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INSTITUTE OF AERONAUTICAL ENGINEERING

(Autonomous)

B.Tech IV Semester End Examinations (Regular) - May, 2018

Regulation: IARE – R16

GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING

Time: 3 Hours

(CE)

Max Marks: 70

Answer ONE Question from each Unit

All Questions Carry Equal Marks

All parts of the question must be answered in one place only

UNIT – I

- (a) What are the corrections to be applied in hydrometer analysis? Explain the principle of hydrometer analysis. [7M]

(b) A soil specimen has water content of 10% and a wet unit weight of $20\text{kN}/\text{m}^3$. If the specific gravity of solids is 2.70, determine the dry unit weight, void ratio and degree of saturation. Take $\gamma_w = 9.81\text{kN}/\text{m}^3$. [7M]
- (a) What are the different types of soil structures? Explain them with neat sketch. [7M]

(b) A soil has a liquid limit of 25% and flow index of 12.5%, if the plastic limit is 15%, determine the plasticity index and toughness index.
If the water content of the soil in its natural condition in the field is 20%. Find the liquidity index. [7M]

UNIT – II

- (a) Define permeability. Explain the factors affecting permeability of soil. [7M]

(b) Compute the coefficient of permeability of a soil on which a falling head test has been carried out. Area of sample = 80 cm^2 , area of stand pipe = 4 cm^2 and length of soil sample = 15cm. Time Vs Head difference readings are as given in Table 1. [7M]

Table 1

Time (minute)	0	27	60
Head difference, h (cm)	107	105	103

- (a) Explain about total stress, neutral stress and effective stress conditions. Determine the factor of safety with respect to cohesion for a submerged embankment 25m high and having a slope of 40° is subjected to sudden drawdown. ($c=40\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$, $\Phi = 10^\circ$, $\gamma_{sat} = 18\text{kN}/\text{m}^3$). [7M]

(b) A saturated sand layer over a clay stratum is 5m in depth. The water table is 1.5m below ground level. If the bulk density of saturated sand is $17.66\text{kN}/\text{m}^3$, calculate the effective and neutral pressure on top of the clay layer. [7M]

UNIT – III

5. (a) Explain the laboratory test procedure of Modified Proctor Test of compaction. [7M]
(b) A concentrated load of 2000kN is applied at the ground surface. Determine the vertical stress at a point P which is 6m directly below the load. Also calculate the vertical stress at a point R which is at a depth of 6m but at a horizontal distance of 5m from the axis of the load. [7M]
6. (a) Define compaction. Explain the various factors affecting the compaction. [7M]
(b) Summarize the assumptions and limitations of Boussinesq's solution. [7M]

UNIT – IV

7. (a) Explain the square root of time method and logarithm of time method for the determination of coefficient of consolidation. [7M]
(b) A clay stratum 5m thick has the initial void ratio of 1.50 and the effective overburden pressure of $120\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$. When the sample is subjected to an increase of pressure of $120\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$, the void ratio reduces to 1.44. Determine the coefficient of the volume compressibility and the final settlement of the stratum. [7M]
8. (a) Explain about Initial consolidation, Primary and Secondary consolidation. [7M]
(b) Define coefficient of compressibility, compression index and expansion index. Derive an expression for void ratio using height of solids method. [7M]

UNIT – V

9. (a) Write the test procedure of Triaxial Test and explain the merits and demerits of Triaxial Test. [7M]
(b) A sample of dry cohesionless soil was tested in a triaxial machine. If the angle of shearing resistance was 36° and confining pressure $100\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$, determine the deviator stress at which the sample failed. [7M]
10. (a) Explain the Mohr-Coulomb theory. And also draw the failure envelopes. [7M]
(b) An undrained triaxial compression test was conducted on a sample of compacted clay. Pore-water pressure was measured after the application of the cell pressure and also at failure, as given below. Find the pore pressure coefficients A and B. [7M]
i. Consolidation stage:
Change in cell pressure = 0 to $100\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$
Change in pore water pressure = -60 to $+10\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$
ii. Shearing stage:
Deviator stress at failure = $500\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$
Pore pressure at failure = $-70\text{kN}/\text{m}^2$

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