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**T.E. (Civil) (Semester – II) Examination, 2014**  
**FOUNDATION ENGINEERING**  
**(2008 Course)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 100

- Instructions :** 1) Answer Q. 1 or Q. 2, Q. 3 or Q. 4, Q. 5 or Q. 6, Q. 7 or Q. 8, Q. 9 or Q. 10, Q. 11 or Q. 12.  
2) Answers to the **two** Sections should be written in **separate** answer books.  
3) **Neat** diagrams must be drawn **wherever** necessary.  
4) Figures to the **right** side indicate **full** marks.  
5) Use of calculator is **allowed**.  
6) Assume suitable data if **necessary**.

SECTION – I

1. a) Which are the different samplers used for soil sampling ? Explain with sketches. 6  
b) Explain factors influencing cost of sub-surface investigation. 6  
c) What are limitations of standard penetration test and which are the corrections to be given to blow count ? 6

OR

2. a) Calculate the depth of soft strata underlain by hard strata. Use the following data : 6  
 $v_1 = 600$  m/s and  $v_2 = 3000$  m/s and the break in the plot was located at 60 m.  
b) Write short note on the stages involved in site investigation programme. 6  
c) Explain RQD and recovery ratio. 6  
3. a) Explain with neat sketches, modes of shear failure in soil. 6  
b) A square foundation is 1.5 m  $\times$  1.5 m in plan. The soil supporting the foundation has a friction angle  $\phi = 20^\circ$  and  $C = 52$  kN/m<sup>2</sup>. The unit weight of soil,  $\gamma = 17.8$  kN/m<sup>3</sup>. Determine the allowable gross pressure on the foundation with F.O.S. 4. Assume that the depth of foundation is 1 m and general shear failure occurs in soil. Take  $N_c = 17.69$ ,  $N_q = 7.44$ ,  $N_\gamma = 3.64$ . 6  
c) Explain Skempton's bearing capacity equation for strip foundation. 4

OR

4. a) State and explain Hansen's bearing capacity equation. 6  
b) Explain with a sketch the effect of biaxial eccentric loading on bearing capacity of soil. 6  
c) In a plate test on sandy soil the test plate of 60 cm  $\times$  60 cm undergoes settlement of 5 mm at a pressure of  $12 \times 10^4$  N/m<sup>2</sup>. What will be expected settlement of 3 m  $\times$  3 m footing under same pressure ? 4

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5. a) A clay stratum 5 m thick has the initial void ratio of 1.50. When the sample is subjected to increase in pressure of  $120 \text{ kN/m}^2$  the void ratio reduces to 1.44. Determine the coefficient of volume compressibility and final settlement of stratum. 6
- b) Define the terms normal consolidation, over consolidation and preconsolidation pressure. 6
- c) Enlist the causes of foundation settlement. 4

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6. a) Explain plate load test with a neat sketch and how the test results are used to find bearing capacity of soil as per IS criteria. 6
- b) Explain with sketches spring analogy method of consolidation process. 6
- c) In a consolidation test void ratio decreased from 0.70 to 0.65, when the load was changed from  $50 \text{ kN/m}^2$  to  $100 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . Compute compression index and coefficient of volume change. 4

## SECTION – II

7. a) State and explain with sketches static formula for determining bearing capacity of single vertical pile in C- $\phi$  soil. 6
- b) Draw a neat sketch of box caisson and explain its construction. Also explain its advantages and disadvantages. 6
- c) A 60 cm diameter pile passing through a clay strata having uniform unconfined compressive strength of  $50 \text{ kN/m}^2$  is to carry a load of 500 kN. Assuming F.S. = 2.5, determine the length of pile to carry the load. Assume coefficient of adhesion = 0.90. 6

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8. a) What is Caisson disease ? How it is controlled ? 6
- b) Write a short note on 'Micro piles'. 6
- c) Calculate the group efficiency of pile group consisting of 20 piles which are arranged in four rows, if the diameter of pile is 400 mm and spacing is 1 m c/c by using (i) Converse Labbare's formula and (ii) Feld's rule. 6
9. a) Discuss with a neat sketch how you would determine the bearing capacity of single undereamed pile 6
- b) What are the different ground improvement techniques ? Explain any one in detail. 6
- c) State and explain any four different methods of anchorages of sheet piles. 4

OR



10. a) What are the different laboratory methods to determine the swelling potential of expansive soils ? Explain any one in detail. 6
- b) Write a short note on 'approximate method to calculate the depth of embedment of a sheet pile. 6
- c) Explain the typical characteristics of black cotton soils by giving examples of laboratory tests. 4
11. a) Explain the terms : Earthquake, Epicenter, Magnitude, Intensity, Epicentral, Distance, Focal depth. 8
- b) What are the different functions of geosynthetics in geotechnical engineering ? Explain any five with sketches. 8

OR

12. a) Draw a neat sketch of reinforced earth retaining wall with wrap-around facing and explain its various components and their functions. 8
- b) What are the various types of earthquakes ? Explain any four in brief. 8
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