ANSWERS – VOLUME 1: EQUILIBRIUM

Chapter 7, Gas Pressures and Hydrostatic Pressures

Remarks: See §7.3, page 255 till 269 and example 4

Answers:

a. 0,25 m

b. 375000 litre

Remarks:

- a. Volume of conrete: 5144,4 m³
 - Total tunnelweight (Concrete and bulkheads.): 131250 kN
 - Water pressure at the bottom of the tunnel: 87,5 kN/m²
 - This gives a depth of 8,75 m
 - The tunnel is still 0,25 m above the water level.
- b. the tunnel sinks whenever it's bottom is 9 m under water.
 - The resulting water pressure: 90 kN/m^2
 - Resulting upward force: 135000 kN
 Remark: The upward force doesn't change with other depths
 - Own weight tunnel: 131250 kN
 - The tunnel should be 3750 kN heavier
 - This takes 375000 litres of water

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