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**Question Paper Code: U2601**

M.E. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOV 2024

Second Semester

Civil Engineering

21PSE201 - FINITE ELEMENT ANALYSIS FOR STRUCTURAL ENGINEERING

(Regulation 2021)

Duration: Three hours

Maximum: 100 Marks

Answer ALL Questions

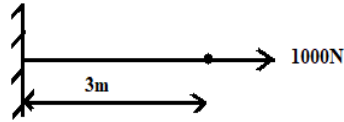
PART A - (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

1. What is structural problem? CO1- U
2. What is the basic of finite element method? CO1- U
3. Define shape function. CO1- U
4. How do you calculate the size of the global stiffness matrix?. CO1- U
5. Define boundary value problem. CO1- U
6. What is meant by discretization and assemblage? CO1- U
7. How do you calculate the size of the global stiffness matrix?. CO1- U
8. Write down the expression of stiffness matrix for one dimensional bar element. CO1- U
9. What meant by plane stress analysis? CO1- U
10. Define boundary value problem. CO1- U

PART B - (5 x 16 = 80 Marks)

11. (a) A uniform column is hinged at the both ends is subjected to compressive load P at both the ends. Find out the critical load using Rayleigh's Ritz method. Take  $y = \frac{4 h_x(l-x)}{l^2}$  CO3-App (16)
- Or
- (b) Explain the general steps of the Finite Element Analysis in detail. CO1-U (16)

12. (a) Derive the equation for natural co-ordinates in two dimension CO1- U (16)  
 Or  
 (b) Calculate the nodal displacement for the following cantilever load CO3- App (16)  
 $A = 0.9\text{m}^2$ ,  $E = 3 \times 10^{10}$



13. (a) Explain any two applications of thermal analysis by finite element method CO1- U (16)  
 Or  
 (b) Write the step by step procedure of solving a torsion problem by finite element method. CO1- U (16)
14. (a) Explain the one dimensional heat conduction equation CO1- U (16)  
 Or  
 (b) Explain any two FEM software with its application, capabilities and limitations. CO1- U (16)
15. (a) Define shape function and polynomial shape function. CO1- U (16)  
 Or  
 (b) Construct a shape function for three nodal axial elements CO3- App (16)  

$$N = a_0 + a_1r + a_2r^2$$