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IV B.Tech I Semester Examinations, November 2010 GROUND IMPROVEMENT TECHNIQUES **Civil Engineering**

Time: 3 hours

Code No: R05410110

Max Marks: 80

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 - (b) How the moisture content affect the compaction in the field? Discuss in detail.
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