m and rated discharge of  $2.2 \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$  with overall efficiency of 85%?  
Also determine turbine diameter and  
jet diameter? Specific speed  $N_s = 85.49 / (h)^{0.243}$ . Diameter =  $38.56 \text{ h/}$  . Jet Diameter  $q = (\pi d_j^2) V_j / 4$  where  $V_j = 2 \text{ h}$  CLO 2

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**Question No 3**

Explain different stages of Nuclear Fuel Cycle? CLO 1

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### Reservoir:

The dam is constructed on a large river in hilly areas to ensure sufficient water storage at height. The dam forms a large reservoir behind it. The height of water level in the reservoir determines how much potential energy is stored in it.

### Penstock:

A Penstock is a huge steel pipe which carries water from the reservoir to the turbine. Potential energy of the water is converted into kinetic energy as it flows down through the penstock due to gravity.

### Surge tank:

Surge tanks are usually provided in high or medium head power plants when considerably long penstock is required. A surge tank is a small reservoir or tank which is open at the top. It is fitted b/w the reservoir and the power house. The water level in the surge tank rises or falls to reduce the pressure swings in the penstocks when there is sudden reduction in load on the turbine, the

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Governor closes the gates of the turbine to reduce the water flow. This causes pressure to increase abnormally in the penstock. This is prevented by using a surge tank. In which the water level ~~is~~ rises to reduce the pressure. On the other hand surge tank provides excess water needed when the gates are suddenly opened to meet the increased load demand.

### Water Turbine:

Water from the penstock is taken into the water turbine. The turbine is mechanically coupled to an electric generator. Kinetic energy of the water drives the turbine and consequently the generator gets driven.

There are two main types of water turbine

- i) impulse turbine
- ii) Reaction Turbine

impulse turbines are used for large head and reaction turbines are used for low and medium heads

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Solution:

Given data:

Available volume at Pondage  $V = 5 \times 10^5 \text{ m}^3$

Available head  $h = 100 \text{ m}$

Hydraulic efficiency = 85% = 0.85

Electrical efficiency = 0.94

Solution:

Overall efficiency =  $0.85 \times 0.94 = 0.80$

Using  $E = \eta \rho g h V = 0.8 \times 1000 \times 9.81 \times 5 \times 10^5$

$E = 3.92 \times 10^{11} \text{ W-s}$

# Q2 Part (a)

Answers:

Turbines:

Turbine is a rotatory mechanical device that extract energy from a fluid flow and convert it into useful work

Types:

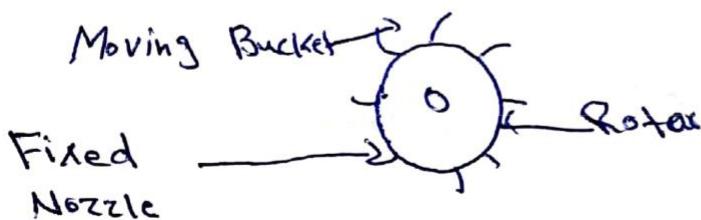
- i) Impulse Turbine
- ii) Reaction Turbine

Impulse Turbine:

The impulse turbine generally uses the velocity of the water to make the runner. The water stream hits each bucket on the runner.

An impulse turbine is generally suitable for high ~~head~~<sup>head</sup> low flow application.

In impulse turbine at inlet only kinetic energy available. But in reaction turbine at inlet kinetic energy as well as pressure energy both are available



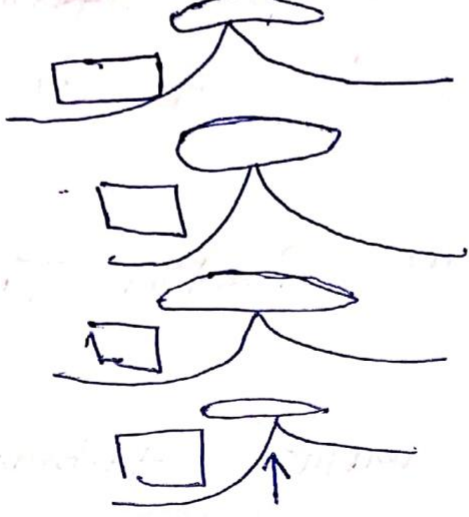
Moving Bucket



Fixed Nozzel



Stator

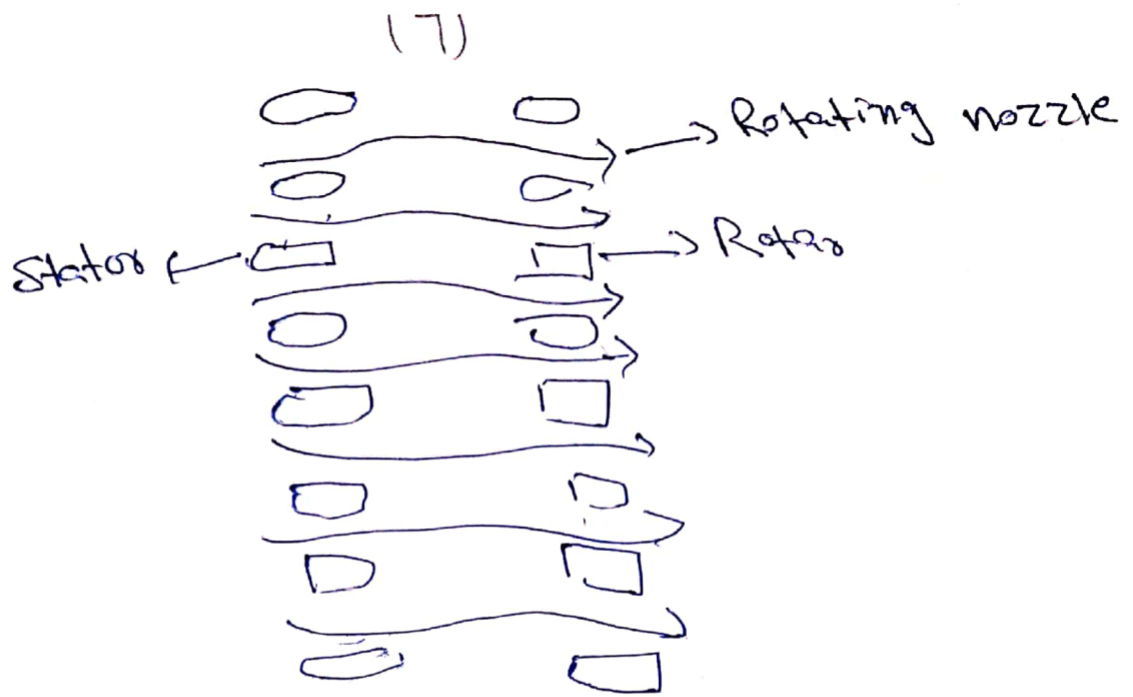


### Reaction Turbines:

A reaction turbine develops power from the combined action of pressure and moving water. The runner is placed directly in the water stream flowing over the blades rather than striking each individually used for sites with lower head and higher flows than compared with the impulse turbines.







Parameters the following Parameters are used  
for HydroPower Plant.

- 1) Height of standing water "Head"
- 2) Flow of water
- 3) Volume of water
- 4) How deep the turbine must be set
- 5) Efficiency
- 6) Cost

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Q 2 Part (2)

Given that:

$$\text{Head } h = 190 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Discharge } Q = 2.2 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$$

$$\text{Overall efficiency } = \eta = 85\% = 0.85$$

At a head of 190 meters a single jet Pelton Wheel turbine seems most suitable

Therefore from table the Specific Speed can be calculated by using

$$n_s = \frac{85.49}{(h)^{0.243}}$$

$$n_s = \frac{85.49}{(190)^{0.243}} = 23.88 \text{ rpm}$$

The output Power can be obtained by using.

$$P = \eta \rho g Q h \quad \text{Watts}$$

$$P = 0.85 \times 1000 \times 2.2 \times 9.81 \times 190 = 3486.5 \text{ kW}$$

using equation we have

$$n = n_s \frac{h}{\sqrt{P}} = 23.88 \times \frac{190}{\sqrt{3486.5}} = 285.32 \text{ rpm}$$

An alternator related at 50 Hz frequency with synchronous speed approaching 285.32 rpm

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but not greater is to be selected. The number of Poles required are computed by using:

$$N_s = \frac{120f}{P}$$

$$P = \frac{120 \times 50}{285.32} = 21.02 \text{ Poles}$$

Selecting 24 Poles alternator will rotate at 250 RPM at 50 Hz seems just right

$$D = 38.567 \frac{\sqrt{6}}{n} = 38.567 \times \frac{\sqrt{190}}{250} = 2.12 \text{ m}$$

The Jet diameter can be calculated by using equation

$$Q = \pi d_j^2 (V_s / u)$$

$$\text{Jet Velocity} = V_j = \sqrt{2gh} = \sqrt{2 \cdot 9.8 \times 190} \\ = 61.05 \text{ m/sec}$$

Therefore Jet diameter will be

$$d_j = \sqrt{\frac{4Q}{\pi V_j}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \times 2.2}{3.14 \times 61.05}}$$

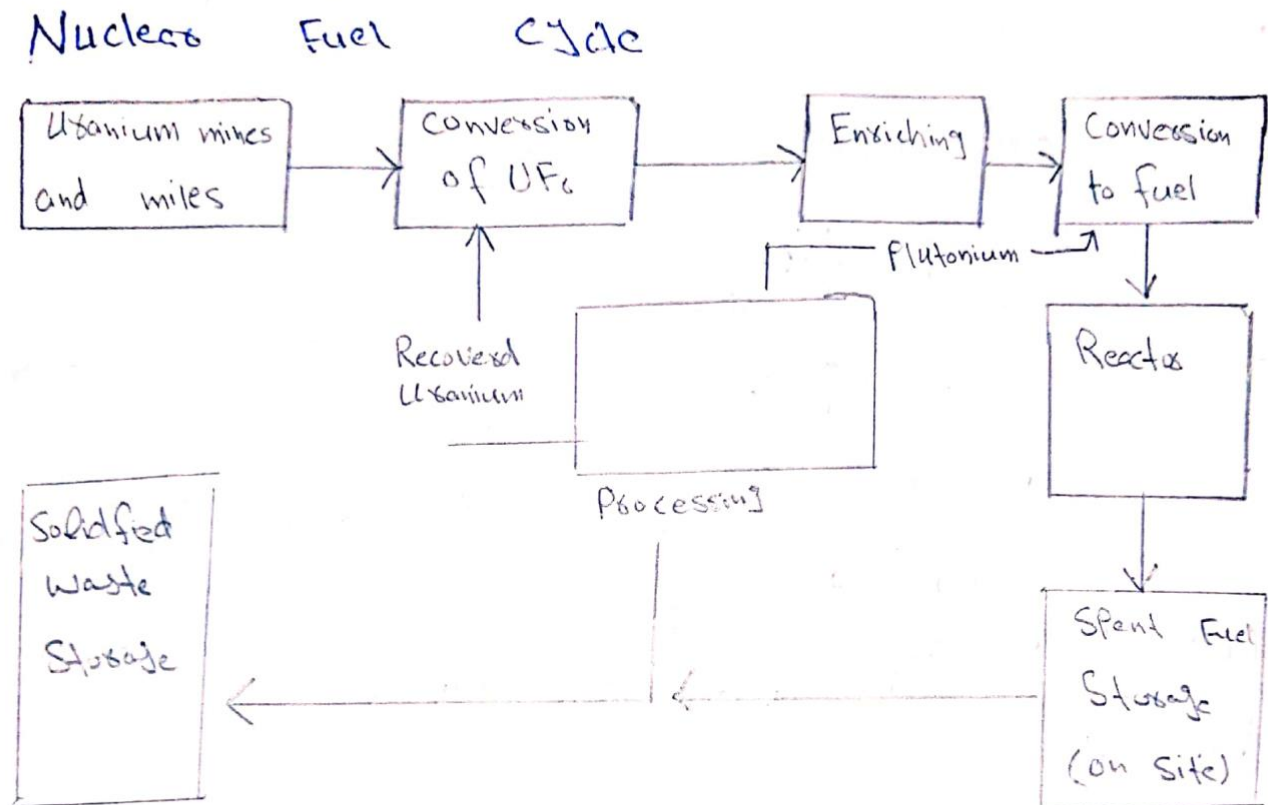
$$= 0.24 \text{ m}$$

$$d_j = 24 \text{ cm}$$

Q 3:

Explain different stages of Nuclear Fuel Cycle

Ans:



1) Mining and Milling:

Uranium is usually mined by either surface or underground mining techniques depending on the depth at which the ore body is found.

From these the mined uranium ore is sent to a mill which is usually located close to the mine.

At the mine the ore is crushed and ground to a fine slurry which is leached in sulfuric acid to allow the separation of Uranium from the waste rock. It is then recovered from solution as Uranium oxide ( $U_3O_8$ ) concentrate.

### ii) Conversion of $U_3O_8$ :

Because the Uranium needs to be in the form of a gas before it can be enriched, the  $U_3O_8$  is converted into the gas Uranium hexafluoride ( $UF_6$ ) at the Conversion Plant.

### Enriching:

Need to enrich Uranium to at least 3% for a Power Plant.

Two methods of Enriching.

### Gaseous Diffusion Method:

$UF_6$  (hexafluoride) gas heated

$U-238$  is heavier than  $U-235$

Hexafluoride Gas can be separated into two streams

Low Velocity  $U-238$

High Velocity  $U-235$

## Centrifuged Method:

Gas Spin in Centrifuge

Lighter U-235 Will separate from heavier U-238

## Fuel Conversion:

Enriched Uranium transported to a fuel fabrication plant where it is converted to Uranium dioxide ( $UO_2$ ) powder and pressed into small pellets.

These pellets are inserted into thin tubes usually of a zirconium alloy or stainless steel, to form fuel rods.

The rods are then sealed and assembled in clusters to form fuel assemblies for use in the core of the nuclear reactor.

## Reactor Core:

The reactor core consists of fuel rods and control rods.

Fuel rods contained enriched uranium

Control rods are inserted b/w the fuel rods to absorb neutrons and slow the

Chain reaction

