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IMPORTANT

- The duration of this part is **60 min**.
- Books, notes, handouts and any other material cannot be used.
- Use **only these sheets**, including back. Any additional submitted sheet will not be considered in the assessment.

QUESTION 1

15/30

The Environmental Authority of the Blue River suspects that an industrial plant illegally discharges into the river a BOD load of about 300g/s. This load mixes with the clean river water, which arrives in the area with a flow of 3 m³/s at a velocity of 2 km/h.

The river joins with a tributary just before the point where the authority measures the water quality. The tributary is 30 km long and with a flow rate of 2 m³/s and a speed of 1.6 km/h. It flows through an agricultural valley that produces a continuous BOD discharge of 10 mg/L/h.

The authority measured a BOD concentration of 30 mg/L at the junction and a BOD degradation rate of 0.3 h⁻¹ valid for the entire river system.

How many kilometers upstream from the junction should the authority investigate to find the illegal discharge?

If the water temperature increases, is the BOD concentration going to change? Why?

QUESTION 2

7.5/30

You have to plan for the improvement of air quality in a remote island.

The emissions E_i due to N industrial plants, i = 1,2,...,N, and the consequent concentrations C_j in M sites, j = 1,2,...,M, are measured.

You can impose the introduction of K new technologies, each decreasing the emission up to a percentage P_k , k = 1,2,...,K, with a cost proportional to the emission reduction multiplied by a coefficient T_k ,

<u>Define</u> suitable decision variables and <u>formulate</u> the plan that keeps the average concentration below a limit L with the minimum cost. Which tools are necessary for the actual solution of the problem? **QUESTION 3** 7.5/30How can the phytoplankton growth be modelled?