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Fifth Semester

Civil Engineering

R21UCE502 FOUNDATION ENGINEERING

(Regulations R2021)

Duration: Three hours

Maximum: 100 Marks

Answer ALL Questions

PART A - (5 x 1 = 5Marks)

1. The cone test is very useful in CO1- U
(a) Cohesion-Less Soils (b) Cohesive Soils (c) Clays (d) Silty Clay
2. When a footing fails due to insufficient bearing capacity, distinct failure patterns CO1- U
are developed depending upon
(a) Failure mechanism (b) Plastic equilibrium
(c) Shear strength (d) All of the mentioned
3. The allowable load for the pile is given by _____ equation CO1- U
(a) $Q_a = Q_{up} / F$ (b) $Q_a = Q_{up} \times F$
(c) $Q_a = WH / F(S+C)$ (d) $Q_a = WH / 6(S+2.5)$
4. The flow value is given by CO1 U
(a) $N_\phi = \cot^2(45^\circ + \phi/2)$ (b) $N_\phi = \cos^2(45^\circ + \phi/2)$
(c) $N_\phi = \tan^2(45^\circ + \phi/2)$ (d) $N_\phi = \sin^2(45^\circ + \phi/2)$
5. _____ forms the most common type of deep foundation for bridges CO1 U
(a) Pile foundation (b) Well foundation (c) Shallow foundation (d) Pier foundation

PART – B (5 x 3= 15 Marks)

6. Interpret limitations of static Cone penetration test CO1 U
7. Differentiate ultimate bearing capacity and allowable bearing capacity. CO1 U
8. Define negative skin friction. CO1 U

9. write any two assumptions in coulomb's wedge theory CO1 U
10. List the conditions of providing foundation for transmission tower. CO1- U

PART – C (5 x 16= 80 Marks)

11. (a) How does a bore log help in determining the suitability of soil for foundation design? CO1- U (16)
- OR
- (b) Describe the salient features of a good sub-soil investigation report? CO1- U (16)
12. (a) A strip footing, 2.5 m wide at its base located at a depth of 0.6 m below the ground surface. The properties of the foundation soil are : $\gamma = 19 \text{ kN / m}^3$, $C' = 35 \text{ kN/ m}^2$, $\phi = 20^\circ$, $N_c = 11.8$, $N_q = 3.9$, $N_\gamma = 1.7$, CO2- App (16)
- i) Determine the Safe bearing capacity, using a factor of safety of 3. Use Terzaghi's analysis. Assume that the soil fails by local shear.
- ii) If the water table is located at the base of the footing, determine the bearing capacity of soil, Assume unit weight of soil as equal to 20.5 kN / m^3 , Compare both the results
- OR
- (b) A rectangular footing has a size of 1.8mX3m has to transmit the load of a column at a depth of 1.5m. Calculate the safe load which the footing can carry at a factor of safety of 3 against shear failure. Use IS code Method. The soil has following Properties $n=40\%$, $G=2.67$, $w=15\%$, $C=8 \text{ KN/m}^2$, $\phi = 32.5^\circ$ CO2- App (16)
13. (a) What is meant by piles foundation? Explain the various types of pile foundation in detail CO1- U (16)
- OR
- (b) Explain in detail the procedure for pile load test to determine the load carrying capacity of pile. CO1- U (16)
14. (a) Explain with neat sketch the Rebhann's method of calculating active earth pressure.. CO1- U (16)
- OR
- (b) Explain in detail about active earth pressure of cohesive soil by Rankine's theory CO1- U (16)

15. (a) Explain about the Principles of Machine Foundation. CO1- U (16)
- OR
- (b) How are tilt and shift of well foundations prevented and minimized? CO1- U (16)

