Theoretical questions

- 1. Turbulence has no definition, but properties of turbulent flows can be explained. What are turbulent flows?
- 2. Which hydrodynamic instabilities may lead to turbulence?
- 3. Relative importance of terms in incompressible Navier-Stokes equations can be expressed by non-dimensional numbers. Explain these numbers and their meaning.
- 4. Explain Reynolds decomposition of Navier-Stokes equations.
- 5. Explain Reynolds averaging, discuss assumptions.
- 6. Explain Reynolds stresses.
- 7. Explain turbulent fluxes (of e. g. momentum, heat, humidity).
- 8. Explain Reynolds equations closure problem.
- 9. Describe terms in turbulent kinetic energy equation.
- 10. Which terms of TKE equation vanish in stationary turbulence?
- 11. Explain the role of buoyancy term in the TKE budget.
- 12. Explain Richardson number.
- 13. How in practice we estimate turbulent fluxes ?
- 14. Explain paradox of uniform, stationary and isotropic turbulence.
- 15. Explain Kolmogorov hypotheses.
- 16. Explain cascade of turbulent kinetic energy..
- 17. Explain TKE production and integral scale of turbulence.
- 18. Explain TKE dissipation and Kolmogorov microscale.
- 19. Explain Taylor microscale.
- 20. Why distribution of velocity increments is important in turbulence description?
- 21. Why velocity structure functions are important in turbulence description?
- 22. Explain weak points of Kolmogorov theory of turbulence.
- 23. Describe atmospheric boundary layer and its sublayers.
- 24. Explain TKE equation for stationary and horizontally homogeneous atmospheric boundary layer.
- 25. Describe diurnal evolution of the atmospheric boundary layer.
- 26. What is friction velocity?
- 27. Explain Obukhov length.
- 28. Explain logarithmic wind profile in ABL.
- 29. Universal similarity functions in ABL what for?
- 30. Explain entrainment into ABL.
- 31. Explain processes at the top of stratocumulus.
- 32. Discuss organization of convection in ABL.
- 33. Discuss problems related to nocturnal boundary layer.
- 34. Explain nocturnal jet and katabatic flow.