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**B.Tech VII SEMESTER END EXAMINATIONS (REGULAR) - FEBRUARY 2022**

Regulation: R18

**FOUNDATION ENGINEERING**

Time: 3 Hours

(CE)

Max Marks: 70

Answer FIVE Questions choosing ONE question from each module  
(NOTE: Provision is given to answer TWO questions from any ONE module)

All Questions Carry Equal Marks

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

**MODULE – I**

1. (a) List any four objectives of subsoil exploration. With a neat sketch explain wash boring adopted in soil exploration. [7M]
- (b) A seismic refraction study of an area has given in Table 1: [7M]

Table 1

Distance from impact point to geophone (m)	15	30	60	90	120
Time to receive wave (s)	0.025	0.05	0.10	0.11	0.12

- i) Plot the time travel data and determine the seismic velocity for the surface layer and underlying layer.
  - ii) Determine the thickness of the upper layer.
2. (a) Explain the procedure to determine SPT value in the field as per IS: 2131-1981. [7M]
  - (b) Compute the area ratio of a thin walled tube samples having an external diameter of 8cm and a wall thickness of 3.25mm. Do you recommend the sampler for obtaining undisturbed soil samplers? Why? [7M]

**MODULE – II**

3. (a) What is finite slope? Explain the following types of slope failures with sketches: i) Base Failure ii) Toe failure iii) Face (slope) failure. [7M]
- (b) An embankment is to be constructed with a soil having the following pre-determined properties:  $c = 20kN/m^2$ ,  $\phi = 20^\circ$ ,  $\gamma = 18kN/m^3$ ,  $F_S = 1.25$  and height is 10m. Estimate side slope required. Taylor's stability numbers are given in Table 2 for various slope angles. Find the factor of safety, if the slope is 1V: 2H given  $f = 20^\circ$ . [7M]

Table 2

Slope Angle( $^{\circ}$ )	90	75	60	45	30	20	10
Stability Number	0.182	0.134	0.097	0.062	0.025	0.005	0.0

4. (a) With a neat sketch, explain the stability analysis by Swedish slip circle method for purely cohesive soil and derive the equation for factor of safety. [7M]
- (b) Find the factor of safety against sliding along with the interface for the infinite slope shown in Figure 1. Also find the height Z that will give F.S of 2 against sliding along the interface. [7M]

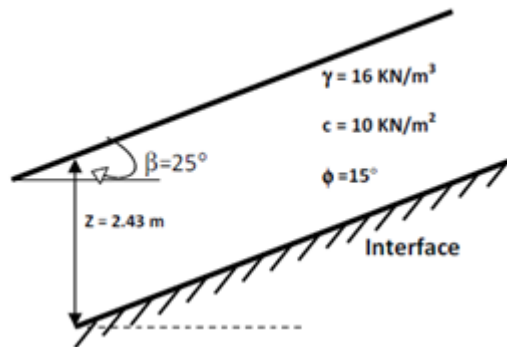


Figure 1

### MODULE – III

5. (a) List any four assumptions made in Coulomb's earth pressure theory. Compare any four distinguishing features of Coulomb's earth pressure theory with that of Rankine's theory. [7M]
- (b) A gravity retaining wall retains 12 m of a backfill,  $\gamma = 17.7 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ,  $\phi = 25^{\circ}$  with a uniform horizontal surface. Assume the wall interface to be vertical, determine the magnitude and point of application of the total active pressure. If the water table is a height of 6 m, how far do the magnitude and the point of application of active pressure changed? [7M]
6. (a) Enumerate various types of retaining walls with neat sketch. List various stability conditions that should be checked for the retaining wall. [7M]
- (b) A retaining wall 4.5 m high with a vertical back supports a horizontal fill weighing  $18.60 \text{ kN/m}^3$  and having  $\phi = 32^{\circ}$ ,  $\delta = 20^{\circ}$ , and  $c = 0$ . Determine the total active thrust on the wall by Culmann's graphical method. [7M]

### MODULE – IV

7. (a) Illustrate the procedure to conduct plate load test in the field as per IS 1888-1982 guidelines. [7M]
- (b) A circular footing is resting on a stiff saturated clay with  $q_u = 250 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . The depth of foundation is 2m. Determine the diameter of the footing if the column load is 600 kN. Assume a factor of safety as 2.5. The bulk unit weight of soil is  $20 \text{ kN/m}^3$ . [7M].
8. (a) How is the load-carrying capacity of an open caisson determined? List the merits and demerits of an open caisson. [7M]
- (b) A 16-pile group has to be arranged in the form of a square in soft clay with uniform spacing. Neglecting end-bearing, determine the optimum value of the spacing of the piles in terms of the pile diameter, assuming a shear mobilization factor of 0.6. [7M]

## MODULE – V

9. (a) Describe the steps in calculating the soil resistance for well foundation design for sandy soils as per IRC method. Adopt elastic theory method. [7M]
- (b) The footing of a column is 2.25 m square and is founded at a depth of 1 m on a cohesive soil of unit weight  $17.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$ . What is the safe load for this footing if cohesion =  $30 \text{ kN/m}^2$ ; angle of internal friction is zero and factor of safety is 3. Terzaghi's factors for  $\phi = 0^\circ$  are  $N_c = 5.7$ ,  $N_q = 1$  and  $N_\gamma = 0$ . [7M]
10. (a) Discuss the various forces considered in the design of a well foundation. [7M]
- (b) A circular well has an external diameter of 7.5 m and is sunk into a sandy soil to a depth of 20 m below the maximum scour level. The resultant horizontal force is 1800 kN. The well is subjected to a moment of 36,000 kN.m about the maximum scour level due to the lateral force. Determine whether the well is safe against lateral forces, assuming the well to rotate:
- i) About a point above the base
- ii) About the base
- Assume  $\gamma' = 10 \text{ kN/m}^3$ , and  $\phi = 36^\circ$ . Use Terzaghi's analysis, and a factor of safety of 2 against passive resistance. [7M]

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