

**III B. Tech I Semester Regular Examinations, November- 2015**  
**GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING – I**  
(Civil Engineering)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

Note: 1. Question Paper consists of two parts (**Part-A** and **Part-B**)  
2. Answering the question in **Part-A** is compulsory  
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**PART -A**

- 1 a) Explain different types of soil structures with neat figures. [3M]
- b) What is a flow curve? Explain with a neat sketch. [4M]
- c) What are the factors affecting permeability? [4M]
- d) What are differences between Bossiness's and Westergaard's theories? [4M]
- e) Define over consolidated, under consolidated and normally consolidated clays. [3M]
- f) Explain the basic mechanism of shear strength of soils. [4M]

**PART -B**

- 2 a) What is compaction and how it is different from consolidation? [4M]
- b) Explain in detail about three clay minerals. [8M]
- c) One cubic metre of wet soil weighs 19.80 kN. If the specific gravity of soil particles is 2.70 and water content is 11%, find the void ratio, dry density and degree of saturation. [4M]
- 3 a) Define three consistency limits. [3M]
- b) Explain IS soil classification. [8M]
- c) What are the different hydrometer corrections? Explain. [5M]
- 4 a) Derive expression for calculating average permeability of layered soil systems. [8M]
- b) What are the uses of flow nets? [4M]
- c) In order to compute the seepage loss through the foundation of a cofferdam, flownets were constructed. The result of the flownet study gave  $N_f = 6$ ,  $N_d = 16$ . The head of water lost during seepage was 19.68m. If the hydraulic conductivity of the soil is  $k = 13.12 \times 10^{-5}$  m/s, compute the seepage loss per metre length of dam per day. [4M]
- 5 a) Explain Newmark's influence chart preparation and usage. [8M]
- b) Explain 2:1 stress distribution method. [3M]
- c) A ring footing of external diameter 8 m and internal diameter 4 m rests at a depth 2 m below the ground surface. It carries a load intensity  $150 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . Find the vertical stress at depths of 2, 4 and 8 m along the axis of the footing below the footing base. Neglect the effect of the excavation on the stress. [5M]



- 6 a) Explain concept of consolidation using Spring Analogy. [5M]  
b) Explain the procedure for determining pre consolidated pressure. [5M]  
c) An oedometer test is performed on a 2 cm thick clay sample. After 5 minutes, 50% consolidation is reached. After how long time would the same degree of consolidation is achieved in the field where the clay layer is 3.70 m thick? Assume the sample and the clay layers have the same drainage boundary conditions (double drainage). [6M]
- 7 a) Explain Mohr Coulomb's shear failure theory. [4M]  
b) Explain three drainage conditions for conducting shear testing of soils. [4M]  
c) Given the following data from a consolidated undrained test with pore water pressure measurement, determine the total and effective stress parameters: [8M]
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|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| $\sigma_3$              | 100 kN/m <sup>2</sup> | 200 kN/m <sup>2</sup>   |
| $(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)$ | 150 kN/m <sup>2</sup> | 192 kN/m <sup>2</sup>   |
| uf                      | 60 kN/m <sup>2</sup>  | 140 kN/m <sup>2</sup> . |

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**PART -A**

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|---|----|---|------|
| 1 | a) | What are the effects of compaction on soil properties?                | [3M] |
|   | b) | Explain with neat figure about plasticity chart and label it clearly. | [4M] |
|   | c) | What quick sand condition?  | [4M] |
|   | d) | What is the use of New mark's influence chart?                        | [3M] |
|   | e) | Define initial, primary and secondary consolidation of soils.         | [4M] |
|   | f) | How soils attain their shear strength?                                | [4M] |

**PART -B**

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|---|----|---|------|
| 2 | a) | What is compactive effort?  | [4M] |
|   | b) | Write a relationship between void ratio, degree of saturation, unit weight of soil, unit weight of water and specific gravity of soil solids.   | [6M] |
|   | c) | The soil in a borrow pit has a void ratio of 0.90. A fill-in-place volume of 20,000 m <sup>3</sup> is to be constructed with an in-place dry density 18.84 kN/m <sup>3</sup> . If the owner of borrow area is to be compensated at Rs. 1.50 per cubic metre of the excavation, determine the cost of compensation.  | [6M] |
| 3 | a) | Draw a grain size distribution curves for different grades of soils and name them.  | [6M] |
|   | b) | What are the different Atterberg limits? Explain them.  | [6M] |
|   | c) | The natural moisture content of an excavated soil is 32%. Its liquid limit is 60% and plastic limit is 27%. Determine the plasticity index of the soil and comment about the nature of the soil.  | [4M] |
| 4 | a) | Derive an equation, for determining soil permeability using variable head permeability test.  | [8M] |
|   | b) | A concrete dam is constructed across a river over a permeable stratum of soil of limited thickness. The water heads are upstream side 16m and 2m on the downstream side. The flow net constructed under the dam gives Nf= 4 and Nd=12. Calculate the seepage loss through the subsoil if the average value of the hydraulic conductivity is $6 \times 10^{-3}$ cm/sec horizontally and $3 \times 10^{-4}$ cm/ sec vertically. Calculate the exit gradient if the average length of the last field is 0.9 m. Assuming $e = 0.56$ , and $G_s = 2.65$ , determine the critical gradient. Comment on the stability of the river bed on the downstream side. | [8M] |

- 5 a) Derive an equation for determining the stress intensity at a given on the axis of loading due to the uniformly loaded circular area. [8M]  
 b) What is an isobar? What is a pressure bulb? [3M]  
 c) A ring footing of external diameter 8 m and internal diameter 4 m rests at a depth 2 m below the ground surface. It carries a load intensity  $200 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . Find the vertical stress at depths of 2, 4 and 8 m along the axis of the footing below the footing base. Neglect the effect of the excavation on the stress. [5M]
- 6 a) Explain coefficient of volume compressibility, coefficient of consolidation. [6M]  
 b) How do you determine the consolidated settlement of a foundation? [4M]  
 c) An oedometer test is performed on a 4 cm thick clay sample. After 5 minutes, 50% consolidation is reached. After how long a time would the same degree of consolidation is achieved in the field where the clay layer is 8 m thick? Assume the sample and the clay layer has the same drainage boundary conditions (double drainage). [6M]
- 7 a) Explain the limitations of shear box test. [4M]  
 b) Name different lab shear tests on soils. [4M]  
 c) Given the following data from a consolidated undrained test with pore water pressure measurement, determine the total and effective stress parameters: [8M]
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|-------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| $\sigma_3$              | $100 \text{ kN/m}^2$ | $200 \text{ kN/m}^2$ |
| $(\sigma_1 - \sigma_3)$ | $157 \text{ kN/m}^2$ | $199 \text{ kN/m}^2$ |
| $u_f$                   | $57 \text{ kN/m}^2$  | $136 \text{ kN/m}^2$ |

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**PART -A**

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|---|--|------|
| 1 | a) What is compaction control? Explain.  | [4M] |
|   | b) Explain $C_u, C_c$ .  | [4M] |
|   | c) What is Capillarity? Derive an equation to find its rise in soils.          | [4M] |
|   | d) What is the use of New mark's influence chart?                              | [3M] |
|   | e) What is degree of consolidation and what is it's relation with time factor? | [3M] |
|   | f) Explain different drainage conditions for shear testing of soils.           | [4M] |

**PART -B**

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|---|--|------|
| 2 | a) Explain the difference between IS light and heavy compactions.  | [6M] |
|   | b) Write a relationship between water content, void ration, degree of saturation and specific gravity of soil solids.  | [4M] |
|   | c) A dry soil has a void ratio of 0.65 and its grain specific gravity is = 2.80.   | [6M] |
|   | (i) What is its unit weight?   |      |
|   | (ii) Water is added to the sample so that its degree of saturation is 60% without any change in void ratio. Determine the water content and unit weight.   |      |
|   | (iii) The sample is next placed below water. Determine the true unit weight (not considering buoyancy) if the degree of saturation is 95% and 100% respectively.   |      |
| 3 | a) Show IS soil classification based on grain size.  | [4M] |
|   | b) Explain Total, neutral and effective stresses.  | [6M] |
|   | c) The laboratory tests on a sample of soil gave the following results:<br>$w_n - 24\%$ , $w, = 62\%$ , $w_p = 28\%$ , percentage of particles less than 2 microns is-<br>$23\%$ . Determine: (i) The liquidity index, (ii) activity, (iii) consistency and nature of soil.  | [6M] |
| 4 | a) Derive an equation for quicksand condition.   | [6M] |
|   | b) Explain Total, Neutral and Effective Stresses.  | [6M] |
|   | c) In order to compute the seepage loss through the foundation of a cofferdam, flownets were constructed. The result of the flownet study gave $N, = 6$ , $Nd = 16$ . The head of water lost during seepage was 19.68m. If the hydraulic conductivity of the soil is $k = 13.12 \times 10^{-5}$ m/s, compute the seepage loss per metre length of dam per day. | [4M] |



- 5 a) Explain New mark's influence chart preparation and usage. [8M]  
 b) What is an isobar? What is a pressure bulb? [3M]  
 c) A ring footing of external diameter 8 m and internal diameter 4 m rests at a depth 2 m below the ground surface. It carries a load intensity  $250 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . Find the vertical stress at depths of 2, 4 and 8 m along the axis of the footing below the footing base. Neglect the effect of the excavation on the stress. [5M]
- 6 a) What are the assumptions in Terzaghi's 1-D Consolidation theory? [6M]  
 b) Explain consolidation concept. [4M]  
 c) An oedometer test is performed on a 3 cm thick clay sample. After 5 minutes, 50% consolidation is reached. After how long a time would the same degree of consolidation is achieved in the field where the clay layer is 6 m thick? Assume the sample and the clay layers have the same drainage boundary conditions (double drainage). [6M]
- 7 a) How soils attain their shear strength? [4M]  
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- b) Explain  $C_u, C_c$ . [4M]
- c) What is quick sand condition? [3M]
- d) What is 2:1 stress distribution method? [4M]
- e) Define coefficient of consolidation and give its relations with other soil parameters. [3M]
- f) Explain different drainage conditions for shear testing of soils. [4M]

**PART -B**

- 2 a) What are various field compaction methods? [4M]
- b) Write a relationship between void ratio, degree of saturation, unit weight of soil, unit weight of water and specific gravity of soil solids. [6M]
- c) A soil has bulk density of  $20.1 \text{ kN/m}^3$  and water content of 15%. Calculate the water content if the soil partially dries to a density of  $19.4 \text{ kN/m}^3$  and the void ratio remains unchanged. [6M]
- 3 a) Draw a grain size distribution curves for different grades of soils and name them. [5M]
- b) What are the corrections required in hydrometer analysis? [5M]
- c) The laboratory tests on a sample of soil gave the following results: [6M]  
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