



**PROGRAM** : BACCALAURIUS TECHNOLOGIAE  
MINING ENGINEERING

**SUBJECT** : MINING TECHNICAL SERVICES IVA

**CODE** : MTLA411

**DATE** : SSA ASSESSMENT  
27 JULY 2016

**DURATION** : 3 HOURS (08:00 – 11:00)

**WEIGHT** : 60% OF FINAL MARK

**TOTAL MARKS** : 100

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**EXAMINER** : MR H STRAUSS

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**NUMBER OF PAGES** : 7

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**INSTRUCTIONS** : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS

**REQUIREMENTS** : INFORMATION BOOKLET (TO BE HANDED IN)  
ONE SCRIPT (SECOND ON REQUEST)  
BOOKLETS AND GRAPHS MUST BE HANDED IN

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

READ THE QUESTIONS THOROUGHLY BEFORE YOU START

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS

SHOW ALL CALCULATIONS AND SI UNITS (NONE SHOWN = NO MARKS)

DO NOT USE CORRECTION FLUID, NEITHER A PENCIL, NOR A RED PEN

HAND IN ALL YOUR WORK AS WELL AS THE BOOKLET

DO YOUR OWN WORK – EARN YOUR MARK WITH PRIDE

**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1 In terms of the DMR Guideline on thermal stress, state four items that are regarded as safe work practices expected from supervisors, irrespective of the level of supervision. (5)
- 1.2 Distinguish between the following terms:
- 1.2.1 Enthalpy and Sigma heat. (2)
- 1.2.2 Work and power. (2)
- 1.2.3 Heat and temperature. (2)
- 1.2.4 Latent heat and sensible heat. (2)
- 1.2.5 Gauge pressure and absolute pressure. (2)

**[15]****QUESTION 2**

The tabulation below shows the data collected from measurements taken in a refrigeration plant. Using this data, calculate the following:

Item	Value	Unit
Evaporator water temperature in	21,2	°C
Evaporator water temperature out	4,7	°C
Bulk air cooler water temperature in	7,4	°C
Bulk air cooler water temperature out	18,7	°C
Condenser water temperature in	14,7	°C
Condenser water temperature out	27,7	°C
Compressor motor current	280	A
Compressor motor voltage	6,6	kV
Power factor	0,92	

Given that the heat exchange in the evaporator is 9,810MW, and the heat exchange in the condenser is 13,204MW, calculate the following:

- 2.1 Evaporator water flow rate. (2)
- 2.2 Condenser water flow rate. (2)
- 2.3 Bulk air cooler Positional Efficiency. (2)
- 2.4 Overall Plant Coefficient of Performance. (3)

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**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 An air stream of  $14\text{m}^3/\text{s}$  enters a working area at a temperature of  $24/27^\circ\text{C}$ , and a barometric pressure of  $105\text{kPa}$ . In the area, a diesel powered dump truck with a rated output power of  $240\text{kW}$ , and an overall efficiency of  $34\%$ , is hauling ore along a horizontal haul road for a distance of  $600\text{m}$ . Estimate the air temperature at the return side of this working area. Assume that the moisture content increases by  $20\%$ , and ignore all other possible external heat sources. (5)
- 3.2 If the maximum allowable return air wet bulb temperature is  $29^\circ\text{C}$ , by how much must the intake air wet bulb temperature be reduced? (3)
- 3.3 What cooling rate would be required to achieve this? (Assume that the original mass flow is applicable). (2)
- 3.4 If you have a spot cooler available at the intake, how much cooling water would be required to deliver this cooling rate, given that the water temperature increase in the spot cooler will be  $8^\circ\text{C}$ ? (3)

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**QUESTION 4**

- 4.1 In terms of stone dust sampling, as prescribed by the DMR:
- 4.1.1 What is the purpose of stone dust sampling? (1)
- 4.1.2 Mention two requirements set for "Compliance sampling". (2)
- 4.1.3 Describe the required procedure for preparation and evaluation of collected dust samples. (4)
- 4.3 Construct a Coward's Diagram for the gas mixture given below.
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| Methane:         | 4%  |
| Carbon Monoxide: | 6%  |
| Oxygen:          | 12% |
- You may use the chart template attached. (6)

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**QUESTION 5**

- 5.1 Briefly discuss two types of errors that may occur in monitoring instruments. (4)
- 5.2 Mention two items that should be monitored in tabular hard rock stopes, also giving an example of the instruments required for each. (4)
- 5.3 Briefly describe how a seismic event is located in space and time. Your description must include the science and technology applied. (6)
- 5.4 You have a stope that is approaching a fault at a depth of 2 600m. It is estimated that the state of stress on the fault will soon be as given in the two dimensional matrix below. The fault is dipping at an angle of  $47^\circ$  above the horizontal, and it has a friction angle of  $31^\circ$ . Determine whether slip would be likely once this stress state occurs.
- $$\begin{vmatrix} 46 & -18 \\ 18 & 96 \end{vmatrix}$$
- (6)
- 5.5 You have been tasked to design a support system for a shallow tabular stoping operation, of which the details are tabulated below. Present your detailed solution. (7)

Stope width	110cm
Dip	$14^\circ$
Rock density	$3\,250\text{kg/m}^3$
Depth (mean)	750m
Face configuration	Overhand, gully depth = 80cm.
Failure mode anticipated	Shear failure, one joint set, dipping at $40^\circ$ , with a joint density of 5/m.
Support units	150kN, 25cm thick.
Head boards	Nil
MRMR	Not done
RQD	69%
Fall out height	100cm

**QUESTION 6**

- 6.1 In terms of monitoring, van der Merwe described three levels; mention each level, as well as its objective. (6)
- 6.2 Describe the procedures to:
- 6.2.1 Determine the absolute stress at a point in the rock mass. (3)
- 6.2.2 Determine a stress change in the rock mass. (3)
- 6.3 You have to design a support system for an underground coal mining section. The immediate roof is made up of two layers as follows:

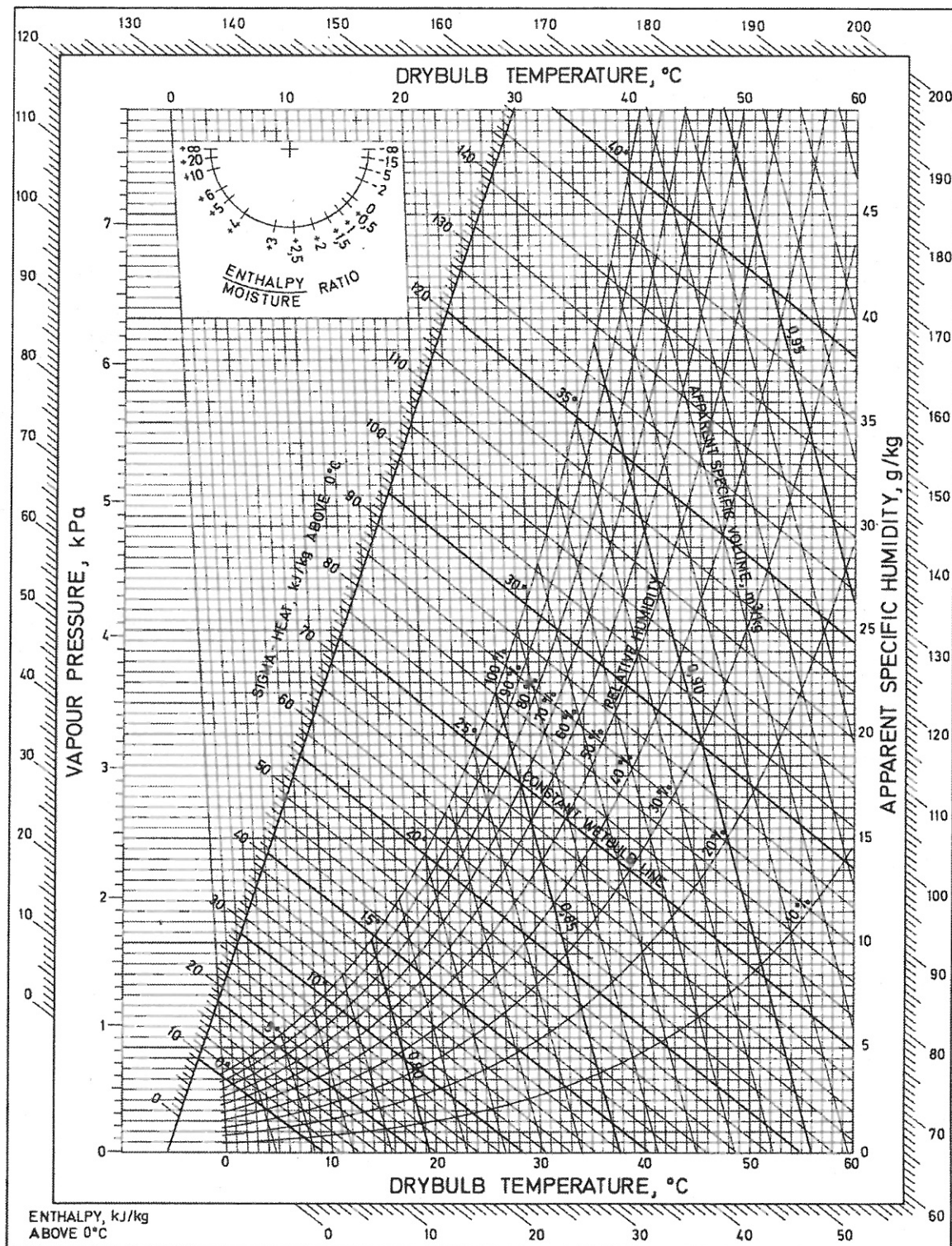
Layer	Description	Thick- ness (m)
Top	Sandstone.	0,6
Bottom	Laminations (25mm) of Mudstone and Sandstone (alternating layers).	0,6

You intend using mechanical anchors with 16mm diameter stems that have a yield strength of 450Mpa. Tests have shown that the anchors slip at a load of 40kN.

Conduct a full design sequence (using a safety factor of 1,5) and make recommendations regarding the bolt spacing and length. (11)

**[23]****TOTAL****[100]**

105,0 kPa



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