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ANNA UNIVERSITY (UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS)

B.E. /B.Tech / B. Arch (Full Time) - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, NOV/DEC 2021

CIVIL ENGINEERING
Semester IV
CE7403 & Soil Mechanics (Tamil)
(Regulation 2015)

Time:3 hours

Max. Marks: 100

PART- A (10x2=20 Marks)

(Answer all Questions)

Q.No	Questions	Marks
1	How is the plasticity chart useful for classifying fine grained soil?	2
2	Differentiate Relative density and Relative compaction. Are these terms applicable to all soils?	2
3	In fine grained soils, what effects does the pressure of adsorbed water have on the co- efficient of permeability?	2
4	List any four properties that are determined by the construction of flownet.	2
5	Compare Boussinesq's and Westergaard's theory. Which theory gives higher vertical stress for a given depth? Why?	2
6	What is meant by isobar and pressure bulb?	2
7	What is meant by Liquefaction? How the factor of safety is determined?	2
8	When you will prefer field vane shear test and laboratory vane shear test? Why?	2
9	In slope stability analysis, lots of assumptions are made, what is the purpose of these assumptions.	2
10	List the various types of failures of finite slopes indicating the situations in which they are likely to occur.	2

PART- B (5x 13=65 Marks)

(Restrict to a maximum of 2 subdivisions)

Q.No	Questions	Marks
11 (a) (i)	A soil sample has unit weight of 16.97kN/m ³ and a void ratio of 0.84. The specific gravity of solids is 2.7. Determine the moisture content, dry unit weight of the sample.	4
(ii)	The Atterberg limits of a clay soil used for an earth dam are liquid limit 60%, plastic limit 40%, and shrinkage limit 25%. If a specimen of the soil of volume 10 cm ³ at the liquid limit has a volume 6.5 cm ³ when dried, would be the specific gravity of the soil particles.	9
(OR)		
11 (b) (i)	Discuss the physical properties and factors which are considered in any particular system of soil classification.	7
(ii)	How many cubic meters of fill can be constructed at a void ratio of 0.7 from 119000 m ³ of borrow material that has a void ratio of 1.23.	6
12 (a) (i)	Compute the critical hydraulic gradient for the following materials A) Coarse sand: k = 10 cm/sec; Gs = 2.67; e = 0.65 B) Sandy silt: k = 10 ⁻⁶ cm/sec; Gs = 2.67; e = 0.8 Discuss on the results.	5
(ii)	Explain the phenomenon of quick sand. What hydraulic head is required to create a quick sand condition in a non-cohesive soil sample of length =6 m,	8

	void ratio = 0.65, G=2.65.							
(OR)								
12 (b) (i)	A sand deposit contains four distinct horizontal layers of equal thickness. The hydraulic conductivity of the upper and lower layers is 10^{-3} cm/sec and middle layers are 10^{-2} and 10^{-4} respectively (second and third). What are the equivalent values of the horizontal and vertical hydraulic conductivities of the three layers, and what is their ratio?	8						
(ii)	A sand deposit of 12 m thickness overlies a clay layer. The water table is 3 m. List all the factors that affect the coefficient of permeability. Discuss in detail about any two factors.	5						
13 (a)	A clay deposit of 5 m thick is covered with coarse sand at top and bottom and has a permeability of 0.025 m/yr. It is additionally loaded by a pressure of 65 kPa. Laboratory tests on the field specimen indicate that the consolidation in the field will be only 50% in a six months period. Find the settlement of the clay deposit in the one year.	13						
(OR)								
13 (b) (i)	Brief the procedure of construction of Newmark's influence chart and its use to determine the stress at a point.	7						
(ii)	A column of a building transfers a concentrated load of 250 kN to the soil in contact with the footing. Estimate the vertical pressure at a radial distance of 5 m and at a depth of 5 m.	6						
14 (a)	A direct shear test conducted on identical soil specimen give the following results. <table border="1" style="margin: 10px auto;"><tr> <td>Normal stress (kN/m²)</td> <td>50</td> <td>40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Shear stress (kN/m²)</td> <td>100</td> <td>70</td> </tr> </table> Determine the shear strength parameters. If an undrained triaxial test, that was conducted on the same soil and at same density and water content with a cell pressure of 75kN/m ² , estimate the deviator stress at the failure.	Normal stress (kN/m ²)	50	40	Shear stress (kN/m ²)	100	70	13
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14 (b)	Two sets of triaxial tests were carried out on two samples of glacial silt. The results are (a) $\sigma_1 = 400$ kN/m ² , $\sigma_3 = 100$ kN/m ² (b) $\sigma_1 = 680$ kN/m ² , $\sigma_3 = 200$ kN/m ² The angle of failure plane in both tests was measured to be 59° . Determine the shear strength parameters.	13						
15 (a)	Brief the friction circle method of analysis of finite slope of c- ϕ soil.	13						
(OR)								
15 (b)	From fundamentals, derive the equation of factors of safety of infinite slope of c- ϕ soil. From this deduce the factors of safety equation of cohesive soil and non-cohesive soil slopes with seepage.	13						

PART- C(1x 15=15Marks)

(Q.No. 16 is Compulsory)

Q.No	Questions	Marks
16 (i)	What is meant by significant depth? How it is related to isobar? What is the approximate significant depth for a square and strip footing? In a project clear space between two square footings is less than $B/4$, because of certain limitations, How this space will change the significant depth. Discuss with neat diagram. B is the width of the footing.	9
(ii)	An area is underlain by a stratum of clay layer 6 m thick. The layer is doubly drained and has a coefficient of consolidation of $0.3 \text{ m}^2/\text{month}$. Determine the time required for a surcharge load to cause a settlement of 400 mm if the same load cause final settlement of 600 mm.	6