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B.Tech. (CE) (2012 to 2017) (Sem.-5) GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING

Subject Code: BTCE-502 M.Code: 70513

Time: 3 Hrs. Max. Marks: 60

## **INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

- SECTION-A is COMPULSORY consisting of TEN questions carrying TWO marks each.
- 2. SECTION-B contains FIVE questions carrying FIVE marks each and students have to attempt any FOUR questions.
- 3. SECTION-C contains THREE questions carrying TEN marks each and students have to attempt any TWO questions.

#### **SECTION-A**

# **Answer briefly:**

- 1. Describe oven drying method for the determination of water content of a soil sample.
- 2. Write name of any four tests used for determination on in-situ unit weight.
- 3. What is passive earth pressure?
- 4. What do you understand about index properties?
- 5. Define plastic limit?
- 6. Give any two assumptions of wedge theory.
- 7. Show plot of variation of B-factor (pore pressure coefficient) with degree of saturation.
- 8. Define Skempton's pore pressure parameter.
- 9. Which type of roller is the most suitable for compacting subgrade with high plastic clays?
- 10. Distinguish between seepage velocity and superficial velocity.

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## **SECTION-B**

- 11. Develop a relationship between the void ratio, water content, specific gravity of particles and degree of saturation.
- 12. Give the structure and characteristics of montmorilonite clay minerals.
- 13. Explain concept of O.M.C. and zero air void line with the help of a diagram.
- 14. In a consolidation test on a soil, the void ratio of the sample decreased from 1.25 to 1.10 when the pressure is increased from 200 kN/m² to 400 kN/m². Calculate the coefficient of consolidation if the coefficient of permeability is 8 × 10<sup>-8</sup> cm/sec.
- 15. What is a flow net? Describe its properties and applications. Describe different methods used to construct the flow net.

## **SECTION-C**

16. The results of two drained triaxial tests on saturated clay are given as:

Specimen I: 
$$\sigma_3 = 69 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$\sigma_d = 213 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Specimen II : 
$$\sigma_3 = 120 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$\sigma_{\rm d} = 258.7 \, \rm kN/m^2$$

Calculate shear strength parameters of the soil

- 17. Obtain the differential equation defining the one dimensional consolidation as given by Terzaghi, listing the various assumptions.
- 18. Define the following:
  - (a) Void ratio
  - (b) Specific gravity of particles
  - (c) Degree of saturation
  - (d) Dry density
  - (e) Porosity

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