

Hydraulic Characterization of Hand Pump Boreholes on Maiha Local Government Area of Adamawa State, Nigeria.

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Abstract: Single-well pumping test was carried out at constant rate on six hand pump boreholes in part of Maiha town to give information about the draw down and a quifer characteristics resulting from specific pumping rate. The test was carried out for eight hours at constant discharge rate for each of the borehole. The drawdown result with respect to time was analysed using Cooper-Jacob's straight-line method in order to estimate the transmissivity and specific discharge of the boreholes. The magnitude of the transmissivity in the study area falls within the low magnitude class, which implies that the transmission rate of the groundwater in the aquifer is low. The boreholes in the study area are of moderate performance which is capable of serving a smaller population using hand pump based on the result of the specific capacity obtained from the result.

Key Words: Transmissivity, Specific capacity, Single-well, Pumping test, Aquifer.

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I. Introduction

Groundwater is frequently chosen as the most potable source of drinking water, supplies are brought to the surface by drilling boreholes. Pumping tests are a practical way of obtaining an idea of the borehole's efficiency and its optimal production yield. Pumping test consists of pumping groundwater from a well, usually at a constant rate, and measuring water levels in the pumped well and any nearby wells (observation wells) or surface water bodies during and after pumping. A single-well pumping test is a test in which no piezometers (observation wells) are used. Water-level during pumping or recovery are measured only in the well itself.

Pumping test is conducted to examine the aquifer response, under controlled conditions, to the abstraction of water. It is a practical, reliable method of estimating well performance, well yield, the zone of influence of the well and aquifer characteristics i.e., the aquifer's ability to store and transmit water, aquifer extent, presence of boundary conditions and possible hydraulic connection to surface water through the evaluation of the aquifer parameters.

Aquifer parameter such as transmissivity, hydraulic conductivity, storativity, specific capacity are indispensable for successful and reliable modeling results, and thereby ensuring proper management of vital groundwater resources (Abdel_Gawal and El-Hadi, 2009). A knowledge of these parameters is very important in proper management of groundwater resources. Transmissivity and storativity are among the most important hydrogeological data needed for managing groundwater resources. Transmissivity is the only one that can be obtained from single-well test data (Mawlood and Aziz, 2019). Other can only be quantified using multiple observation wells or flow logs (Hanson and Nishikawa 1996).

The basic principle of a pumping test is that if we pump water from a well and measure the pumping rate and the drawdown in the well then we can substitute these measurements into an appropriate formula and calculate the hydraulic characteristics of the aquifer. It is also called a aquifer test for aquifer parameter evaluation.

Single well aquifer tests are frequently analyzed with the Cooper-Jacob (1946) method because of its simplicity. Transmissivity is estimated by fitting a straight line to drawdown on an arithmetic axis versus time on a logarithmic axis in a semi-log plot. Drawdowns in confined and unconfined aquifers have been analyzed by many researchers using the Cooper-Jacob method, regardless of differences between field conditions and theory (Halford, et al, 2006; Sulistyo, 2018; Amah and Anam, 2016; Mawlood and Aziz, 2019; Hassan et al, 2016; Chenini, et al, 2008; Okon et al., 2018; Schaaf, 2004)

As the Cooper-Jacob method is a simplification of the Theis solution, the pumping well should fully penetrate a confined, homogeneous, and isotropic aquifer. Single well tests from partially penetrating wells in unconfined aquifers depart greatly from the Theis (1935) model. Moreover, unconfined aquifer tests are affected by vertical anisotropy and specific yield in addition to transmissivity and storage coefficient. These additional parameters control

vertical gradients that are created by partial penetration and drainage from the water table. Likewise, leakage from adjacent confining beds also could affect transmissivity estimates, which likely will be overestimated by the Cooper-Jacob method (Halford, et al, 2006).

STUDY AREA

These six (6) boreholes used for the study are located in Maiha town the head quarter of Maiha Local Government Area of Adamawa State. It is situated in crystalline basement rock of the North-Eastern Nigeria. The boreholes locations are shown in Table 1.

Table 1: Location of the boreholes

Borehole location	Borehole label	Latitude	Longitude	Elevation (m)
Vokuna	M1	10° 07' 52.3"	13° 10' 12.1"	553
Nguli	M2	10° 03' 53.3"	13° 11' 50.1"	558
Magara	M3	10° 00' 27.4"	13° 08' 33.4"	536
Holmare	M4	10° 03' 48.7"	13° 10' 47.7"	569
Maiha Central	M5	10° 03' 07.9"	13° 01' 03.4"	563
Yadafa	M6	10° 12' 42.6"	13° 10' 46.4"	552

METHODOLOGY

Data from the pumping test were collated and analysed to determine the following hydraulic parameters; Transmissivity and Storage coefficient.

According to Cooper–Jacob Method in Todd, 1980 a value of transmissivity (T) is governed by;

$$T = \frac{2.30Q}{4\pi\Delta S}$$

Where Q is pumping rate, ΔS is drawdown difference per log cycle.

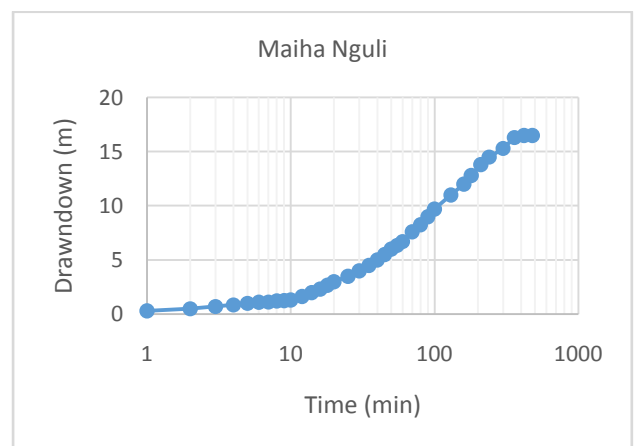
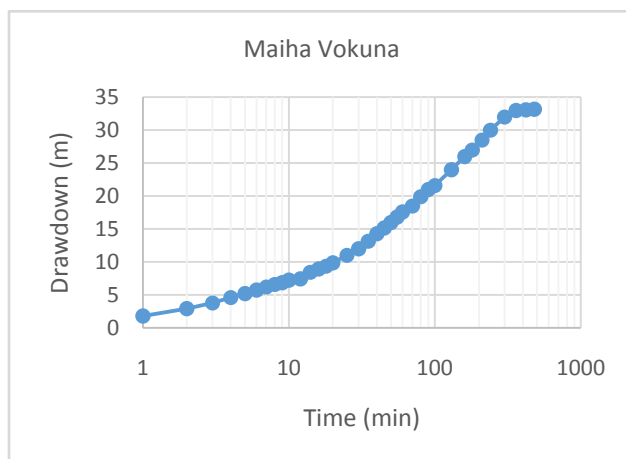
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Specific discharge is calculated by dividing pumping rate over final drawdown (Q/S).

II. Result And Discussion

The well in the study area were pumped for 480 minutes at constant rate until drawdown was stabilized. The result of well properties from the pumping test which include pumping rate, stable water level (SWL) and final drawdown are presented on Table 2.

The drawdown were measured at different time interval. The data were then fitted to a semi logarithm graph excluding the data which does not satisfy the condition of Jacob Cooper approximation (see figure 1).



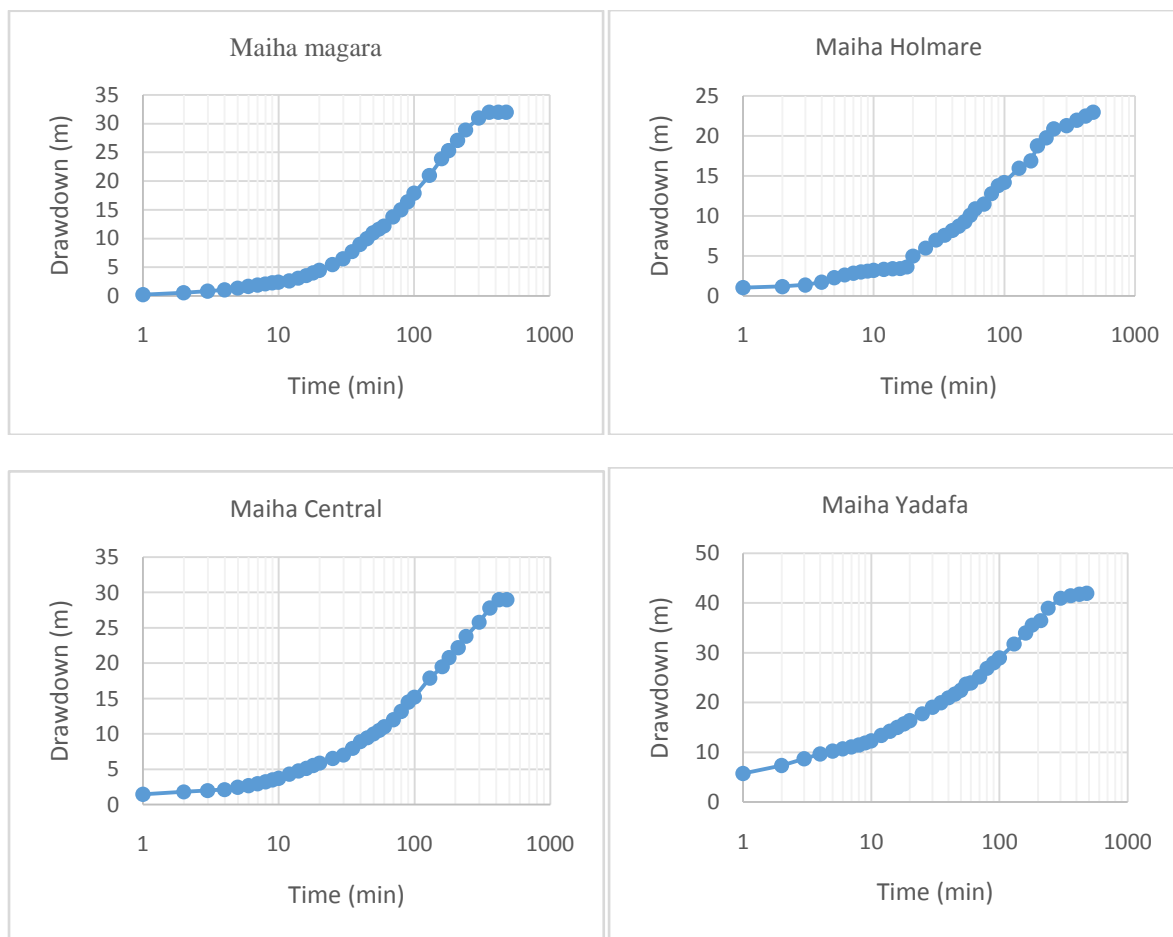


Figure 1: Drawdown vs. pumping duration of the six boreholes

The drawdown per logarithm cycle i.e the drawdown between 10 and 100minutes of pumping along with final drawdown values were obtained for each well and presented in Table 2.

Table 2: Result of transmissivity and specific capacity of the boreholes

Borehole label	ΔS (m)	Q (m ³ /day)	T (m ² /day)	Final draw down (m)	Sc (m ³ /day)
M1	13.64	57.84	7.76E-01	33.2	1.74E+00
M2	7.32	90.72	2.27E+00	16.5	5.50E+00
M3	14.5	34.56	4.36E-01	32	1.08E+00
M4	9.9	46.66	8.63E-01	23	2.03E+00
M5	11.62	39.74	6.26E-01	29	1.37E+00
M6	15.56	28.51	3.35E-01	42	6.79E-01

The transmissivity values recorded in the study area ranges from $3.35 \times 10^{-1} \text{m}^2/\text{day}$ to $2.27 \text{m}^2/\text{day}$ with average of $8.84 \times 10^{-1} \text{m}^2/\text{day}$ (Table 2). The values indicates the rate of flow of groundwater under a unit hydraulic gradient through an aquifer of unit width and unit thickness. It is the measure of the amount of water that can be transmitted horizontally through a unit width by a full saturated thickness of the aquifer under a hydraulic gradient. According to the classification of transmissivity magnitude (Krasny, 1993), the transmissivity magnitude of the study area fall within the low magnitude class, which implies that the transmission rate of the groundwater in the aquifer is low.

The Specific capacity ratio (Sc) of all the boreholes ranges from 1.08 to $6.79 \text{m}^3/\text{day}/\text{m}$ in the study area. It refers to whether the well provides adequate water supply. According to Ishaku et. al, (2009) classification of specific capacity of wells in basement aquifers, the boreholes in the study area are of moderate performance which is capable of serving a smaller population using hand pump.

III. Conclusion

The borehole depth in the study area varies from 25m at MaihaNguli to 63m at Maiha central. The static water level correspond to depth of the boreholes with the lowest values of 0.52m at MaihaNguli and the highest value of 12.1m at Maiha Central. The yield of the boreholes varies from 0.33l/s to 1.05l/s typical of basement complex wells (Carter et. al., 2014). The borehole at MaihaNguli is the most prolific in the study area base on its yield and specific capacity value.

The result of the aquifer parameters that were calculated from the single well pumping test in the study area has the highest transmissivity of 2.27m²/day at MaihaNguli and the lowest of 3.35x10⁻¹m/day at MaihaYadafa.

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