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Q1 Define Delta  $\Delta$  Duty  $\Delta$  derive their relation in MKS & FPS System.

Ans) Delta

The depth of water in cm or inches required for the crop throughout the base period is known as Delta of crop.

Duty:: The term duty mean the area of land that can be irrigated with unit volume of irrigation water. It is the relation b/w the area of crop irrigated & quantity of irrigation water require during the entire period of growth of that crop.

### Relation B/w Delta $\Delta$ Duty

let there be a crop of base period B days  
let one cumec ( $\text{m}^3/\text{sec}$ ) of water be applied to this crop on the field for B days

Now the volume of water applied to this crop during B days  $V = (24 \times 60 \times 60 \times B) \text{ m}^3 = 86,400 B \text{ m}^3$



By definition of Duty, 1 m<sup>3</sup> of water supplied for B days matures D hectare of land. This quantity of water V matures D has of land. ~~This~~ or 10<sup>4</sup> D m<sup>2</sup> of area.

Total depth of water applied on this land

$$= \text{Volume} / \text{Area} = 86400 B / 10^4 D = 8.64 B / D \text{ cm}$$

where  $\Delta$  is in cm, B in days.  
D is duty in ha/cumec

$$\text{In FPS Unit } \Delta = 1.98 B / D \text{ ft}$$

where  $\Delta$  is in ft, B in days & D is in Acre/cumec

(b)

### Given Data

Water requirement of wheat = 9 cm

Days Interval = 35 days

Base period = 140 days

### Required

Delta of wheat ( $\Delta$ ) = ?



Solution:-

$$\text{For } 35 \text{ days} = 9 \text{ cm}$$

$$\text{So for } 140 \text{ days} = \Delta$$

$$\Delta = \frac{9 \text{ cm} \times 140 \text{ days}}{35 \text{ days}}$$

$$\Delta = 36 \text{ cm}$$

(c)

Indus Water Treaty

The Indus water treaty is a water distribution b/w India & Pakistan brokered by the world Bank to use the water available in the Indus System of rivers located in India.

The Indus water was signed in Karachi on Sep. 19, 1960 by PM of India

According to this Agreement Control over the water flowing in three "eastern rivers" of India, the beav, the Ravi & Sutlej



with the mean annual flow of 33 million acre-feet. MAF was given to India while Control over the water flowing the Indus the Chenab & the Jhelum with mean Annual flow of 80 MAF was given to Pakistan.

This treaty is considered to be one of the most successful water sharing endeavours in the world today.

(d)

### Importance/Significance of Duty

- It helps in designing efficient canal irrigation systems. Knowing the total available water at the head of main canal & overall duty for all the crops required to be irrigated in different seasons of the year which can be irrigated can be irrigated can be worked out.



• Inversely If we know the crop area required to be irrigated & their duties we can workout the discharge require for designing the canals.



(a)  
Q2\*

Factors Affecting Consumptive Uses with Details.

Ans Following are factors affecting Consumptive Uses.

### 1) Precipitation:

Storms may be of such intensity & amount that a large %age of the moisture will enter the soil & become available for plant transpiration. This available soil moisture may materially reduce the amount of irrigation water needed.

### 2) Humidity:

Evaporation & transpiration are accelerated on days of low humidity & slowed during period of high humidity. Greater rate of use of water by vegetation may be expected.

### 3) Wind Movement



### 3) Wind Movement:

Dry wind & other unusual wind conditions during the growing period will affect the amount of water.

4) Soil Fertility: Increase in fertility of the soil causes a decrease in the amount of water consumed per unit of crop yield.

### 5) Temperature.

Low temperature retard plant growth & unusually high temperature may produce dormancy. Transpiration is influenced not only by temperature but also by the leaf surface.



(b)

Given Data

Useful Rain fall = 10

Water Application Efficiency ( $\eta_a$ ) = 80% = 0.8Cumulative Consumptive Use ( $C_u$ ) = 40 cmRequired

FIR = ?

CIR = ?

Solution

We know that

$$CIR = C_u - R_e$$

$$CIR = 40 - 10$$

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

Also

$$FIR = \frac{CIR}{\eta_a} = \frac{30}{0.8}$$

$$FIR = 37.5 \text{ cm}$$

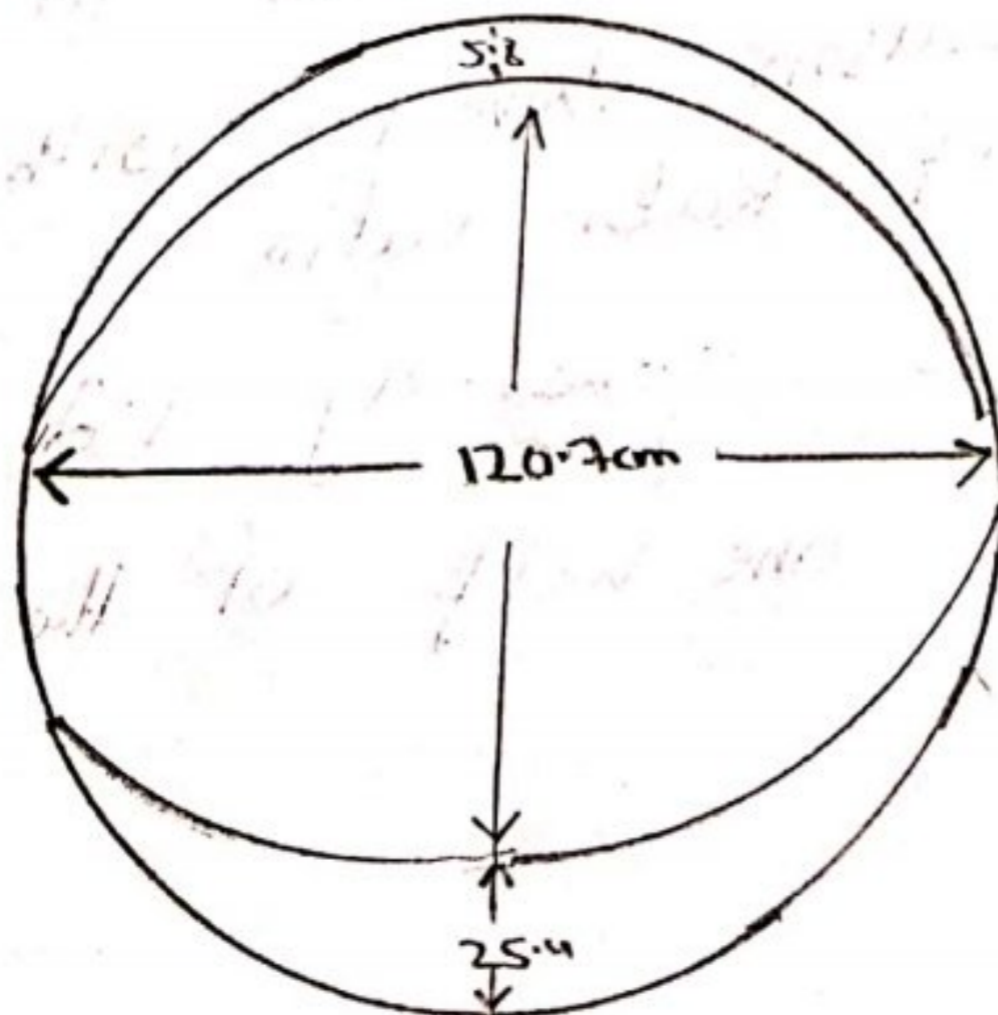


## Class A Pan Evaporation Measurement

The class A Evaporation Pan may be a standard device for manual measurement of evaporation (Australian Bureau of Meteorology class A type).

The Pan represents an open body of water. It's crammed with water & exposed on a flat plateau. The evaporation rate is calculated by the change in level of the free water surface (daily manual reading) & therefore the recorded rainfall in (mm)

Data are often calculated for any period require for estimation of evaporation & evapotranspiration rates.





(d)

Crops Seasons:

In Pakistan there are two crop seasons "Kharif" & "Rabi"

Kharif: Crop which is sowing in beginning in April & harvest b/w October & December. Examples are Rice, maize, cotton etc.

Rabi Crops:

Crops that are sown in winter & harvest within Springs. Example are Wheat, Gram, onion etc.

Kharif Rabi Ratio

The area to be irrigated for Rabi crop is usually quite that for the Kharif crop.

The ratio of proposed area to be irrigated in Kharif season there to within Rabi season is named, Kharif Rabi ratio.

This ratio is generally 1:2 i.e., Kharif area is one half of the Rabi area.



Q-3

Define  $\epsilon_p$  Explain the following terms

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Ans  
(a)

### Field Capacity:-

Field Capacity is greatest amount of water the soil can hold under the drainage.

☞ For most soil it is obtained after two days of drainage after the soil was saturated by heavy rain or irrigation.

☞ It is basically the optimum amount of water needed for agriculture.

☞ After the drainage has stopped, the large soil pores are filled with air & water & the smaller pores are still full of water. At this stage the soil are called as field capacity.

### (b) Permanent Wilting Point:-

That water content at which plants can no longer extract sufficient amount of water from the soil for its growth.



In simple words we can say that it is the lower end of the available moisture range.

Common sense that if the plant does not get sufficient water to meet its needs, this plant will wilt permanently.

☞ A plant is said to be permanently wilted when it will not recover after being placed in a saturated atmosphere.

There are two stages of wilting points.

### 1) Temporary Wilting Point

It occurs when the rate of transpiration is more than water absorption due to shrinkage of roots.

This type of wilting recovers when water is replenished in the soil around roots hairs.

### 2) Permanent Wilting

Rate of transpiration is more than rate of absorption but difference is below critical level.

⇒ Plant eventually dies in permanent wilting.




(c) Available Moisture Content:-

The difference in moisture contents of soil b/w the field capacity & Permanent wilting point is called Available moisture content.

Readily Available Moisture Content:-

It is the portion of the available moisture that is most easily extracted by plants

 It is approx. 75% of available moisture

(d) Optimum Utilization of Water:-

If crop is sown & produced under absolutely identical condition using different amount of water depths, the yield is found to be vary.

The yield increase with water, reaches to a certain maximum value & then fall down so, the quantity of water at which the yield is maximum is term as optimum water depth.

Therefore optimum utilization of water generally mean getting maximum yield with any amount of water

~~The soil~~