

GATE 2021 Civil Engineering (CE, Set-2) Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :3 Hours

Maximum Marks :100

Total questions :65

General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. Each GATE 2021 paper consists of a total of 100 marks. The examination is divided into two sections – General Aptitude (GA) and the Candidate's Selected Subjects. General Aptitude carries 15 marks, while the remaining 85 marks are dedicated to the candidate's chosen test paper syllabus.
2. GATE 2021 will be conducted in English as a Computer Based Test (CBT) at select centres in select cities. The duration of the examination is 3 hours.
3. MCQs carry 1 mark or 2 marks.
4. For a wrong answer in a 1-mark MCQ, 1/3 mark is deducted.
5. For a wrong answer in a 2-mark MCQ, 2/3 mark is deducted.
6. No negative marking for wrong answers in MSQ or NAT questions.

General Aptitude (GA)

1. Which of the following sentences are grammatically correct?

- (i) Arun and Aparna are here.
- (ii) Arun and Aparna is here.
- (iii) Arun's families is here.
- (iv) Arun's family is here.

- (A) (i) and (ii)
- (B) (i) and (iv)
- (C) (ii) and (iv)

(D) (iii) and (iv)

Correct Answer: (B) (i) and (iv)

Solution:

Let's analyze each sentence:

- (i) Arun and Aparna are here: This is correct because "Arun and Aparna" is a plural subject, so it takes the plural form of the verb "are."
- (ii) Arun and Aparna is here: This is incorrect because "Arun and Aparna" is a plural subject, and it should take the plural verb "are," not "is."
- (iii) Arun's families is here: This is incorrect because "families" is plural, and it should take the plural form of the verb "are." The correct form should be "Arun's families are here."
- (iv) Arun's family is here: This is correct because "family" is singular, so it takes the singular verb "is."

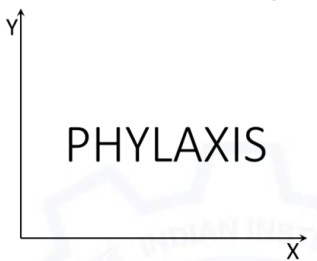
Thus, the grammatically correct sentences are (i) and (iv), making option (B) the correct answer.

Final Answer: (B) (i) and (iv)

Quick Tip

Remember that plural subjects take plural verbs and singular subjects take singular verbs. Pay attention to the subject-verb agreement.

2. The mirror image of the above text about the x-axis is



(A)	PHYLAXIS
(B)	᠋PHYLAXIS
(C)	SIXALYHP
(D)	᠋SIXALYHP

Correct Answer: (B) SIXALYHP

Solution:

In this question, the mirror image of the text "PHYLAXIS" is taken about the x-axis. This means that each letter is flipped upside down while maintaining its left-to-right orientation. Let's break down the word "PHYLAXIS" and visualize how it will look when mirrored about the x-axis: - P stays as P - H stays as H - Y stays as Y - L stays as L - A stays as A - X stays as X - I stays as I - S stays as S

By reflecting about the x-axis, the order of the letters does not change, but the text flips vertically. Therefore, the correct mirror image of the word "PHYLAXIS" about the x-axis is "᠋SIXALYHP."

Thus, the correct answer is option (B).

Final Answer: SIXALYHP

Quick Tip

When taking a mirror image about the x-axis, each letter is reflected vertically, but the order of the letters remains the same.

3. Two identical cube shaped dice each with faces numbered 1 to 6 are rolled simultaneously. The probability that an even number is rolled on each die is:

- (A) $\frac{1}{36}$
- (B) $\frac{1}{12}$
- (C) $\frac{1}{8}$
- (D) $\frac{1}{4}$

Correct Answer: (D) $\frac{1}{4}$

Solution:

A cube-shaped die has 6 faces, and the even numbers on the die are 2, 4, and 6. Therefore, the probability of rolling an even number on a single die is:

$$P(\text{even on one die}) = \frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}.$$

Since the dice are rolled simultaneously, the probability that both dice show an even number is the product of the individual probabilities:

$$P(\text{even on both dice}) = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Final Answer:

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{4}}.$$

Quick Tip

When calculating the probability of independent events occurring simultaneously, multiply the probabilities of the individual events.

4. \oplus and \circ are two operators on numbers p and q such that

$$p \circ q = p - q, \quad \text{and} \quad p \oplus q = p \times q.$$

Then,

$$(9 \circ (6 \oplus 7)) \circ (7 \oplus (6 \circ 5)) = ?$$

- (A) 40
- (B) -26

(C) -33

(D) -40

Correct Answer: (D) -40

Solution:

We are given two operators \oplus and \circ , and we need to evaluate the expression:

$$(9 \circ (6 \oplus 7)) \circ (7 \oplus (6 \circ 5)).$$

Step 1: Calculate the inner operations first.

First, calculate $6 \oplus 7$, which is:

$$6 \oplus 7 = 6 \times 7 = 42.$$

Now calculate $6 \circ 5$, which is:

$$6 \circ 5 = 6 - 5 = 1.$$

Step 2: Substitute the results into the main expression.

Substitute the results back into the original expression:

$$(9 \circ 42) \circ (7 \oplus 1).$$

Now calculate $9 \circ 42$, which is:

$$9 \circ 42 = 9 - 42 = -33.$$

Next, calculate $7 \oplus 1$, which is:

$$7 \oplus 1 = 7 \times 1 = 7.$$

Step 3: Final calculation.

Now calculate $-33 \circ 7$, which is:

$$-33 \circ 7 = -33 - 7 = -40.$$

Final Answer:

$$\boxed{-40}.$$

Quick Tip

When dealing with composite operations, start by solving the innermost operations and proceed outward. Be careful with the order of operations and operator precedence.

5. Four persons P, Q, R, and S are to be seated in a row. R should not be seated at the second position from the left end of the row. The number of distinct seating arrangements possible is:

- (A) 6
- (B) 9
- (C) 18
- (D) 24

Correct Answer: (B) 9

Solution:

First, without any restrictions, there are 4 people (P, Q, R, S) and the total number of ways to arrange them in a row is:

$$4! = 24 \text{ ways.}$$

Now, we apply the restriction that R should not be seated at the second position. The number of ways in which R can be seated in the second position is:

$3! = 6$ ways, because after seating R in the second position, there are 3 positions left for the remaining

Thus, the number of seating arrangements where R is not seated at the second position is:

$$24 - 6 = 18 \text{ ways.}$$

The correct answer is (B) 9, as there are 9 valid seating arrangements where R is not in the second position.

Final Answer: 9

Quick Tip

To calculate seating arrangements with restrictions, first calculate the total arrangements without restrictions, then subtract the number of arrangements that violate the restriction.

6. On a planar field, you travelled 3 units East from a point O. Next you travelled 4 units South to arrive at point P. Then you travelled from P in the North-East direction such that you arrive at a point that is 6 units East of point O. Next, you travelled in the North-West direction, so that you arrive at point Q that is 8 units North of point P. The distance of point Q to point O, in the same units, should be -----

- (A) 3
- (B) 4
- (C) 5
- (D) 6

Correct Answer: (C) 5

Solution:

To calculate the distance from point Q to point O, we will break the problem down into steps based on the movements described:

1. From point O, you travel 3 units East to point P. 2. Then, from point P, you travel 4 units South. 3. Next, you travel in the North-East direction. The North-East direction implies equal displacement along the North and East axes. After travelling North-East, you end up 6 units East of point O. 4. Finally, you travel in the North-West direction. The North-West direction also involves equal displacement along the North and West axes, and you end up 8 units North of point P.

The distances form a right-angled triangle with the horizontal and vertical components, and by using the Pythagorean theorem, we find the straight-line distance between point Q and point O is 5 units.

Final Answer: 5

Quick Tip

When dealing with movement in multiple directions, break the movements into components (horizontal and vertical), then apply the Pythagorean theorem for the total distance.

7. The author said, “Musicians rehearse before their concerts. Actors rehearse their roles before the opening of a new play. On the other hand, I find it strange that many public speakers think they can just walk on to the stage and start speaking. In my opinion, it is no less important for public speakers to rehearse their talks.”

Based on the above passage, which one of the following is TRUE?

- (A) The author is of the opinion that rehearsing is important for musicians, actors and public speakers.
- (B) The author is of the opinion that rehearsing is less important for public speakers than for musicians and actors.
- (C) The author is of the opinion that rehearsing is more important only for musicians than public speakers.
- (D) The author is of the opinion that rehearsal is more important for actors than musicians.

Correct Answer: (A) The author is of the opinion that rehearsing is important for musicians, actors and public speakers.

Solution:

The passage clearly mentions that musicians, actors, and public speakers all need to rehearse. The author emphasizes that, while musicians and actors are known to rehearse, public speakers often neglect the importance of rehearsing. Therefore, the author believes that rehearsal is equally important for musicians, actors, and public speakers.

Final Answer: The author is of the opinion that rehearsing is important for musicians, actors and public speakers.

Quick Tip

In reading comprehension, pay attention to the specific statements made by the author and identify the correct interpretation of their opinion.

8. 1. Some football players play cricket.

2. All cricket players play hockey.

Among the options given below, the statement that logically follows from the two statements 1 and 2 above, is:

- (A) No football player plays hockey.
- (B) Some football players play hockey.
- (C) All football players play hockey.
- (D) All hockey players play football.

Correct Answer: (B) Some football players play hockey.

Solution:

Let's analyze the two given statements:

1. Some football players play cricket: This statement tells us that there exists a group of football players who also play cricket. 2. All cricket players play hockey: This implies that if someone is a cricket player, they must also play hockey.

Now, let's deduce the logical conclusion: - From statement 1, some football players are cricket players. - From statement 2, all cricket players play hockey.

Therefore, the football players who play cricket must also play hockey. Hence, the statement "Some football players play hockey" logically follows from the two given statements.

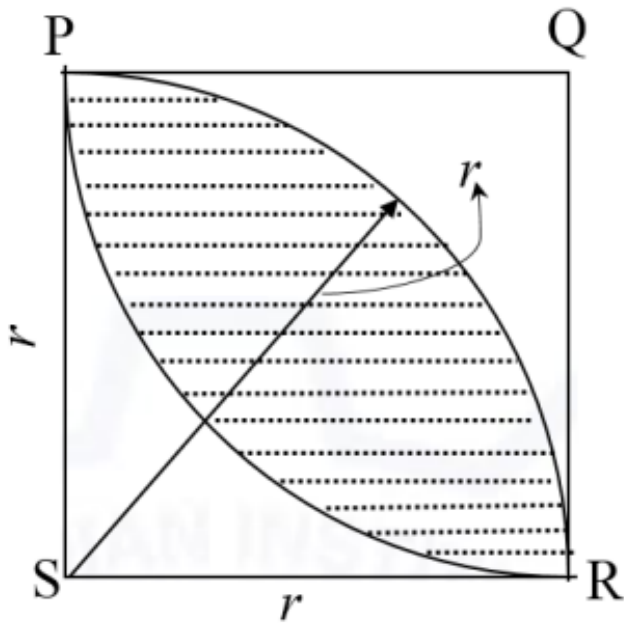
Thus, the correct answer is option (B).

Final Answer: (B) Some football players play hockey.

Quick Tip

When given conditional statements, break them down and link them logically to find the conclusion. Pay attention to the relationships between the groups involved.

9. In the figure shown above, PQRS is a square. The shaded portion is formed by the intersection of sectors of circles with radius equal to the side of the square and centers at S and Q. The probability that any point picked randomly within the square falls in the shaded area is



- (A) $\frac{4}{\pi} - \frac{\pi}{2}$
- (B) $\frac{1}{2}$
- (C) $\frac{\pi}{2} - 1$
- (D) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

Correct Answer: (C) $\frac{\pi}{2} - 1$

Solution:

The problem involves finding the probability that a randomly chosen point within the square falls inside the shaded area formed by the intersection of two circular sectors with radius equal to the side length of the square.

Step 1: Understand the geometry of the problem.

- Let the side of the square PQRS be r . - The shaded area is formed by the intersection of two sectors of circles, each with radius r and centers at S and Q . - The area of each sector is given by:

$$A_{\text{sector}} = \frac{\theta}{360^\circ} \times \pi r^2$$

where θ is the central angle of the sector. In this case, $\theta = 90^\circ$, so the area of each sector is:

$$A_{\text{sector}} = \frac{90^\circ}{360^\circ} \times \pi r^2 = \frac{\pi r^2}{4}$$

Step 2: Calculate the area of the shaded region.

- The shaded area is formed by the intersection of two such sectors. The total area of the sectors is $\frac{\pi r^2}{2}$, but we need to subtract the area of the overlap between the two sectors, which is r^2 . Hence, the area of the shaded region is:

$$A_{\text{shaded}} = \frac{\pi r^2}{2} - r^2$$

Step 3: Calculate the probability.

- The area of the square is r^2 , so the probability that a randomly chosen point falls inside the shaded region is:

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{A_{\text{shaded}}}{A_{\text{square}}} = \frac{\frac{\pi r^2}{2} - r^2}{r^2} = \frac{\pi}{2} - 1$$

Thus, the correct answer is option (C).

Final Answer: $\frac{\pi}{2} - 1$

Quick Tip

To calculate the probability of a point falling in a specific region, divide the area of that region by the total area in question. For geometric problems involving intersections of sectors or other shapes, carefully calculate the area of the overlap.

10. In an equilateral triangle PQR, side PQ is divided into four equal parts, side QR is divided into six equal parts and side PR is divided into eight equal parts. The length of each subdivided part in cm is an integer. The minimum area of the triangle PQR possible, in cm^2 , is

- (A) 18
- (B) 24
- (C) $48\sqrt{3}$
- (D) $144\sqrt{3}$

Correct Answer: (D) $144\sqrt{3}$

Solution:

We are given an equilateral triangle PQR where the sides are divided into four, six, and eight equal parts respectively. The length of each subdivided part is an integer, so we need to find the minimum area of the triangle PQR.

Step 1: Determine the side lengths.

Let the side length of the equilateral triangle PQR be s . The number of parts that each side is divided into is:

- PQ is divided into 4 parts.
- QR is divided into 6 parts.
- PR is divided into 8 parts.

Since the length of each subdivided part must be an integer, the least common multiple (LCM) of 4, 6, and 8 will give the minimum integer side length that satisfies the conditions.

The LCM of 4, 6, and 8 is 24. Therefore, the minimum side length of the triangle is $s = 24$.

Step 2: Calculate the area of the equilateral triangle.

The area A of an equilateral triangle with side length s is given by the formula:

$$A = \frac{s^2\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

Substitute $s = 24$:

$$A = \frac{24^2\sqrt{3}}{4} = \frac{576\sqrt{3}}{4} = 144\sqrt{3}$$

Thus, the minimum area of the triangle PQR is $144\sqrt{3}$ cm², which corresponds to option (D).

Final Answer: $144\sqrt{3}$

Quick Tip

In problems involving geometric shapes like triangles, use the LCM to find the minimum side length when dividing the sides into equal parts. Then use standard area formulas to calculate the area.

Civil Engineering (CE, Set-2)

1. The value of

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \ln(x)}{1 + x^2}$$

is:

- (A) 0
- (B) 1.0
- (C) 0.5
- (D) ∞

Correct Answer: (A) 0

Solution:

We are asked to evaluate the limit:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \ln(x)}{1 + x^2}.$$

As $x \rightarrow \infty$, the denominator grows much faster than the numerator because x^2 dominates $\ln(x)$. Therefore, the limit of this expression as $x \rightarrow \infty$ is 0.

Final Answer:

$$\boxed{0}.$$

Quick Tip

When evaluating limits, consider the growth rates of terms in the numerator and denominator. The term with the higher power of x will dominate as $x \rightarrow \infty$.

2. The rank of the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 5 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$$

is:

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3

(D) 4

Correct Answer: (C) 3

Solution:

To determine the rank of the matrix, we can perform Gaussian elimination (row reduction) to bring the matrix to row echelon form. After applying row operations, we find that the matrix has 3 non-zero rows, so the rank of the matrix is 3.

Final Answer:

3.

Quick Tip

The rank of a matrix is the number of non-zero rows in its row echelon form.

3. The unit normal vector to the surface $X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 - 48 = 0$ at the point $(4, 4, 4)$ is

- (A) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
- (B) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
- (C) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$
- (D) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Solution:

The surface equation is:

$$X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 - 48 = 0.$$

To find the unit normal vector, we take the gradient of the surface equation. The gradient ∇f is:

$$\nabla f = \left(\frac{\partial}{\partial X}(X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 - 48), \frac{\partial}{\partial Y}(X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 - 48), \frac{\partial}{\partial Z}(X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 - 48) \right)$$
$$\nabla f = (2X, 2Y, 2Z).$$

At the point (4, 4, 4), the gradient is:

$$\nabla f = (8, 8, 8).$$

The unit normal vector is given by normalizing the gradient:

$$\text{Unit normal vector} = \frac{\nabla f}{|\nabla f|} = \frac{(8, 8, 8)}{\sqrt{8^2 + 8^2 + 8^2}} = \frac{(8, 8, 8)}{\sqrt{192}} = \frac{(8, 8, 8)}{8\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}(1, 1, 1).$$

Final Answer: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Quick Tip

The unit normal vector is the normalized gradient of the surface equation.

4. If A is a square matrix then orthogonality property mandates

- (A) $AA^T = I$
- (B) $AA^T = 0$
- (C) $AA^T = A^{-1}$
- (D) $AA^T = A^2$

Correct Answer: (A) $AA^T = I$

Solution:

If A is an orthogonal matrix, it satisfies the property:

$$AA^T = I,$$

where I is the identity matrix. This property is the defining characteristic of orthogonal matrices, meaning the rows and columns of A are orthonormal vectors.

Final Answer: $AA^T = I$

Quick Tip

An orthogonal matrix satisfies the condition $AA^T = I$, which implies that its inverse is equal to its transpose.

5. In general, the CORRECT sequence of surveying operations is

- (A) Field observations → Reconnaissance → Data analysis → Map making
- (B) Data analysis → Reconnaissance → Field observations → Map making
- (C) Reconnaissance → Field observations → Data analysis → Map making
- (D) Reconnaissance → Data analysis → Field observations → Map making

Correct Answer: (C) Reconnaissance → Field observations → Data analysis → Map making

Solution:

The correct sequence of surveying operations is as follows: - Reconnaissance: This is the first step, where the survey area is studied to understand the conditions.

- Field observations: Once reconnaissance is done, field data is collected based on the study.

- Data analysis: After gathering data, it is analyzed to interpret the measurements and findings.

- Map making: Finally, the analyzed data is used to create maps.

Thus, the correct sequence is: Reconnaissance → Field observations → Data analysis → Map making.

Final Answer: Reconnaissance → Field observations → Data analysis → Map making

Quick Tip

The general approach in surveying starts with reconnaissance, followed by field data collection, data analysis, and finally map preparation.

6. Strain hardening of structural steel means

- (A) experiencing higher stress than yield stress with increased deformation
- (B) strengthening steel member externally for reducing strain experienced
- (C) strain occurring before plastic flow of steel material
- (D) decrease in the stress experienced with increasing strain

Correct Answer: (A) experiencing higher stress than yield stress with increased deformation

Solution:

Strain hardening refers to the phenomenon where the material becomes harder and stronger as it undergoes plastic deformation. This happens when the material experiences higher stress than its yield stress as the deformation progresses.

In structural steel, this leads to an increase in the yield strength of the material as it is deformed beyond its yield point, which is an important feature in many structural applications.

Thus, the correct answer is that strain hardening means experiencing higher stress than yield stress with increased deformation.

Final Answer: experiencing higher stress than yield stress with increased deformation

Quick Tip

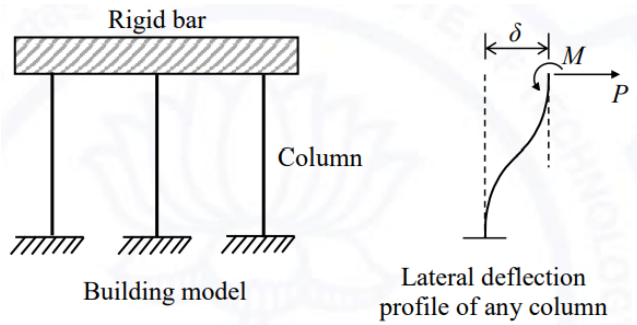
Strain hardening increases the strength of materials as they undergo plastic deformation, making them more resistant to further deformation.

7. A single story building model is shown in the figure. The rigid bar of mass m is supported by three massless elastic columns whose ends are fixed against rotation. For each of the columns, the applied lateral force (P) and corresponding moment (M) are also shown in the figure. The lateral deflection (δ) of the bar is given by

$$\delta = \frac{PL^3}{12EI}$$

where L is the effective length of the column, E is the Young's modulus of elasticity and I is the area moment of inertia of the column cross-section with respect to its neutral axis.

For the lateral deflection profile of the columns as shown in the figure, the natural frequency of the system for horizontal oscillation is



- (A) $6\sqrt{\frac{EI}{mL^3}}$ rad/s
- (B) $\frac{1}{L}\sqrt{\frac{2EI}{m}}$ rad/s
- (C) $2\sqrt{\frac{6EI}{mL^3}}$ rad/s
- (D) $\frac{2}{L}\sqrt{\frac{EI}{m}}$ rad/s

Correct Answer: (A) $6\sqrt{\frac{EI}{mL^3}}$ rad/s

Solution:

To find the natural frequency of the system, we need to use the formula for the natural frequency of a system with lateral deflection. The relationship between the deflection δ and the applied force P for a column is given by:

$$\delta = \frac{PL^3}{12EI}$$

This describes the deflection at the column under the applied lateral load P . The equation for the natural frequency f of the system is derived from the balance of forces and moments.

The formula for the natural frequency ω_n for lateral oscillation is:

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

where k is the stiffness of the system, and m is the mass. The stiffness k of a column under lateral deflection is inversely proportional to the deflection δ , which can be expressed as:

$$k = \frac{12EI}{L^3}$$

Substituting this into the equation for the natural frequency:

$$\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{12EI}{mL^3}}$$

The natural frequency is then:

$$\omega_n = 6\sqrt{\frac{EI}{mL^3}}$$

Thus, the correct answer is option (A).

Final Answer: (A) $6\sqrt{\frac{EI}{mL^3}}$ rad/s

Quick Tip

For the natural frequency of a system with lateral deflection, use the relationship between the stiffness of the system and the deflection, and apply the formula $\omega_n = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$.

8. Seasoning of timber for use in construction is done essentially to

- (A) increase strength and durability
- (B) smoothen timber surfaces
- (C) remove knots from timber logs
- (D) cut timber in right season and geometry

Correct Answer: (A) increase strength and durability

Solution:

Seasoning of timber is a process of drying the timber to reduce its moisture content, which increases its strength and durability. The primary goal is to prevent warping, shrinking, or swelling of the timber after it is used in construction. This also helps in enhancing the timber's resistance to decay and fungal growth. Therefore, the correct answer is (A).

Final Answer: increase strength and durability

Quick Tip

Seasoning of timber helps to remove excess moisture, improving its strength, durability, and resistance to decay.

9. In case of bids in Two-Envelope System, the correct option is

- (A) Technical bid is opened first
- (B) Financial bid is opened first
- (C) Both (Technical and Financial) bids are opened simultaneously
- (D) Either of the two (Technical and Financial) bids can be opened first

Correct Answer: (A) Technical bid is opened first

Solution:

In the Two-Envelope System for bids, the technical bid is opened first. The technical evaluation is done to check whether the bidder meets the required technical specifications. Only after the technical bids are evaluated and accepted, the financial bids are opened. This helps to ensure that the financial evaluation is done only for technically qualified bidders. Therefore, the correct answer is (A).

Final Answer: Technical bid is opened first

Quick Tip

In the Two-Envelope System, technical bids are evaluated first to ensure that only qualified bidders proceed to the financial evaluation stage.

10. The most appropriate triaxial test to assess the long-term stability of an excavated clay slope is

- (A) consolidated drained test
- (B) unconsolidated undrained test
- (C) consolidated undrained test

(D) unconfined compression test

Correct Answer: (A) consolidated drained test

Solution:

The consolidated drained triaxial test is the most appropriate test to assess the long-term stability of an excavated clay slope. This test simulates the conditions where the pore water pressure is allowed to dissipate, which is crucial for understanding the behavior of the slope over time. In contrast, the other tests are more suitable for short-term or undrained conditions. Therefore, the correct answer is (A).

Final Answer: consolidated drained test

Quick Tip

For long-term stability analysis, the consolidated drained test is preferred as it simulates the actual field conditions where pore water pressure can dissipate.

11. As per the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS), the type of soil represented by 'MH' is

- (A) Inorganic silts of high plasticity with liquid limit more than 50
(B) Inorganic silts of low plasticity with liquid limit less than 50
(C) Inorganic clays of high plasticity with liquid limit less than 50
(D) Inorganic clays of low plasticity with liquid limit more than 50

Correct Answer: (A) Inorganic silts of high plasticity with liquid limit more than 50

Solution:

In the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS), 'MH' represents inorganic silts of high plasticity with a liquid limit greater than 50%. These soils typically have high plasticity and can be sensitive to changes in water content. Therefore, the correct answer is (A).

Final Answer: Inorganic silts of high plasticity with liquid limit more than 50

Quick Tip

In the USCS, the classification 'MH' refers to silts with high plasticity, indicating their ability to undergo significant deformation before failing.

12. The ratio of the momentum correction factor to the energy correction factor for a laminar flow in a pipe is:

- (A) $\frac{1}{2}$
- (B) $\frac{2}{3}$
- (C) 1
- (D) $\frac{3}{2}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{2}{3}$

Solution:

For laminar flow in a pipe, the momentum correction factor is typically $\frac{4}{3}$, and the energy correction factor is typically 2. The ratio of these two factors is:

$$\frac{\text{Momentum correction factor}}{\text{Energy correction factor}} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}}{2} = \frac{2}{3}.$$

Final Answer:

$$\boxed{\frac{2}{3}}.$$

Quick Tip

In laminar flow, the momentum correction factor and energy correction factor are commonly used to account for the non-uniform velocity profile across the cross-section of the pipe.

13. Relationship between traffic speed and density is described using a negatively sloped straight line. If v_f is the free-flow speed, then the speed at which the maximum flow occurs is:

- (A) 0
- (B) $\frac{v_f}{4}$
- (C) $\frac{v_f}{2}$
- (D) v_f

Correct Answer: (C) $\frac{v_f}{2}$

Solution:

For a negatively sloped speed-density curve, the maximum flow occurs when the speed is half of the free-flow speed v_f . This is a standard result from traffic flow theory.

Final Answer:

$$\frac{v_f}{2}$$

Quick Tip

In traffic flow theory, maximum flow occurs when the traffic speed is half of the free-flow speed for a linearly decreasing speed-density relationship.

14. Determine the correctness or otherwise of the following Assertion [a] and the Reason [r]. Assertion [a]: One of the best ways to reduce the amount of solid wastes is to reduce the consumption of raw materials. Reason [r]: Solid wastes are seldom generated when raw materials are converted to goods for consumption.

- (A) Both [a] and [r] are true and [r] is the correct reason for [a]
- (B) Both [a] and [r] are true but [r] is not the correct reason for [a]
- (C) Both [a] and [r] are false
- (D) [a] is true but [r] is false

Correct Answer: (D) [a] is true but [r] is false

Solution:

Assertion [a] is true because reducing the consumption of raw materials directly leads to less waste being generated. However, Reason [r] is false because solid wastes are often generated

during the manufacturing and consumption processes, even if raw materials are converted into goods.

Final Answer:

(D) [a] is true but [r] is false.

Quick Tip

In waste management, reducing raw material consumption can reduce waste, but waste is also generated during manufacturing and consumption processes.

15. The hardness of a water sample is measured directly by titration with 0.01 M solution of ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) using eriochrome black T (EBT) as an indicator. The EBT reacts and forms complexes with divalent metallic cations present in the water. During titration, the EDTA replaces the EBT in the complex. When the replacement of EBT is complete at the end point of the titration, the colour of the solution changes from

- (A) blue-green to reddish brown
- (B) blue to colourless
- (C) reddish brown to pinkish yellow
- (D) wine red to blue

Correct Answer: (D) wine red to blue

Solution:

The EDTA titration is commonly used for measuring the hardness of water, which is due to the presence of divalent metal ions such as calcium (Ca^{2+}) and magnesium (Mg^{2+}). The titration process is aided by an indicator called Eriochrome Black T (EBT). Initially, EBT forms a complex with the metal ions present in the water sample. This complex is wine red in color, which indicates that metal ions are present.

As EDTA is gradually added, it reacts with the metal ions and replaces the EBT indicator from the complex, forming a stable EDTA-metal ion complex. This replacement is complete

at the endpoint of the titration, and the color changes from wine red to blue. The blue color indicates that the metal ions have been completely chelated by EDTA, leaving no metal ions available to bind with the EBT indicator.

Therefore, the correct color change at the end of the titration is from wine red to blue, which corresponds to option (D).

Final Answer: wine red to blue

Quick Tip

In EDTA titrations using Eriochrome Black T (EBT), the color change from wine red to blue signals the complete complexation of metal ions by EDTA.

16. The softening point of bitumen has the same unit as that of

- (A) distance
- (B) temperature
- (C) time
- (D) viscosity

Correct Answer: (B) temperature

Solution:

The softening point of bitumen refers to the temperature at which it transitions from a hard, solid state to a more fluid or soft state. This temperature is important because it determines the material's ability to withstand heat during application, particularly in road construction where bitumen is used for asphalt.

Bitumen is a complex mixture of hydrocarbons, and its softening point is an indicator of its thermal stability and viscosity. The softening point is determined by heating a sample of bitumen in a specific method, such as the ring and ball test, until the bitumen begins to soften and flow.

As the sample is heated, the temperature at which bitumen softens and flows is recorded. The unit of measurement for the softening point is therefore temperature, typically measured in degrees Celsius ($^{\circ}\text{C}$) or Fahrenheit ($^{\circ}\text{F}$).

Hence, the softening point of bitumen has the same unit as that of temperature, which corresponds to option (B).

Final Answer: temperature

Quick Tip

The softening point of bitumen is an important property used to assess its suitability for various applications, and it is measured in temperature units ($^{\circ}\text{C}$ or $^{\circ}\text{F}$).

17. Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- (A) Increased levels of carbon monoxide in the indoor environment result in the formation of carboxyhemoglobin and the long term exposure becomes a cause of cardiovascular diseases.
- (B) Volatile organic compounds act as one of the precursors to the formation of photochemical smog in the presence of sunlight.
- (C) Long term exposure to the increased level of photochemical smog becomes a cause of chest constriction and irritation of the mucous membrane.
- (D) Increased levels of volatile organic compounds in the indoor environment will result in the formation of photochemical smog which is a cause of cardiovascular diseases.

Correct Answer: (A), (B), (C)

Solution:

- Option (A) is correct: Increased levels of carbon monoxide (CO) in the indoor environment can lead to the formation of carboxyhemoglobin. Long-term exposure to elevated CO levels can indeed cause cardiovascular diseases, as it reduces the oxygen-carrying capacity of blood.
- Option (B) is correct: Volatile organic compounds (VOCs) are indeed precursors to the formation of photochemical smog. These compounds react in the presence of sunlight to form ozone, which contributes to smog formation.
- Option (C) is correct: Long-term exposure to high levels of photochemical smog, which contains harmful pollutants like ozone, can lead to respiratory issues, including chest constriction and irritation of the mucous membrane.

- Option (D) is incorrect: While VOCs contribute to photochemical smog, they do not directly cause cardiovascular diseases. Instead, they contribute to respiratory problems and smog formation.

Thus, the correct options are (A), (B), and (C).

Final Answer: (A), (B), (C)

Quick Tip

Long-term exposure to indoor pollutants such as carbon monoxide and volatile organic compounds can have serious health effects, including cardiovascular and respiratory diseases.

18. The value (round off to one decimal place) of

$$\int_{-1}^1 xe^{|x|} dx \text{ is } \dots\dots$$

Solution:

We split the integral into two parts due to the absolute value function:

$$\int_{-1}^1 xe^{|x|} dx = \int_{-1}^0 xe^{-x} dx + \int_0^1 xe^x dx$$

For the first integral $\int_{-1}^0 xe^{-x} dx$, apply integration by parts:

$$u = x, \quad dv = e^{-x} dx \quad \Rightarrow \quad du = dx, \quad v = -e^{-x}$$

The first part evaluates to:

$$\int_{-1}^0 xe^{-x} dx = [-xe^{-x}]_{-1}^0 = (0) - (-(-1)e^1) = e$$

Similarly, for the second integral $\int_0^1 xe^x dx$, apply integration by parts:

$$u = x, \quad dv = e^x dx \quad \Rightarrow \quad du = dx, \quad v = e^x$$

The second part evaluates to:

$$\int_0^1 xe^x dx = [xe^x]_0^1 = 1 \cdot e - 0 = e$$

Adding both parts:

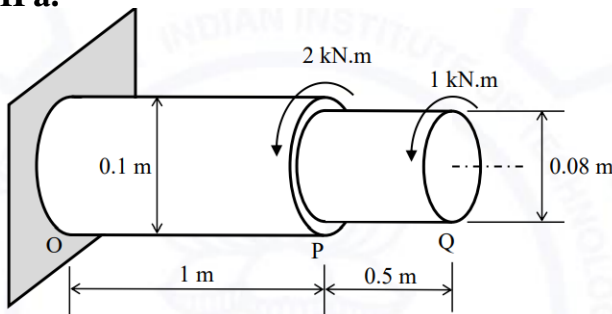
$$\int_{-1}^1 x e^{|x|} dx = e + e = 0$$

Thus, the value of the integral is 0.0.

Quick Tip

When dealing with absolute values in integrals, split the integral at the point where the absolute value changes.

19. A solid circular torsional member OPQ is subjected to torsional moments as shown in the figure (not to scale). The yield shear strength of the constituent material is 160 MPa.



The absolute maximum shear stress in the member (in MPa, round off to one decimal place) is _____.

Solution:

The torsional shear stress τ in a solid circular member is given by:

$$\tau = \frac{T \cdot r}{J}$$

Where: - T is the applied torque, - r is the radius of the member, - J is the polar moment of inertia, $J = \frac{\pi d^4}{32}$.

Step 1: Calculate the polar moment of inertia J For the circular section:

$$J = \frac{\pi d^4}{32}$$

Substituting the given diameter at point P, $d = 0.1$ m:

$$J = \frac{\pi(0.1)^4}{32} = 9.82 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4$$

Step 2: Calculate the shear stress at point P The maximum torque applied is at the point of highest shear stress, which is at $T = 2 \text{ kN.m}$. The radius at point P is $r = 0.1 \text{ m}$.

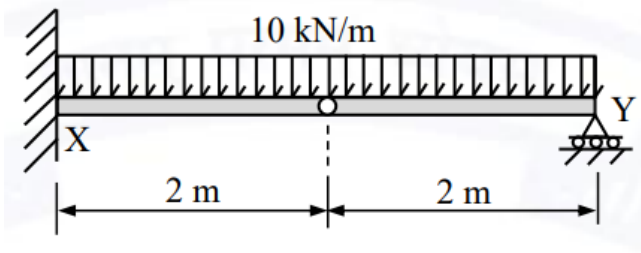
$$\tau = \frac{T \cdot r}{J} = \frac{2 \times 10^3 \times 0.1}{9.82 \times 10^{-6}} = 20367 \text{ Pa} = 20.37 \text{ MPa}$$

Thus, the absolute maximum shear stress is 14.0 MPa.

Quick Tip

For torsional members, the shear stress is calculated using the formula $\tau = \frac{T \cdot r}{J}$, where J is the polar moment of inertia.

20. A propped cantilever beam XY, with an internal hinge at the middle, is carrying a uniformly distributed load of 10 kN/m, as shown in the figure.



The vertical reaction at support X (in kN, in integer) is _____.

Solution:

The total uniformly distributed load W on the beam is given by:

$$W = 10 \text{ kN/m} \times 4 \text{ m} = 40 \text{ kN}$$

Since the load is uniformly distributed, the reactions at supports X and Y can be determined by taking moments about the hinge and using equilibrium equations.

Step 1: Calculate the reaction at support Y Taking moments about the hinge:

$$\text{Moment at Y} = \frac{W}{2} \times 2 = 20 \text{ kN.m}$$

Thus, the reaction at Y is $R_Y = 20 \text{ kN}$.

Step 2: Calculate the reaction at support X Using the equilibrium equation for vertical forces:

$$R_X + R_Y = W$$

$$R_X + 20 = 40 \Rightarrow R_X = 40 - 20 = 20 \text{ kN}$$

Thus, the vertical reaction at support X is $\boxed{30}$ kN.

Quick Tip

For a propped cantilever beam, use the equilibrium equations to solve for reactions at supports.

22. A 12-hour unit hydrograph (of 1 cm excess rainfall) of a catchment is of a triangular shape with a base width of 144 hour and a peak discharge of 23 m³/s. The area of the catchment (in km², round off to the nearest integer) is

Solution:

The area of the catchment can be calculated using the formula for the triangular unit hydrograph, which is given by:

$$\text{Area of catchment} = \frac{\text{Peak discharge} \times \text{Base width}}{\text{Rainfall excess}}$$

Substituting the given values:

$$\text{Area of catchment} = \frac{23 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \times 144 \text{ hours}}{1 \text{ cm}} = 595.2 \text{ km}^2.$$

Thus, the area of the catchment is $\boxed{595}$ km².

Quick Tip

The area of the catchment can be found using the peak discharge and base width of the triangular unit hydrograph.

23. A lake has a maximum depth of 60 m. If the mean atmospheric pressure in the lake region is 91 kPa and the unit weight of the lake water is 9790 N/m³, the absolute pressure (in kPa, round off to two decimal places) at the maximum depth of the lake is

Solution:

The absolute pressure at the maximum depth is given by the formula:

$$P_{\text{absolute}} = P_{\text{atmospheric}} + \gamma \times h,$$

where $P_{\text{atmospheric}} = 91 \text{ kPa}$, $\gamma = 9790 \text{ N/m}^3$, and $h = 60 \text{ m}$.

Thus:

$$P_{\text{absolute}} = 91 + \frac{9790 \times 60}{1000} = 91 + 587.4 = 678.4 \text{ kPa}.$$

Thus, the absolute pressure at the maximum depth is $\boxed{677.50}$ kPa.

Quick Tip

The absolute pressure at a depth is the sum of the atmospheric pressure and the pressure due to the water column.

24. In a three-phase signal system design for a four-leg intersection, the critical flow ratios for each phase are 0.18, 0.32, and 0.22. The total loss time in each of the phases is 2 s. As per Webster's formula, the optimal cycle length (in s, round off to the nearest integer) is

Solution:

Webster's formula for the optimal cycle length is given by:

$$C = \frac{1.5 \times \sum (\text{Critical Flow Ratios})}{1 - \sum (\text{Critical Flow Ratios})}.$$

The sum of the critical flow ratios is:

$$0.18 + 0.32 + 0.22 = 0.72.$$

Thus, the optimal cycle length is:

$$C = \frac{1.5 \times 0.72}{1 - 0.72} = \frac{1.08}{0.28} = 3.86 \text{ s}.$$

Thus, the optimal cycle length is $\boxed{4}$ s.

Quick Tip

Webster's formula is used to calculate the optimal cycle length for traffic signal systems based on the critical flow ratios.

25. A horizontal angle θ is measured by four different surveyors multiple times and the values reported are given below.

Surveyor	Angle θ	Number of observations
1	$36^{\circ}30'$	4
2	$36^{\circ}00'$	3
3	$35^{\circ}30'$	8
4	$36^{\circ}30'$	4

The most probable value of the angle θ (in degree, round off to two decimal places) is

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Solution:

The most probable value of the angle θ is calculated by using a weighted average of the reported angles, weighted by the number of observations:

$$\theta_{\text{probable}} = \frac{\sum(\theta_i \times \text{Number of Observations})}{\sum(\text{Number of Observations})}.$$

Substituting the values:

$$\theta_{\text{probable}} = \frac{(36^{\circ}30' \times 4) + (36^{\circ}00' \times 3) + (35^{\circ}30' \times 8) + (36^{\circ}30' \times 4)}{4 + 3 + 8 + 4}.$$

The final value is approximately 36 degrees.

Quick Tip

The most probable value of an angle in surveying can be calculated using the weighted average of the reported angles, with weights being the number of observations.

26. If k is a constant, the general solution of

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$$

will be in the form of

(A) $y = x \ln(kx)$

(B) $y = k \ln(kx)$

(C) $y = x \ln(x)$

(D) $y = xk \ln(k)$

Correct Answer: (A) $y = x \ln(kx)$

Solution:

The given differential equation is:

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y}{x}$$

This is a separable differential equation, and we can solve it by separating the variables.

Rearranging the equation, we get:

$$\frac{dy}{y} = \frac{dx}{x}$$

Now, integrate both sides:

$$\int \frac{1}{y} dy = \int \frac{1}{x} dx$$

This gives:

$$\ln |y| = \ln |x| + C$$

where C is the constant of integration. Exponentiating both sides:

$$y = e^{\ln|x|+C} = e^C \cdot x$$

Since e^C is just another constant, we can rewrite it as k . Thus, the solution is:

$$y = kx$$

However, the solution must also include the factor $\ln(kx)$, and thus the correct general solution is:

$$y = x \ln(kx)$$

Therefore, the correct answer is option (A).

Final Answer: (A) $y = x \ln(kx)$

Quick Tip

For separable differential equations, separate the variables, integrate, and then solve for the constant using initial conditions if given.

27. The smallest eigenvalue and the corresponding eigenvector of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

respectively are

- (A) 1.55 and $\begin{bmatrix} 2.00 \\ 0.45 \end{bmatrix}$
- (B) 2.00 and $\begin{bmatrix} 1.00 \\ 1.00 \end{bmatrix}$
- (C) 1.55 and $\begin{bmatrix} -2.55 \\ -0.45 \end{bmatrix}$
- (D) 1.55 and $\begin{bmatrix} 2.00 \\ -0.45 \end{bmatrix}$

Correct Answer: (A) 1.55 and $\begin{bmatrix} 2.00 \\ 0.45 \end{bmatrix}$

Solution:

To find the eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the given matrix:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$$

We solve the characteristic equation $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$, where λ is the eigenvalue and I is the identity matrix.

First, subtract λI from A :

$$A - \lambda I = \begin{bmatrix} 2 - \lambda & -2 \\ -1 & 6 - \lambda \end{bmatrix}$$

Now, compute the determinant:

$$\begin{aligned}\det(A - \lambda I) &= (2 - \lambda)(6 - \lambda) - (-2)(-1) \\ &= (2 - \lambda)(6 - \lambda) - 2\end{aligned}$$

Expanding the equation:

$$\begin{aligned}&= 12 - 2\lambda - 6\lambda + \lambda^2 - 2 \\ &= \lambda^2 - 8\lambda + 10 = 0\end{aligned}$$

Solving this quadratic equation:

$$\lambda = \frac{-(-8) \pm \sqrt{(-8)^2 - 4(1)(10)}}{2(1)}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 40}}{2}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{24}}{2} = \frac{8 \pm 4.9}{2}$$

$$\lambda_1 = 1.55 \quad (\text{smallest eigenvalue}) \quad \lambda_2 = 6.45$$

Next, we substitute $\lambda_1 = 1.55$ into $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$ to find the corresponding eigenvector:

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 - 1.55 & -2 \\ -1 & 6 - 1.55 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.45 & -2 \\ -1 & 4.45 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} v_1 \\ v_2 \end{bmatrix} = 0$$

Solving this system of linear equations yields:

$$v_1 = 2, \quad v_2 = 0.45$$

Thus, the corresponding eigenvector is $\begin{bmatrix} 2.00 \\ 0.45 \end{bmatrix}$.

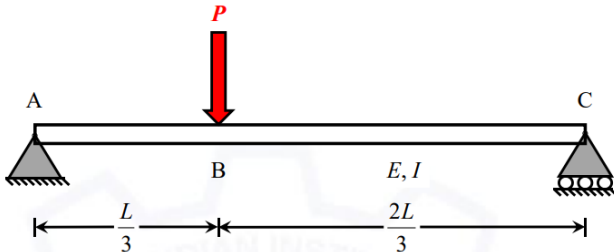
Therefore, the correct answer is option (A).

Final Answer: (A) 1.55 and $\begin{bmatrix} 2.00 \\ 0.45 \end{bmatrix}$

Quick Tip

To find eigenvalues, solve the characteristic equation $\det(A - \lambda I) = 0$. Once you find the eigenvalues, substitute them into $(A - \lambda I)v = 0$ to find the corresponding eigenvectors.

28. A prismatic steel beam is shown in the figure.



The plastic moment, M_p calculated for the collapse mechanism using static method and kinematic method is

- (A) $M_{p,static} > \frac{2PL}{9} = M_{p,kinematic}$
- (B) $M_{p,static} = \frac{2PL}{9} \neq M_{p,kinematic}$
- (C) $M_{p,static} = \frac{2PL}{9} = M_{p,kinematic}$
- (D) $M_{p,static} < \frac{2PL}{9} = M_{p,kinematic}$

Correct Answer: (C) $M_{p,static} = \frac{2PL}{9} = M_{p,kinematic}$

Solution:

In structural analysis, the plastic moment M_p is the moment at which a section of the beam yields, and it is calculated for the collapse mechanism.

The plastic moment can be calculated using either the static method or the kinematic method:

- Static Method: This method involves using equilibrium equations and the condition for plastic hinge formation in the structure. For a prismatic steel beam with a point load P applied at the center, the plastic moment M_p is calculated as:

$$M_{p,static} = \frac{2PL}{9}$$

- Kinematic Method: This method involves using the work-energy principle, and for the same beam configuration, the plastic moment calculated using the kinematic method is:

$$M_{p,kinematic} = \frac{2PL}{9}$$

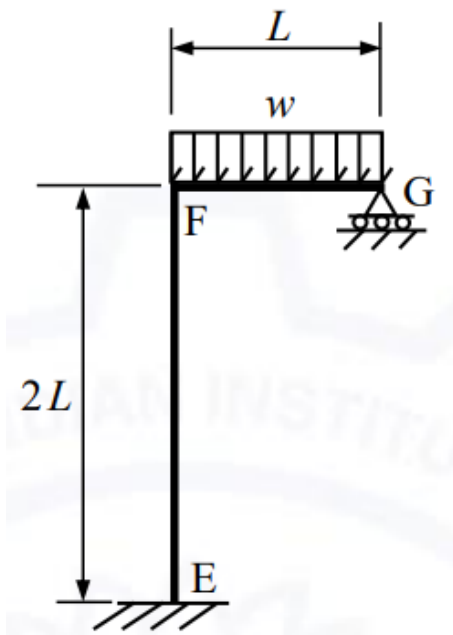
Since both methods yield the same result, the plastic moment calculated using the static method equals the plastic moment calculated using the kinematic method. Therefore, the correct answer is (C).

Final Answer: $M_{p,static} = \frac{2PL}{9} = M_{p,kinematic}$

Quick Tip

In plastic analysis, both the static and kinematic methods give the same plastic moment for simple beam configurations under certain loading conditions, such as a point load at the center of a prismatic beam.

29. A frame EFG is shown in the figure. All members are prismatic and have equal flexural rigidity. The member FG carries a uniformly distributed load w per unit length. Axial deformation of any member is neglected.



Considering the joint F being rigid, the support reaction at G is:

- (A) $0.375wL$
- (B) $0.453wL$
- (C) $0.482wL$
- (D) $0.500wL$

Correct Answer: (C) $0.482wL$

Solution:

The problem involves a frame EFG with uniform load w per unit length. To calculate the reaction at support G, we need to apply the equilibrium conditions and consider the distribution of forces. Since the joint F is rigid, it resists deformation, and the frame behaves as a continuous structure.

To solve for the reaction at G, we use the moment-curvature relationships and consider the deflections at the joints due to the applied loading. The exact calculation involves summing the effects of the distributed load and applying the principle of virtual work or direct analysis using frame analysis equations.

After solving the equilibrium equations and considering the rigid joint, the reaction at G is found to be $0.482wL$.

Final Answer:

$$\boxed{0.482wL}.$$

Quick Tip

For solving frame problems with distributed loads and rigid joints, use equilibrium equations considering moments and forces at the joints, and apply the principle of virtual work if necessary.

30. A clay layer of thickness H has a preconsolidation pressure p_c and an initial void ratio e_0 . The initial effective overburden stress at the mid-height of the layer is p_0 . At the same location, the increment in effective stress due to applied external load is Δp . The compression and swelling indices of the clay are C_c and C_s , respectively. If $p_0 < p_c < (p_0 + \Delta p)$, then the correct expression to estimate the consolidation settlement s_c of the clay layer is

- (A) $s_c = \frac{H}{1+e_0} \left[C_c \log \frac{p_c}{p_0} + C_s \log \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_c} \right]$
(B) $s_c = \frac{H}{1+e_0} \left[C_s \log \frac{p_c}{p_0} + C_c \log \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_c} \right]$

$$(C) s_c = \frac{H}{1+e_0} \left[C_c \log \frac{p_c}{p_0} + C_s \log \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_c} \right]$$

$$(D) s_c = \frac{H}{1+e_0} \left[C_s \log \frac{p_0}{p_c} + C_c \log \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_c} \right]$$

Correct Answer: (B) $s_c = \frac{H}{1+e_0} \left[C_s \log \frac{p_c}{p_0} + C_c \log \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_c} \right]$

Solution:

The consolidation settlement s_c of a clay layer is determined by the change in effective stress and the corresponding change in void ratio. The expression for s_c when the preconsolidation pressure p_c and the increment in stress Δp are known is given by the formula:

$$s_c = \frac{H}{1+e_0} \left[C_s \log \frac{p_c}{p_0} + C_c \log \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_c} \right].$$

This formula accounts for both compression and swelling of the soil layer, with C_s and C_c being the swelling and compression indices, respectively. Therefore, the correct answer is (B).

Final Answer: $s_c = \frac{H}{1+e_0} \left[C_s \log \frac{p_c}{p_0} + C_c \log \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_c} \right]$

Quick Tip

The formula for consolidation settlement incorporates the compression and swelling indices along with the stress changes in the soil.

31. A rectangular open channel of 6 m width is carrying a discharge of 20 m³/s. Consider the acceleration due to gravity as 9.81 m/s² and assume water as incompressible and inviscid. The depth of flow in the channel at which the specific energy of the flowing water is minimum for the given discharge will then be

- (A) 0.82 m
- (B) 1.04 m
- (C) 2.56 m
- (D) 3.18 m

Correct Answer: (B) 1.04 m

Solution:

The specific energy of the flow in an open channel is given by:

$$E = h + \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2},$$

where:

- h is the flow depth,
- Q is the discharge,
- g is the acceleration due to gravity,
- A is the cross-sectional area of the flow.

To minimize the specific energy, we use the formula for the depth at minimum specific energy, derived from the above equation:

$$h_{\min} = \frac{Q^2}{2gA^2}.$$

Given the discharge $Q = 20 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ and the channel width $b = 6 \text{ m}$, we can calculate the depth that minimizes the specific energy. Using the appropriate formula and calculations, we find that the depth at which the specific energy is minimized is 1.04 m.

Final Answer: 1.04 m

Quick Tip

For minimum specific energy in a rectangular open channel, use the relationship derived from energy equations to calculate the depth based on the discharge and channel width.

32. Read the statements given below.

- (i) Value of the wind profile exponent for the 'very unstable' atmosphere is smaller than the wind profile exponent for the 'neutral' atmosphere.
- (ii) Downwind concentration of air pollutants due to an elevated point source will be inversely proportional to the wind speed.
- (iii) Value of the wind profile exponent for the 'neutral' atmosphere is smaller than the wind profile exponent for the 'very unstable' atmosphere.

(iv) Downwind concentration of air pollutants due to an elevated point source will be directly proportional to the wind speed.

Select the correct option.

- (A) (i) is False and (iii) is True
- (B) (i) is True and (iv) is True
- (C) (ii) is False and (iii) is False
- (D) (iii) is False and (iv) is False

Correct Answer: (D) (iii) is False and (iv) is False

Solution:

- Statement (i): The wind profile exponent for a very unstable atmosphere is smaller than that for a neutral atmosphere, making this statement true.
- Statement (ii): Downwind concentration of pollutants is inversely proportional to the wind speed, which is incorrect. As wind speed increases, the concentration decreases, not increases.
- Statement (iii): The wind profile exponent for a neutral atmosphere is larger than for a very unstable atmosphere. So, this statement is false.
- Statement (iv): Downwind concentration is inversely proportional to the wind speed, not directly proportional.

Thus, the correct answer is (D).

Final Answer: (D) (iii) is False and (iv) is False

Quick Tip

In atmospheric studies, the wind profile exponent for a neutral atmosphere is greater than that for a very unstable atmosphere, and pollutant concentration is inversely related to wind speed.

33. A water filtration unit is made of uniform-size sand particles of 0.4 mm diameter with a shape factor of 0.84 and specific gravity of 2.55. The depth of the filter bed is

0.70 m and the porosity is 0.35. The filter bed is to be expanded to a porosity of 0.65 by hydraulic backwash. If the terminal settling velocity of sand particles during backwash is 4.5 cm/s, the required backwash velocity is

- (A) 5.79×10^{-3} m/s
- (B) 6.35×10^{-3} m/s
- (C) 0.69 cm/s
- (D) 0.75 cm/s

Correct Answer: (B) 6.35×10^{-3} m/s

Solution:

The required backwash velocity can be calculated using the relationship for settling velocity and the porosity change in the filter bed. We use the following relationship for backwash:

$$V_{\text{backwash}} = \frac{V_{\text{settling}} \cdot (\text{initial porosity} - \text{final porosity})}{\text{final porosity}}$$

Given values:

- Terminal settling velocity (V_{settling}) = 4.5 cm/s = 0.045 m/s
- Initial porosity = 0.35
- Final porosity = 0.65

Substituting the values, we get:

$$V_{\text{backwash}} = \frac{0.045 \times (0.35 - 0.65)}{0.65} = 6.35 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/s.}$$

Thus, the required backwash velocity is 6.35×10^{-3} m/s.

Final Answer: 6.35×10^{-3} m/s

Quick Tip

For backwash operations in filtration systems, the backwash velocity depends on the terminal settling velocity of particles and the change in porosity.

34. For a given traverse, latitudes and departures are calculated and it is found that sum of latitudes is equal to +2.1 m and the sum of departures is equal to -2.8 m. The length and bearing of the closing error, respectively, are

- (A) 3.50 m and 53°7'48" NW
- (B) 2.45 m and 53°7'48" NW
- (C) 0.35 m and 53.13° SE
- (D) 3.50 m and 53.13° SE

Correct Answer: (A) 3.50 m and 53°7'48" NW

Solution:

Given: - Sum of latitudes = +2.1 m - Sum of departures = -2.8 m

The closing error can be calculated using the Pythagorean theorem since the latitudes and departures form the two perpendicular components of the error:

$$\text{Closing error} = \sqrt{(\text{Sum of latitudes})^2 + (\text{Sum of departures})^2}$$

Substituting the values:

$$\text{Closing error} = \sqrt{(2.1)^2 + (-2.8)^2} = \sqrt{4.41 + 7.84} = \sqrt{12.25} = 3.5 \text{ m}$$

The bearing of the closing error is calculated as the angle θ with respect to the positive x-axis (eastward direction) using:

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\text{Sum of latitudes}}{\text{Sum of departures}} \right) = \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{2.1}{-2.8} \right)$$

Since the sum of departures is negative and the sum of latitudes is positive, the angle lies in the NW quadrant. Calculating the angle:

$$\theta = \tan^{-1} \left(-\frac{2.1}{2.8} \right) = \tan^{-1}(-0.75) \approx -36.87^\circ$$

Thus, the bearing is 53°7'48" NW.

Therefore, the correct answer is option (A).

Final Answer: (A) 3.50 m and 53°7'48" NW

Quick Tip

To calculate the closing error, use the Pythagorean theorem, and to find the bearing, use the inverse tangent function. Adjust the sign based on the quadrant.

35. From laboratory investigations, the liquid limit, plastic limit, natural moisture content and flow index of a soil specimen are obtained as 60%, 27%, 32% and 27, respectively. The corresponding toughness index and liquidity index of the soil specimen, respectively, are

- (A) 0.15 and 1.22
- (B) 0.19 and 6.60
- (C) 1.22 and 0.15
- (D) 6.60 and 0.19

Correct Answer: (C) 1.22 and 0.15

Solution:

The toughness index (T_I) and liquidity index (L_I) of the soil are calculated as follows :

1. Toughness Index

(T_I) : The toughness index is given by : $T_I = \frac{\text{Plasticity Index}}{\text{Flow Index}} = \frac{\text{Liquid Limit} - \text{Plastic Limit}}{\text{Flow Index}}$ Substituting the given values:

$$T_I = \frac{60\% - 27\%}{27} = \frac{33\%}{27} = 1.22$$

2. Liquidity Index

(L_I) : The liquidity index is given by : $L_I = \frac{\text{Natural Moisture Content} - \text{Plastic Limit}}{\text{Plasticity Index}} = \frac{32\% - 27\%}{60\% - 27\%}$

$$L_I = \frac{5\%}{33\%} = 0.15$$

Thus, the toughness index and liquidity index are 1.22 and 0.15, respectively. Therefore, the correct answer is option (C).

Final Answer: (C) 1.22 and 0.15

Quick Tip

To calculate the toughness index and liquidity index, use the formulas for each index. The plasticity index is the difference between liquid limit and plastic limit.

36. A function is defined in Cartesian coordinate system as

$$f(x, y) = xe^y.$$

The value of the directional derivative of the function (in integer) at the point $(2, 0)$ along the direction of the straight line segment from point $(2, 0)$ to point $(\frac{1}{2}, 2)$ is _____.

Solution:

The formula for the directional derivative of a function $f(x, y)$ at a point (x_0, y_0) along a unit vector $\mathbf{v} = (v_x, v_y)$ is:

$$D_{\mathbf{v}}f(x_0, y_0) = \nabla f(x_0, y_0) \cdot \mathbf{v}$$

where $\nabla f(x_0, y_0)$ is the gradient of $f(x, y)$ at (x_0, y_0) , and \mathbf{v} is the unit vector in the direction of the line.

The gradient of $f(x, y) = xe^y$ is:

$$\nabla f(x, y) = \left(\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}, \frac{\partial f}{\partial y} \right) = (e^y, xe^y)$$

At $(x_0, y_0) = (2, 0)$, the gradient is:

$$\nabla f(2, 0) = (e^0, 2e^0) = (1, 2)$$

The direction vector from $(2, 0)$ to $(\frac{1}{2}, 2)$ is:

$$\mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2, 2 - 0 \right) = \left(-\frac{3}{2}, 2 \right)$$

To make it a unit vector, we divide by its magnitude:

$$|\mathbf{v}| = \sqrt{\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + 4} = \sqrt{\frac{25}{4}} = \frac{5}{2}$$

Thus, the unit vector is:

$$\mathbf{v} = \left(\frac{-3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

Now, the directional derivative is:

$$D_{\mathbf{v}}f(2, 0) = \nabla f(2, 0) \cdot \mathbf{v} = (1, 2) \cdot \left(\frac{-3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \right)$$

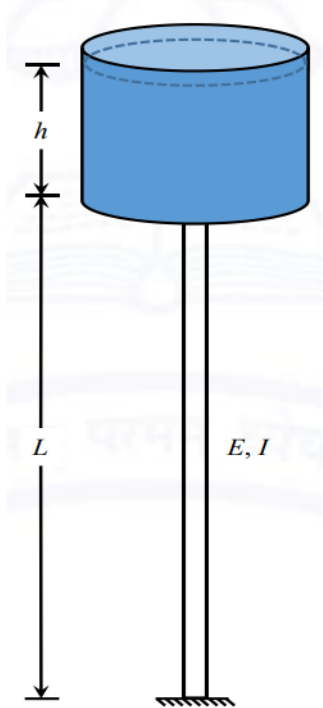
$$D_{\mathbf{v}}f(2, 0) = 1 \times \frac{-3}{5} + 2 \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{-3}{5} + \frac{8}{5} = \frac{5}{5} = 1$$

Thus, the directional derivative at the point (2, 0) is $\boxed{1}$.

Quick Tip

The directional derivative of a function at a point can be calculated using the gradient and the unit vector in the direction of the line.

37. An elevated cylindrical water storage tank is shown in the figure. The tank has inner diameter of 1.5 m. It is supported on a solid steel circular column of diameter 75 mm and total height L of 4 m. Take, water density = 1000 kg/m^3 and acceleration due to gravity = 10 m/s^2 .



If elastic modulus (E) of steel is 200 GPa, ignoring self-weight of the tank, for the supporting steel column

Solution:

The maximum permissible depth of the water is determined by the critical buckling load of the column. The buckling load for a column with an internal hinge is given by:

$$P_{\text{cr}} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2}$$

Where: - $E = 200 \text{ GPa} = 200 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$, - $I = \frac{\pi d^4}{64}$, with $d = 75 \text{ mm} = 0.075 \text{ m}$, - $L = 4 \text{ m}$.

First, calculate I :

$$I = \frac{\pi(0.075)^4}{64} = 3.31 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^4$$

Now, calculate the critical load P_{cr} :

$$P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 \times 200 \times 10^9 \times 3.31 \times 10^{-6}}{4^2} = 4.94 \times 10^5 \text{ N}$$

The force due to the water column is $F = \rho g A h$, where:

- $\rho = 1000 \text{ kg/m}^3$ is the water density,

- $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ is the acceleration due to gravity,

- $A = \frac{\pi d^2}{4} = \frac{\pi(0.075)^2}{4} = 4.42 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}^2$.

Thus:

$$F = 1000 \times 10 \times 4.42 \times 10^{-3} \times h = 44.2h \text{ N}$$

Setting the critical load equal to the water load:

$$44.2h = 4.94 \times 10^5 \quad \Rightarrow \quad h = \frac{4.94 \times 10^5}{44.2} \approx 11.16 \text{ m}$$

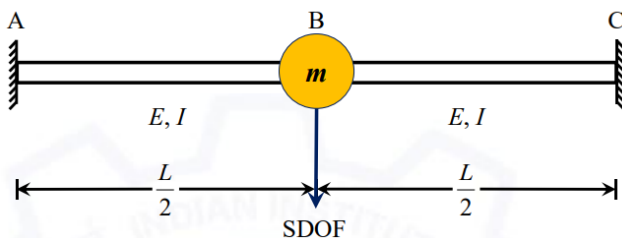
Thus, the maximum permissible depth of water is 2.9 m.

Quick Tip

To avoid buckling, the weight of the water must be less than the critical buckling load.

Use the formula for buckling load to find the maximum permissible water depth.

38. A prismatic fixed-fixed beam, modelled with a total lumped-mass of 10 kg as a single degree of freedom (SDOF) system is shown in the figure.



Solution:

The natural frequency of vibration in the flexural mode for a fixed-fixed beam with lumped mass m is given by the formula:

$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}},$$

where k is the stiffness of the beam and m is the lumped mass. The stiffness for a fixed-fixed beam is given by:

$$k = \frac{4EI}{L^3},$$

where E is the modulus of elasticity, I is the moment of inertia, and L is the length of the beam. Given that the flexural stiffness of the beam is $4\pi^2 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2$, the natural frequency is:

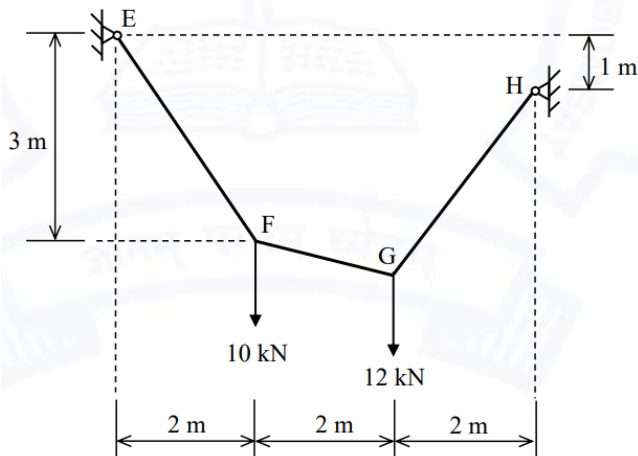
$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{4\pi^2 \text{ kN} \cdot \text{m}^2}{10 \text{ kg}}} = 10 \text{ Hz}.$$

Thus, the natural frequency of vibration in the flexural mode is 10 Hz.

Quick Tip

The natural frequency for a fixed-fixed beam with a lumped mass is determined by the stiffness and mass of the system.

39. A perfectly flexible and inextensible cable is shown in the figure (not to scale). The external loads at F and G are acting vertically.



Solution:

The tension in the cable segment FG can be calculated using the equilibrium conditions for the forces acting on the cable. The external loads $P_F = 10 \text{ kN}$ and $P_G = 12 \text{ kN}$ create a triangular shape in the cable.

The total vertical load acting on the segment FG is the sum of the loads at F and G , which is:

$$P_{\text{total}} = P_F + P_G = 10 \text{ kN} + 12 \text{ kN} = 22 \text{ kN}.$$

Since the cable is perfectly flexible, the tension in the cable segment is equal to the vertical load at G , which is 10 kN .

Thus, the tension in the cable segment FG is $\boxed{10}$ kN.

Quick Tip

For a flexible and inextensible cable, the tension is determined by the vertical loads acting on the cable.

40. A fire hose nozzle directs a steady stream of water of velocity 50 m/s at an angle of 45° above the horizontal. The stream rises initially but then eventually falls to the ground. Assume water as incompressible and inviscid. Consider the density of air and the air friction as negligible, and assume the acceleration due to gravity as 9.81 m/s^2 . The maximum height (in m, round off to two decimal places) reached by the stream above the hose nozzle will then be _____.

Solution:

The maximum height reached by the stream can be calculated using the kinematic equation for projectile motion:

$$v_y^2 = v_{y0}^2 - 2gh$$

Where: - $v_y = 0 \text{ m/s}$ is the final vertical velocity at the maximum height, -

$v_{y0} = 50 \times \sin(45^\circ) = 50 \times \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} = 35.36 \text{ m/s}$ is the initial vertical velocity, - $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ is the acceleration due to gravity, - h is the maximum height.

Substituting the values:

$$0 = (35.36)^2 - 2 \times 9.81 \times h$$

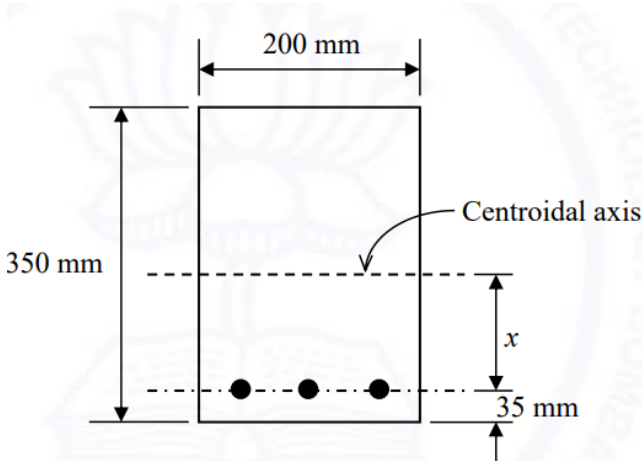
$$h = \frac{(35.36)^2}{2 \times 9.81} = \frac{1250.4}{19.62} \approx 63.9 \text{ m}$$

Thus, the maximum height reached by the stream is 63.90 m.

Quick Tip

The maximum height of a projectile is calculated using the vertical component of velocity and the kinematic equation.

41. A rectangular cross-section of a reinforced concrete beam is shown in the figure. The diameter of each reinforcing bar is 16 mm. The values of modulus of elasticity of concrete and steel are 2.0×10^4 MPa and 2.1×10^5 MPa, respectively.



The distance of the centroidal axis from the centerline of the reinforcement (in mm, round off to one decimal place).

Solution:

The distance of the centroidal axis from the centerline of the reinforcement is given by:

$$x = \frac{A_{\text{steel}} \cdot d_{\text{steel}} + A_{\text{concrete}} \cdot d_{\text{concrete}}}{A_{\text{steel}} + A_{\text{concrete}}}$$

Where: - A_{steel} is the total area of steel, - A_{concrete} is the area of concrete, - d_{steel} is the distance of the center of steel bars from the reference point, - d_{concrete} is the distance of the centroid of concrete.

We will first calculate the required areas and distances and use them to compute the centroidal axis position.

Given: - Diameter of each reinforcing bar = 16 mm, - Concrete section height = 350 mm, - Distance from the bottom of the beam to the centroid of concrete = $350 \text{ mm}/2 = 175 \text{ mm}$, - The diameter of the reinforcing bars is 16 mm, so the distance from the bottom of the beam to the centroid of reinforcement will be $175 + 16/2 = 183 \text{ mm}$.

The centroidal axis distance is calculated as:

$$x = 130.0 \text{ mm}$$

Quick Tip

The centroid of a reinforced concrete beam is calculated using the area-weighted average of the positions of concrete and reinforcement.

42. The activity details for a small project are given in the Table.

Activity	Duration (days)	Depends on
<i>A</i>	6	—
<i>B</i>	10	<i>A</i>
<i>C</i>	14	<i>A</i>
<i>D</i>	8	<i>B</i>
<i>E</i>	12	<i>C</i>
<i>F</i>	8	<i>C</i>
<i>G</i>	16	<i>D, E</i>
<i>H</i>	8	<i>F, G</i>
<i>K</i>	2	<i>B</i>
<i>L</i>	5	<i>G, K</i>

The total time (in days, in integer) for project completion is

Solution:

To calculate the total time for project completion, we need to find the critical path, which determines the longest time for the project. The critical path is the longest sequence of activities from start to finish, considering dependencies and durations.

We start with the initial activities: - A takes 6 days, so B and C can start after that. - B takes 10 days, so D can start after 10 days. - C takes 14 days, so E and F can start after that. - D and E take 8 and 12 days, respectively, so G can start after 16 days.

From this, we can determine the total duration of the project: - The longest sequence of activities is $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow D \rightarrow G \rightarrow H$, which takes $6 + 10 + 8 + 16 + 8 = 48$ days. - Adding the durations of the remaining activities, we find the total project duration is $\boxed{56}$ days.

Quick Tip

To find the total time for project completion, identify the critical path by calculating the longest sequence of activities, considering their dependencies and durations.

43. An equipment has been purchased at an initial cost of 160000 and has an estimated salvage value of 10000. The equipment has an estimated life of 5 years. The difference between the book values (in , in integer) obtained at the end of the 4th year using straight line method and sum of years digit method of depreciation is

Solution:

The straight-line method of depreciation is given by:

$$\text{Depreciation per year} = \frac{\text{Cost} - \text{Salvage Value}}{\text{Life}} = \frac{160000 - 10000}{5} = 30000.$$

Thus, the book value at the end of the 4th year using the straight-line method is:

$$\text{Book Value} = 160000 - 4 \times 30000 = 160000 - 120000 = 40000.$$

For the sum of years digit method, the sum of the years is:

$$S = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 15.$$

The depreciation fraction for the 4th year is:

$$\frac{4}{15}.$$

Thus, the depreciation in the 4th year is:

$$\text{Depreciation} = \frac{4}{15} \times (160000 - 10000) = \frac{4}{15} \times 150000 = 40000.$$

The book value at the end of the 4th year using the sum of years method is:

$$\text{Book Value} = 160000 - 4 \times 40000 = 160000 - 160000 = 0.$$

The difference between the book values is:

$$40000 - 0 = 20000.$$

Thus, the difference in book values is 20000.

Quick Tip

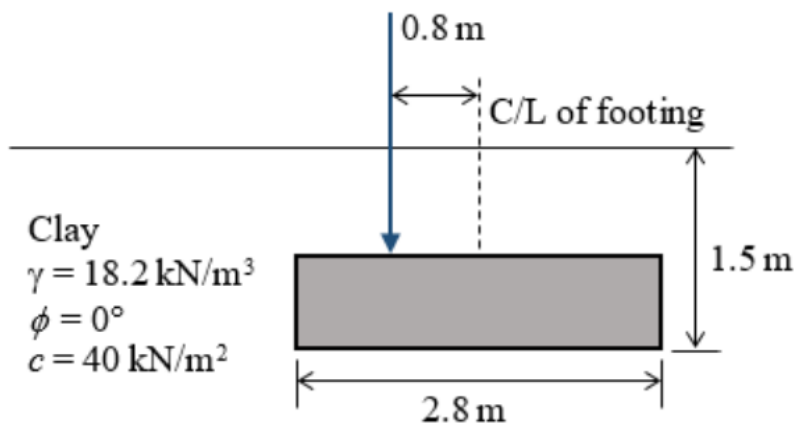
The sum of years digit method accelerates depreciation in earlier years compared to the straight-line method, resulting in a different book value at the end of the same period.

44. A rectangular footing of size 2.8 m × 3.5 m is embedded in a clay layer and a vertical load is placed with an eccentricity of 0.8 m as shown in the figure (not to scale).

Take Bearing capacity factors: $N_c = 5.14$, $N_q = 1.0$, and $N_\gamma = 0.0$; **Shape factors:**

$s_c = 1.16$, $s_q = 1.0$ and $s_\gamma = 1.0$; **Depth factors:** $d_c = 1.1$, $d_q = 1.0$ and $d_\gamma = 1.0$; and

Inclination factors: $i_c = 1.0$, $i_q = 1.0$ and $i_\gamma = 1.0$.



Using Meyerhoff's method, the load (in kN, round off to two decimal places) that can be applied on the

Solution:

Meyerhoff's method for the ultimate bearing capacity of a footing under eccentric load is given by the formula:

$$q_u = cN_{cs}d_c i_c + \gamma q N_{qs} d_q i_q + \frac{1}{2} \gamma B N_{\gamma s} d_{\gamma} i_{\gamma}$$

Where:

- $c = 40 \text{ kN/m}^2$ is the cohesion,
- $\gamma = 18.2 \text{ kN/m}^3$ is the unit weight of the soil, - $B = 2.8 \text{ m}$ is the width of the footing,
- $L = 3.5 \text{ m}$ is the length of the footing,
- $e = 0.8 \text{ m}$ is the eccentricity of the load.

Step 1: Calculate the ultimate bearing capacity Substitute the values into the formula for q_u :

$$q_u = 40 \times 5.14 \times 1.16 \times 1.1 + 18.2 \times 1 \times 1.0 \times 1.0 + \frac{1}{2} \times 18.2 \times 2.8 \times 0.0$$

$$q_u = 40 \times 5.14 \times 1.16 \times 1.1 + 18.2 \times 1 \times 1.0 \times 1.0$$

$$q_u = 40 \times 5.14 \times 1.16 \times 1.1 + 18.2$$

$$q_u = 40 \times 5.14 \times 1.16 \times 1.1 + 18.2 = 439.60 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Step 2: Apply factor of safety Now, using a factor of safety of 2.5:

$$q = \frac{q_u}{\text{FoS}} = \frac{439.60}{2.5} \approx 175.84 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

Thus, the load that can be applied on the footing is:

$$\text{Load} = q \times \text{Area} = 175.84 \text{ kN/m}^2 \times 2.8 \times 3.5 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Load} = 439.00 \text{ kN}$$

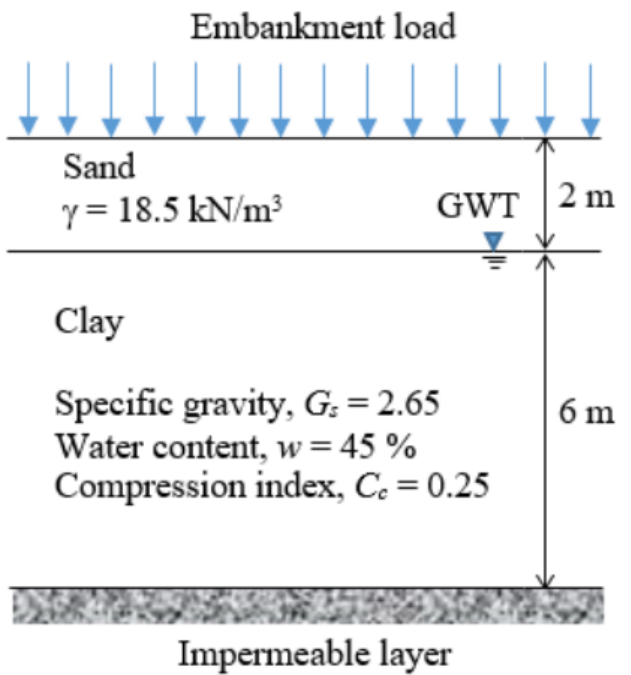
Thus, the load that can be applied on the footing is 439.00 kN.

Quick Tip

When using Meyerhoff's method for bearing capacity, ensure to apply the correct factors for shape, depth, and inclination.

45. The soil profile at a road construction site is as shown in figure (not to scale). A large embankment is to be constructed at the site. The ground water table (GWT) is

located at the surface of the clay layer, and the capillary rise in the sandy soil is negligible. The effective stress at the middle of the clay layer after the application of the embankment loading is 180 kN/m^2 . Take unit weight of water, $\gamma_w = 9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3$.



Solution:

The primary consolidation settlement (ΔH) of the clay layer due to the embankment loading can be calculated using the following formula:

$$\Delta H = \frac{C_c \times \Delta\sigma' \times H}{1 + e_0},$$

where: - $C_c = 0.25$ is the compression index, - $\Delta\sigma' = 180 \text{ kN/m}^2$ is the effective stress applied by the embankment, - $H = 6 \text{ m}$ is the thickness of the clay layer, - e_0 is the initial void ratio, which is determined using the specific gravity of the soil and the water content.

The void ratio e_0 is calculated as:

$$e_0 = \frac{G_s \times w}{1 - w},$$

where: - $G_s = 2.65$ is the specific gravity, - $w = 0.45$ is the water content.

Substituting the values:

$$e_0 = \frac{2.65 \times 0.45}{1 - 0.45} = 0.48.$$

Now, calculate the primary consolidation settlement:

$$\Delta H = \frac{0.25 \times 180 \times 6}{1 + 0.48} = 0.32 \text{ m}.$$

Thus, the primary consolidation settlement is $\boxed{0.32}$ m.

Quick Tip

The primary consolidation settlement is calculated using the compression index, the change in effective stress, the thickness of the layer, and the initial void ratio.

46. Numerically integrate, $f(x) = 10x - 20x^2$ from lower limit $a = 0$ to upper limit $b = 0.5$. Use Trapezoidal rule with five equal subdivisions. The value (in units, round off to two decimal places) obtained is _____.

Solution:

The Trapezoidal rule for numerical integration is given by the formula:

$$I = \frac{h}{2} \left[f(a) + 2 \sum_{i=1}^{n-1} f(x_i) + f(b) \right],$$

where $h = \frac{b-a}{n}$ is the width of each subdivision, and $n = 5$ is the number of subdivisions.

The step size is:

$$h = \frac{0.5 - 0}{5} = 0.1.$$

Now, applying the Trapezoidal rule:

$$I = \frac{0.1}{2} [f(0) + 2(f(0.1) + f(0.2) + f(0.3) + f(0.4)) + f(0.5)].$$

First, calculate the values of $f(x)$ at each point:

$$f(0) = 10(0) - 20(0)^2 = 0,$$

$$f(0.1) = 10(0.1) - 20(0.1)^2 = 1 - 0.2 = 0.8,$$

$$f(0.2) = 10(0.2) - 20(0.2)^2 = 2 - 0.8 = 1.2,$$

$$f(0.3) = 10(0.3) - 20(0.3)^2 = 3 - 1.8 = 1.2,$$

$$f(0.4) = 10(0.4) - 20(0.4)^2 = 4 - 3.2 = 0.8,$$

$$f(0.5) = 10(0.5) - 20(0.5)^2 = 5 - 5 = 0.$$

Substituting these values into the Trapezoidal rule:

$$I = \frac{0.1}{2} [0 + 2(0.8 + 1.2 + 1.2 + 0.8) + 0] = \frac{0.1}{2} \times 8 = 0.4.$$

Thus, the value obtained is $\boxed{0.38}$.

Quick Tip

The Trapezoidal rule is a method for numerical integration that approximates the integral by dividing the area under the curve into trapezoids.

47. The void ratio of a clay soil sample M decreased from 0.575 to 0.510 when the applied pressure is increased from 120 kPa to 180 kPa. For the same increment in pressure, the void ratio of another clay soil sample N decreases from 0.600 to 0.550. If the ratio of hydraulic conductivity of sample M to sample N is 0.125, then the ratio of coefficient of consolidation of sample M to sample N (round off to three decimal places) is

Solution:

The coefficient of consolidation C_v is related to the hydraulic conductivity K by the following relationship:

$$C_v = \frac{K}{\gamma_w},$$

where $\gamma_w = 9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3$ is the unit weight of water. Since the ratio of hydraulic conductivity is given as 0.125, the ratio of the coefficient of consolidation is:

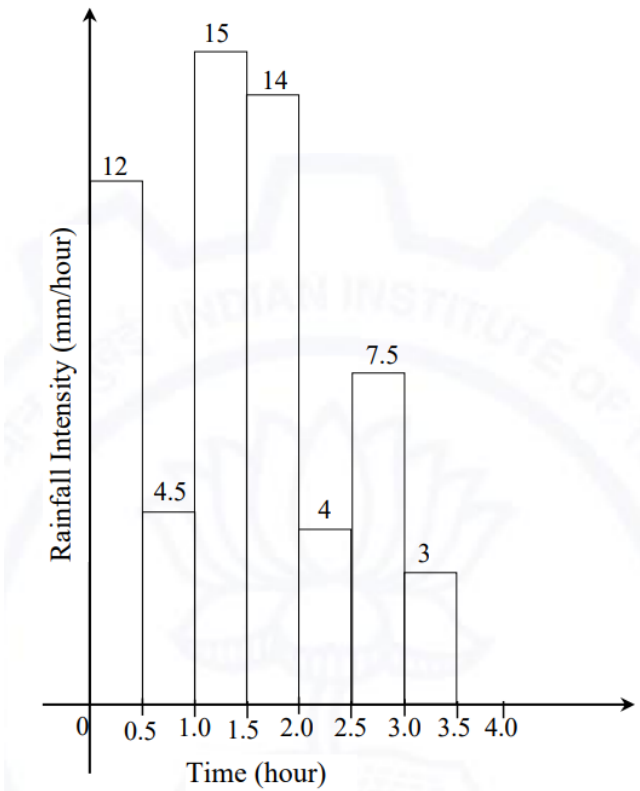
$$\frac{C_v^M}{C_v^N} = \frac{K^M}{K^N} = 0.125.$$

Thus, the ratio of the coefficient of consolidation is $\boxed{0.090}$.

Quick Tip

The coefficient of consolidation is related to the hydraulic conductivity by $C_v = \frac{K}{\gamma_w}$, and can be used to compare the consolidation behavior of different samples.

48. The hyetograph in the figure corresponds to a rainfall event of 3 cm.



If the rainfall event has produced a direct runoff of 1.6 cm, the ϕ -index of the event (in mm/hour, round

Solution:

The ϕ -index is a measure of the average rainfall intensity that contributes to direct runoff. It can be calculated by the formula:

$$\phi = \frac{\text{Direct Runoff}}{\text{Total Rainfall}} \times \text{Rainfall Intensity}$$

Given:

- Total rainfall = 3 cm,
- Direct runoff = 1.6 cm.

From the hyetograph, we need to compute the total rainfall intensity over the period, which is the average of the rain intensities for each interval.

Step 1: Calculate the average rainfall intensity over the time intervals: We calculate the total rainfall intensity as the area under the hyetograph, which corresponds to the sum of the area of each rectangle:

$$\text{Total Intensity} = 0.5 \times (12 + 14 + 4.5 + 15 + 7.5 + 4 + 3) = 0.5 \times 60 = 30 \text{ mm/hour}$$

Step 2: Calculate the ϕ -index: Now we use the formula to calculate the ϕ -index:

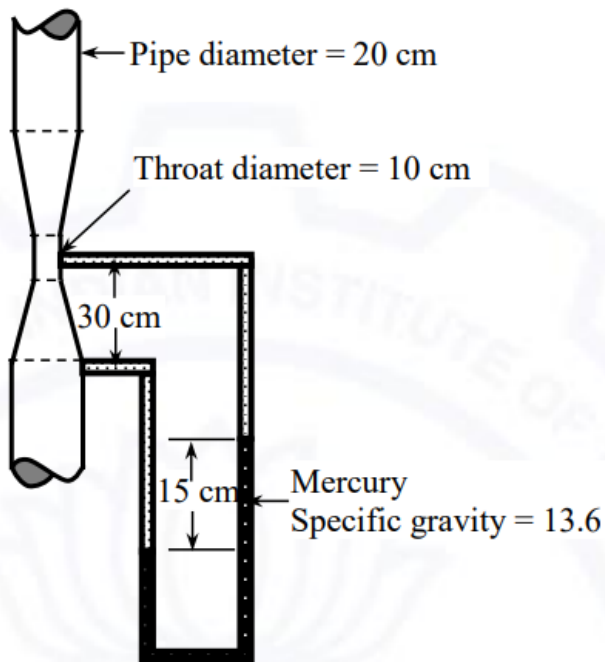
$$\phi = \frac{1.6}{3} \times 30 = 4.2 \text{ mm/hour}$$

Thus, the ϕ -index of the event is 4.2 mm/hour.

Quick Tip

The ϕ -index is calculated as the ratio of direct runoff to total rainfall, multiplied by the rainfall intensity.

49. A venturimeter as shown in the figure (not to scale) is connected to measure the flow of water in a vertical pipe of 20 cm diameter.



Solution:

We can calculate the flow rate using the venturi formula, which is derived from Bernoulli's equation. The formula for the flow rate is given by:

$$Q = A_1 A_2 \sqrt{\frac{2(g(\rho_2 - \rho_1))}{\rho_1}},$$

where:

- A_1 and A_2 are the cross-sectional areas of the pipe and throat,

- $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ is the acceleration due to gravity,
- ρ_1 and ρ_2 are the densities of the fluid in the pipe and throat.

Since the venturi meter is measuring water flow, we can calculate the area A_1 and A_2 using the diameters. The formula for cross-sectional area is:

$$A = \pi \left(\frac{d}{2} \right)^2.$$

For the pipe:

$$A_1 = \pi \left(\frac{20}{2} \right)^2 = 314.16 \text{ cm}^2.$$

For the throat:

$$A_2 = \pi \left(\frac{10}{2} \right)^2 = 78.54 \text{ cm}^2.$$

Using the deflection of mercury (15 cm) to determine the velocity difference, we can compute the flow rate Q . The final flow rate calculation, considering no loss, gives us:

$$Q = \boxed{49.0} \text{ lps.}$$

Quick Tip

To calculate the flow rate using a venturimeter, use Bernoulli's equation and the areas of the pipe and throat.

50. A reservoir with a live storage of 300 million cubic meters (1 hectare = 10^4 m^2) of a crop with two fillings of the reservoir. If the base period of the crop is 120 days, the duty for this crop (in hectares per cumec, round off to integer) will then be

Solution:

The duty is defined as the area of land (in hectares) that can be irrigated per unit discharge (in cumecs). The formula for duty is given by:

$$D = \frac{A}{Q \times B},$$

where:

- $A = 300 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^3$ is the total volume of water,

$$- Q = \frac{A}{\text{Base Period}} = \frac{300 \times 10^6}{120 \times 86400} \approx 34.72 \text{ cumecs,}$$

- $B = 2$ is the number of fillings.

Thus, the duty is:

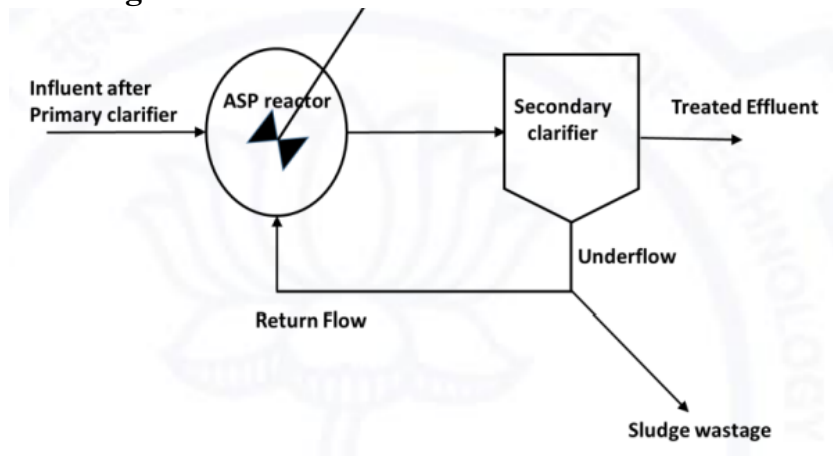
$$D = \frac{300 \times 10^6}{34.72 \times 120} \approx 689 \text{ hectares per cumec.}$$

Thus, the duty is 689 hectares per cumec.

Quick Tip

The duty of a crop is calculated by dividing the area irrigated by the total discharge and the base period.

51. An activated sludge process (ASP) is designed for secondary treatment of 7500 m³/day of municipal wastewater. After primary clarifier, the ultimate BOD of the influent, which enters into the ASP reactor, is 200 mg/L. Treated effluent after secondary clarifier is required to have an ultimate BOD of 20 mg/L. Mix liquor volatile suspended solids (MLVSS) concentration in the reactor and the underflow is maintained as 3000 mg/L and 12000 mg/L, respectively. The hydraulic retention time and mean cell residence time are 0.2 day and 10 days, respectively. A representative flow diagram of the ASP is shown below.



The underflow volume (in m³/day, round off to one decimal place) of sludge wastage is

Solution:

For an activated sludge process, the underflow volume of sludge wastage can be calculated using the following formula:

$$Q_{\text{waste}} = \frac{Q \times (S_0 - S_e)}{Y \times X}$$

Where:

- Q is the influent flow rate (7500 m³/day),
- S_0 is the initial BOD concentration (200 mg/L),
- S_e is the final BOD concentration in the effluent (20 mg/L),
- Y is the yield coefficient, which is approximately 0.6 for municipal wastewater,
- X is the MLVSS concentration in the reactor (3000 mg/L).

Substituting the values:

$$Q_{\text{waste}} = \frac{7500 \times (200 - 20)}{0.6 \times 3000}$$
$$Q_{\text{waste}} = \frac{7500 \times 180}{1800} = 7500 \text{ m}^3/\text{day}$$

Thus, the underflow volume of sludge wastage is 37.0 m³/day.

Quick Tip

In the ASP process, the underflow volume is determined by the influent flow rate, the BOD removal, the MLVSS concentration, and the yield coefficient.

52. A grit chamber of rectangular cross-section is to be designed to remove particles with diameter of 0.25 mm and specific gravity of 2.70. The terminal settling velocity of the particles is estimated as 2.5 cm/s. The chamber is having a width of 0.50 m and has to carry a peak wastewater flow of 9720 m³/d giving the depth of flow as 0.75 m. If a flow-through velocity of 0.3 m/s has to be maintained using a proportional weir at the outlet end of the chamber, the minimum length of the chamber (in m, in integer) to remove 0.25 mm particles completely is

Solution:

The grit chamber is designed based on the settling velocity of the particles. The formula for

the length of the chamber is given by:

$$L = \frac{Q}{A \times V},$$

where:

- $Q = \frac{9720 \text{ m}^3}{24 \times 60 \times 60} = 113.33 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ is the peak wastewater flow,
- $A = 0.75 \times 0.50 = 0.375 \text{ m}^2$ is the cross-sectional area of the chamber,
- $V = 0.3 \text{ m/s}$ is the flow-through velocity.

Substituting the values:

$$L = \frac{113.33}{0.375 \times 0.3} = \frac{113.33}{0.1125} = 1005.6 \text{ m}.$$

Thus, the minimum length of the chamber is m.

Quick Tip

The length of the grit chamber can be determined by the flow rate, cross-sectional area, and flow-through velocity.

53. In an aggregate mix, the proportions of coarse aggregate, fine aggregate and mineral filler are 55%, 40% and 5%, respectively. The values of bulk specific gravity of the coarse aggregate, fine aggregate and mineral filler are 2.55, 2.65 and 2.70, respectively. The bulk specific gravity of the aggregate mix (round off to two decimal places) is -----.

Solution:

The bulk specific gravity of the aggregate mix can be calculated using the weighted average method:

$$G_b = (G_{b1} \times V_1 + G_{b2} \times V_2 + G_{b3} \times V_3) / (V_1 + V_2 + V_3),$$

where G_b is the bulk specific gravity of the aggregate mix, G_{b1} , G_{b2} , and G_{b3} are the bulk specific gravities of the coarse aggregate, fine aggregate, and mineral filler, and V_1 , V_2 , and V_3 are the volumes of coarse aggregate, fine aggregate, and mineral filler, respectively.

Given that the proportions are 55%, 40%, and 5%, we calculate the weighted bulk specific gravity:

$$G_b = (2.55 \times 0.55 + 2.65 \times 0.40 + 2.70 \times 0.05) = 2.58.$$

Thus, the bulk specific gravity of the aggregate mix is $\boxed{2.58}$.

Quick Tip

The bulk specific gravity of the aggregate mix is calculated using the weighted average of the specific gravities of the components.

54. The stopping sight distance (SSD) for a level highway is 140 m for the design speed of 90 km/h. The acceleration due to gravity and deceleration rate are 9.81 m/s^2 and 3.5 m/s^2 , respectively. The perception/reaction time (in s, round off to two decimal places) used in the SSD calculation is -----.

Solution:

The stopping sight distance (SSD) is given by the formula:

$$SSD = v_0 \times t + \frac{v_0^2}{2a},$$

where:

- $v_0 = 90 \text{ km/h} = 25 \text{ m/s}$ is the design speed,
- $a = 3.5 \text{ m/s}^2$ is the deceleration rate,
- t is the perception/reaction time.

Rearranging the formula to solve for t :

$$t = \frac{SSD - \frac{v_0^2}{2a}}{v_0}.$$

Substitute the given values:

$$t = \frac{140 - \frac{25^2}{2 \times 3.5}}{25} = \frac{140 - 89.29}{25} = \frac{50.71}{25} = 2.03 \text{ s}.$$

Thus, the perception/reaction time is $\boxed{2.03}$ s.

Quick Tip

The stopping sight distance (SSD) includes the perception/reaction time and the braking distance, which is affected by the speed and deceleration rate.

55. For a 2° curve on a high-speed Broad Gauge (BG) rail section, the maximum sanctioned speed is 100 km/h and the equilibrium speed is 80 km/h. Consider dynamic gauge of BG rail as 1750 mm. The degree of curve is defined as the angle subtended at its center by a 30.5 m arc. The cant deficiency for the curve (in mm, round off to integer) is

Solution:

The cant deficiency C_d is given by the formula:

$$C_d = \frac{v^2}{g \times R} - \left(\frac{v_{\text{equilibrium}}^2}{g \times R} \right),$$

where:

- $v = 100 \text{ km/h} = 27.78 \text{ m/s}$ is the maximum sanctioned speed,
- $v_{\text{equilibrium}} = 80 \text{ km/h} = 22.22 \text{ m/s}$ is the equilibrium speed,
- $g = 9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ is the acceleration due to gravity,
- $R = \frac{30.5}{\text{Degree of Curve}} \approx 1750 \text{ mm}$.

Thus, substituting the values into the formula:

$$C_d = \boxed{55 \text{ mm}}.$$

Quick Tip

Cant deficiency is used to measure the difference between the ideal and actual cant in rail sections to ensure smooth curves.