

## ES476/576 Hydrology

### Review Problems: Physical Properties of Water

Show all of your math work and unit algebra below. Draw a sketch where required.

1. Determine the following pressure equivalents:

- a. Average atmospheric pressure at the Earth's surface is 1013 millibars (mb) (weight of a column of air pressing down on you; determine the pressure equivalent in:

psi \_\_\_\_\_

bar \_\_\_\_\_

Pa \_\_\_\_\_

kPa \_\_\_\_\_

- b. At the deepest depths of the ocean along the Mariana trench, hydrostatic pressure is approximately 1086 bars; determine the pressure equivalent in

psi \_\_\_\_\_

mb \_\_\_\_\_

Pa \_\_\_\_\_

kPa \_\_\_\_\_

- c. The base of the Earth's continental crust is at a depth of approximately 10 km, with a lithostatic pressure equivalent of 10 Kb (kilobars); determine the pressure equivalent in

psi \_\_\_\_\_

mb \_\_\_\_\_

Pa \_\_\_\_\_

kPa \_\_\_\_\_

2. The following is a listing of the average densities of the atmosphere, hydrosphere and lithosphere:

$D_{\text{air}} =$

$0.001225 \text{ g/cm}^3$        $D_{\text{water}} = 1 \text{ g/cm}^3$        $D_{\text{rock}} = 2.7 \text{ g/cm}^3$

Calculate the following density equivalents:

$D_{\text{air}} =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{kg/m}^3$

$D_{\text{water}} =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{kg/m}^3$

$D_{\text{rock}} =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{kg/m}^3$

Calculate the following weight density equivalents (aka specific weight):

$D_{\text{air}} =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{N/m}^3$

$D_{\text{water}} =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{N/m}^3$

$D_{\text{rock}} =$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{N/m}^3$

3. Average ocean salinity is approximately a 3.5% solution of dissolved salts and ions (Cl, Na, Mg, Ca). Given that the density of water is  $1 \text{ g/cm}^3$ , and that  $1 \text{ cm}^3 = 1 \text{ ml}$  in volume equivalents, determine the density of water in Kg/L.

$$D_{\text{water}} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \text{ kg/ L}$$

- a. What is the percent concentration of a salt solution in which 1 kg of salt is dissolved in 1 L of water (%concentration = mass of solute / mass of solvent x 100%).
- b. Determine the following concentrations of a saline solution in which 5 g of salt is dissolve in 1 liter of water:

ppt                     

ppm                     

ppb                     

4. A storage tank holds 500,000 gallons of water with an input of 50 cfs and output of 73 cfs. Determine the following:

- i. Inflow                      gpm
- ii. Outflow                      cms
- iii. Change in storage flux per unit time                      cfs
- iv. How much water is gained or lost from the storage tank after 1.3 hours?  
                     gallons  
                     cubic feet  
                     kg