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GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING - I

Sub.Code : 45537

Day and Date : Wednesday, 05 - 06 - 2013

Total Marks : 100

Time : 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.

- Instructions:**
- 1) Question I from Section -I and question 5 from Section - II are compulsory. attempt ANY TWO other questions from each of the sections.
 - 2) Figures to the right indicate marks.
 - 3) ASSUME suitable data if necessary and state the assumption made clearly
 - 4) Graph sheets will be provided on request.
 - 5) Use of *NON-PROGRAMMABLE* calculator is *allowed*.

SECTION - I

Q1) Answer the following (compulsory):

- a) Prove that $\gamma_{sat} = \frac{e}{w} \left\{ \frac{1+w}{1+e} \right\} \gamma_w$ [4]
- b) Differentiate between Discharge velocity and Seepage velocity. [6]
- c) Define: 1) Plastic Limit. ii) Shrinkage Limit. [4]
- d) Explain the working of Proctor's Needle. [6]

- Q2) a)** A clay has liquid limit = 52% plastic limit = 30% and shrinkage limit = 18%. If the sample shrinks from a volume of 39.5cm³ at liquid limit to 24.2cm³ at shrinkage limit, calculate the true specific gravity of the soil. [10]
- b) Explain the process of pretreatment of a soil sample on which sedimentation analysis is to be performed in the laboratory. [5]

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- Q3) a)** Enlist the methods of determining permeability of soil samples in the laboratory. Explain ANY one of the methods used in the laboratory. [6]
- b) A constant head permeability test was conducted on a cylindrical specimen of 10cm diameter and 15cm height. 160cm³ of water was collected in 1.75 minutes under a head of 30cm. compute coefficient of permeability, "k" in m/year and velocity of flow in m/sec. If porosity of the sample is 40% calculate the seepage velocity. [9]
- Q4) a)** Differentiate between Compaction and Consolidation. [5]
- b) Define Relative Compactness. [3]
- c) A saturated clay layer, 5m thick, lies under a newly constructed building. The effective pressure due to overlying strata on clay layer is 300 kN/m². The new construction increases the effective pressure by 120 kN/m². If compression index (C_c) of the clay is 0.45, compute settlement in clay layer because of the new building. Given, $w = 43\%$ & $G = 2.7$. [7]

SECTION - II

Q5) Answer the following (compulsory):

- a) Write Boussinesq's equation for uniform vertical loading on an infinite strip to find σ_z , σ_x , & τ_{xz} at a point P located horizontally x units away & vertically z units below the midpoint of the strip. [6]
- b) Draw a typical Mohr's circle of stress and show on it the location of major principal plane & minor principal plane. [4]
- c) With the help of a sketch explain the following. [6]
- i) cell pressure ii) deviator stress iii) major principle stress
- d) Explain with the help of a sketch [4]
- i) active earth pressure & ii) passive earth pressure.
- Q6) a)** Compare Boussinesq's theory & Westergaard's theory for determining stresses within a soil mass due to surface loading. [5]
- b) A square footing 2m × 2m carries an u.d.l. of 314 kN/m². Find σ_z at 4m depth below a point 0.5m inside each of the two adjacent sides of the footing. Use equivalent point load method. [10]

- Q7) a) A CU test was conducted on a sample with cell pressure = 100 kN/m^2 & $\sigma_d = 60 \text{ kN/m}^2$. The soil has $c = 0 \text{ kN/m}^2$, $\phi = 30^\circ$ (w.r.t. effective stresses) and $c_u = 0 \text{ kN/m}^2$ & $\phi_u = 13.3^\circ$ (w.r.t. total stresses). What was the pore pressure at failure? [8]
- b) Two triaxial tests were conducted on a material. In the first test failure occurred at $\sigma_d = 750 \text{ kN/m}^2$ & a cell pressure of 250 kN/m^2 . In the other test cell pressure was 400 kN/m^2 and failure occurred at a total pressure of 1600 kN/m^2 . Determine the shear parameters c & ϕ . [7]
- Q8) a) What are k_o , k_a & k_p ? give expressions for calculating them. [6]
- b) Compute the active earth pressure at a depth of 4.5 m in a sand whose $\phi = 37^\circ$, under following conditions: [9]
- i) If γ_b of sand = 15.3 kN/m^3 .
- ii) If WT is located at a depth of 1.5 m below GL. Take γ_{sub} of sand = 9.66 kN/m^3 .

