National Exams May 2016

98-Pet-B1, Well Logging and Formation Evaluation

3 hours duration

NOTES:

1. If doubt exists as to the interpretation of any question, the candidate is urged to submit with the answer paper, a clear statement of any assumptions made.

2. Candidates are also encouraged to make any reasonable assumption for the missing parameters (if any) and answer questions.

3. This is a CLOSED BOOK exam.

   Approved calculators are permitted.

4. This exam contains 12 questions. All questions will be marked.

5. Value of each question is shown.

6. Some questions require an answer in essay format. Clarity and organization of the answer are important.
Question 1:

a. List and explain the three types of Neutron detectors. (6 pts)

b. Calculate the $SSP$ for a clean, predominantly NaCl water-bearing sand drilled with a fresh water-based mud (also predominantly NaCl). The formation temperature is 180°F, and $R_{nt}$ and $R_w$ measured at 68°F temperature are 0.29 and 0.048 Ω·m, respectively. (4 pts)
Question 2:

Describe three characteristics which affect the log quality. (6 pts)

Question 3:

Show the borehole diameter effect on the reading of a 19 ½ inch GNT tool for the following measurement environment: 10-lbm/gal barite mud, 15% limestone formation true porosity, and 240°F formation temperature. (4 Pts)

Question 4:

List the three main factors which determine the response of porosity logs in gas-bearing formations. (3 pts)
Question 5:

List four limitations of Hingle plot. (4 points)

Question 6:

a) The following log shows responses of two independent arms of a calliper tool.

Estimate shape of borehole (cross-sectional) in at least three depths where irregularity exists. (6 pts)
b) Reservoir rock contains minerals that give off Natural Gamma Radiation.

Name three radioisotops that Spectral Gamma can detect? (3 pts)

Question 7:

A 25% SNP porosity was determined from the calibration curves. The actual measurement conditions are as follows: borehole diameter is 6", drilling fluid is 12-lb/gal barite fresh water-based mud, formation temperature is 160°F, and formation pressure is 3800 psia. Estimate the order of magnitude of the correction applied by the SNP panel. (7 Pts)
Question 8:

Spontaneous Potential (SP, solid line) and Gamma Ray (dashed line) are shown.

Comment on the reason for deflections (from lithology point of view) and compare the mud filtrate resistivity and water resistivity corresponding to deflections in each section. (6 Pts)
Question 9:

Determine the water saturation cutoff value, corresponding to 30% water cut from an oil formation whose relative permeability characteristics are shown in figure provided in Attachment. Assume that the oil viscosity is four times the water viscosity at formation temperature and pressure. Also calculate the minimum productive resistivity, $R_{mp}$, if the formation water resistivity and the average formation resistivity factor are 0.045 Ω·m and 18, respectively. (Assume that the saturation exponent is 2) (6 pts)
Question 10:

When a clean, consolidated sandstone rock sample is fully saturated with water (during drilling), the rock and water resistivity at the surface is measured in the lab to be 2.2 Ω.m and 0.2 Ω.m, respectively. The temperature at the surface is 68 °F, and geothermal gradient is 1.2 °F/100ft.

a. The formation of interest with the same rock and water properties is to be at 12000 ft, using the Humble's correlation find the porosity of that formation. (7 Pts)

b. Now, for the same rock in the zone of interest, assume that the resistivity of rock measured after sometime and is reported to be 7.5 Ω.m, explain what could be the reason for this change? (4 Pts)

c. Determine hydrocarbon saturation in the zone of interest for both cases “a” and “b”. (4 Pts)
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Question 11:

Prepare a crossplot of $\phi_N - \phi_D$ vs. gamma ray that shows selected zones within intervals A through E in the following figure (use grid paper provided in the last page of this exam). The adjacent shale formation exhibits the following average values:

$\phi_{D,sh} = 40\%$  $\phi_{N,sh} = 18\%$  $\gamma_{sh} = 86$ API units  $\gamma_{clean} = 30$ API units

Using the crossplot determine the fluid type of Zones F and G situated at 9402 and 9599 ft, respectively. (20 pts)
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Fig. 11.26—ISF/sonic log of Problem 11.3 (courtesy Schlumberger).
Fig. 11.27—CNL/FDC log of Problem 11.3 (courtesy Schlumberger).
Question 12:

In a formation with fresh water, the mud filtrate resistivity and water resistivity are measured to be 0.56 Ω.m and 0.16 Ω.m, respectively. If the formation temperature is 180 °F:

a. Calculate the ESSP assuming ideal shale membrane. (5 Pts)

b. Assume non-ideal shale membrane, with the same value obtained for resistivity of water and mud filtrate, what will be the resistivity of adjacent shale formation if the SP log reading is -45 mV. (5 Pts)
Attachment:

\[ R_2 = R_1 \frac{T_1 + 6.77}{T_2 + 6.77} \]

\[ f_w = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{k_{os} R_t}{k_{ns} T_o}} \quad R_{mp} = \frac{FR_w}{(S_{ow})^n} \]

\[ S_w = \left( \frac{0.81R_v}{\phi^2 R_i} \right)^{1/2} - \left( \frac{V_{sh} R_w}{0.4\phi R_{sh}} \right) \]

\[ F = \frac{0.62}{\phi^{2.15}} \]

\[ R_w = \frac{R_g}{F} \]

\[ N_R = 7758 \frac{AF_R}{B_o} \sum_{i=1}^{n} h_i \phi_i (S_o)_i \]

\[ (\phi_D)_{sh} = \left[ \frac{\rho_{ma} - \rho_{sh}}{\rho_{ma} - \rho_f} \right] \]

\[ \phi = \left[ \frac{(\Delta t - \Delta t_{ma})}{(\Delta t_f - \Delta t_{ma})} \right] \]

\[ I_R = \frac{R_t}{R_o} = \frac{7.5}{0.752} \]

\[ S_v = \left( \frac{R_v}{R_i} \right)^{1/2} \quad S_o = 1 - S_v \]

\[ K = 61.3 + 0.133T \]

\[ E_{SSP} = -K \log(R_{mf})_{eq} / (R_w)_{eq} \]

\[ \phi_D = \frac{\rho_{ma} - \rho_b}{\rho_{ma} - \rho_f} \]

\[ \phi = \phi_c - V_{sh}(\phi_c)_{sh} \]

\[ V_{sh} = 1.7 - \left[ 3.38 - (I_{sh} + 0.7)^2 \right]^{1/2} \]

\[ I_{sh} = \frac{\gamma_{sh} - \gamma_c}{\gamma_{sh} - \gamma_c} \]

\[ V_{sh} = 0.33 \left( 2^{2I_{sh}} - 1 \right) \]

\[ V_{sh} = \frac{I_{sh}}{3 - 2I_{sh}} \]
POROSITY (%) DERIVED ASSUMING 7 1/2" DIAMETER BOREHOLE
CORRECTION FOR WEIGHTED MUDS

(POROSITY UNITS)

16 lb/gal BARITE MUD
69% WATER
BY VOLUME

+5

CORRECTION APPLIED
AUTOMATICALLY
BY PANEL

12 lb/gal BARITE MUD
83% WATER BY VOLUME

+4

POROSITY (%) DERIVED
ASSUMING FRESH WATER
(8.3 lb/gal) IN BOREHOLE

+3

+2

+1

0

20

30

40

16

17

CORRECTION FOR TEMPERATURE OF 175°F

(POROSITY UNITS)

+4

Temperature
Correction
Range

Combined Temperature
and Pressure Corrections

+3

+2

+1

0

20

30

40

POROSITY (%) DERIVED
ASSUMING 75°F
The dashed lines are approximate for "average" fresh formation waters where effects of salts other than NaCl become significant.