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B. TECH.

Theory Examination (Semester-IV) 2015-16

SOIL MECHANICS

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

Note: Attempt each section.

Section-A

Q1. Attempt each short answer type questions. (2×10=20)

- (a) What do you understand by a bulk density of soil?
- (b) Give a general classification of soil based on particle size.
- (c) Define stress. What is a neutral stress of soil?
- (d) For what purpose the new mark influence chart is used?

- (e) List any four field compaction method along with their applicability.
- (f) Why the field germination is affected by the compaction of tractor wheels?
- (g) Differentiate between compaction and consolidation.
- (h) What is a “void ratio”? Give the properties of soil on which it depends.
- (i) What do you mean by earth pressure?
- (j) What do you understand by “Taylor’s stability number”?

Q2. Attempt any five parts of the following : (10×5=50)

- (a) Derive the “Active earth pressure” of soil.
- (b) Discuss the “Terzaghi’s theory” of consolidation.
- (c) Explain the “Jodhpur mini compaction test”. Is it superior then Abbot Compaction?
- (d) Sketch and explain the Mohr’s stress circle to find shear strength of soil.

- (e) What do you mean by index properties of soils? Is it differing from the physical properties of soil?
- (f) A soil has bulk unit weight of 20.11 kN/m^3 and water content of 15%. Calculate the water content if the soil partially dries to a unit weight of 19.42 kN/m^3 and the void ratio remains unchanged.
- (g) Discuss the Boussinesque's analysis for concentrated force.
- (h) A rectangular area $2\text{m} \times 4\text{m}$ carries a uniform load of 80 kN/m^2 at the ground surface; Find the vertical pressure at 5m below the centre and the corner of loaded area.

Attempt two parts of the following :

(15×2=30)

- Q3. (i) Compute the intensities of active and passive earth pressure at depth of 8m in dry cohesionless sand with an angle of internal friction of 30° and unit weight of 18 kN/m^3 . What will be the intensities of active and passive earth pressure if the water level rises to the ground level? Take saturated unit weight of sand as 22 kN/m^3 ?
- (ii) Discuss the stability analysis of infinite slopes?

- Q4. (i) An unsaturated sample of clay stratum, 2m thick was tested in the laboratory and the average value of coefficient of consolidation was found to be $2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ cm}^2/\text{sec}$? If the structure is build on the clay stratum, how long will it take to attain half the ultimate settlement under the load of structure? Assume double drainage.
- (ii) Discuss the Taylor's method of consolidation.
- Q5. (i) Describe the factor affecting on consolidation.
- (ii) Why is the water density relationship essential for standard proctor test? Explain with the help of neat sketch.

