

- (vii) The shape factors for circular footing,  $s_c$ ,  $s_q$ ,  $s_\gamma$  are respectively (IS code)
  - (a) 1.3, 1.2, 0.8
  - (b) 1.2, 1.2, 0.8
  - (c) 1.3, 1.2, 0.6
  - (d) 1.3, 1.2, 0.4.
- (viii) The best method of compaction of sand is by using a
  - (a) Sheeps- foot roller
  - (b) Vibrator
  - (c) Pneumatic-tyred roller
  - (d) Power roller.
- (ix) Consolidation
  - (a) is a function of total stress
  - (b) is a function of effective stress
  - (c) is a function of neutral stress
  - (d) does not depend upon the present stress.
- (x) Two footing, one circular and other square, are founded in a pure clay. The diameter of the circular footing is the same as the side of the square footing. The ratio of their net ultimate bearing capacities
  - (a) is unity
  - (b) is 1.3
  - (c) is 1/1.3
  - (d) cannot be determined with the provided data.

**Group - B**

- 2. (a) A stratum of clay 8 m deep, has  $w_1 = 45\%$ . the surface of clay is at 10 m below the present ground level,  $w = 40\%$  and  $G = 2.78$  for clay. Between ground surface and clay, the subsoil consists of fine sand. The ground water level is 4.5 m below ground level. The average submerged unit weight of sand is  $10.4 \text{ kN/m}^3$  and the unit weight of sand above the ground water level is  $17 \text{ kN/m}^3$ . The clay is normally consolidated. The weight of structure coming on top of the sand above the clay increases the overburden pressure on clay by  $40 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . Estimate the consolidation settlement of the building.
- (b) The time to reach 40% consolidation of two way laboratory 10 mm thick saturated clayey soil sample is 35 seconds. Determine the time required for 60% consolidation of the same soil 10 m thick on the top of a rocky surface subjected to the same loading conditions as the laboratory sample.
- (c) Write short notes on the following:
  - (i) Standard Proctor and modified Proctor test.

6 + 4 + 2 = 12

- 9. (a) What will be the factors of safety w.r.t. average shearing strength which the strength parameters obtained from the laboratory tests a  $32 \text{ kN/m}^2$ ,  $\phi = 18^\circ$ ; the expected parameters of mobilized shear resistance are  $c'_m = 21 \text{ kN/m}^2$  and  $\phi'_m = 13^\circ$  and the average effective pressure on the failure surface is  $110 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . For the same value mobilized shearing resistance determine the following: FOS w.r.t. friction when that w.r.t. cohesion is unity and FOS w.r.t. strength
- (b) It is required to make a 6m deep excavation in a stratum of soil having  $c = 26 \text{ kN/m}^2$ ,  $\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$ . A rock layer exists at a depth below the ground level. Determine the factor of safety of the slope against sliding and the distance at which the critical circle cut the ground surface away from the toe if the slope angle of  $40^\circ$ . [Given:  $S_n = 0.172$  and  $n_x = 0.172$ ]
- (c) A canal having side slopes 1:1 is proposed to be constructed in cohesive soil to a depth of 5m below ground surface. The soil properties are:  $c_u = 12 \text{ kN/m}^2$ ;  $\phi_u = 15^\circ$ ;  $e = 1.0$ ;  $G = 2.65$ . Find the FOS against failure of the bank slopes when (i) the canal is full of water and (ii) there is a sudden drawdown of water in the canal. [for  $\beta = 45^\circ$ ,  $\phi_u = 15^\circ$ ,  $N_s = 0.08$  & for  $\beta = 45^\circ$ ,  $\phi = 6.8^\circ$ ,  $N_s = 0.126$ ]
- (d) Compute the consolidation settlement for the problem shown in figure 5, by Skempton and Bjerrum method. The compressible layer of depth 16m is divided into four layers. The net pressure transmitted by the foundation is  $100 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . [Given:  $\beta = 0.8$ ].

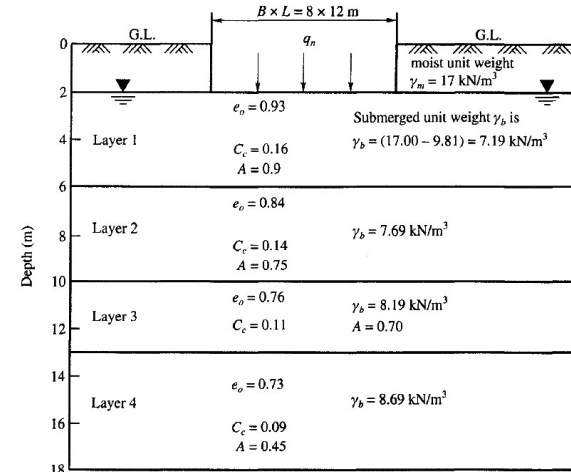


Figure 5

4 + 2 + 2 + 4

SOIL MECHANICS II  
(CIVL 3102)

Time Allotted : 3 hrs

Full Marks : 70

*Figures out of the right margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to answer Group A and any 5 (five) from Group B to E, taking at least one from each group. Candidates are required to give answer in their own words as far as practicable.*

**Group - A**  
**(Multiple Choice Type Questions)**

1. Choose the correct alternative for the following: **10 × 1 = 10**
- (i) The FOS of a slope of infinite extent having a slope angle =  $25^\circ$  and made of cohesionless soil with  $\phi = 36^\circ$  is given by  
(a) 1.558                      (b) 1.254                      (c) 0.892                      (d) 1.325.
  - (ii) The approximate maximum depth of an unsupported vertical cut that can be made in a saturated clay with  $\gamma = 19 \text{ kN/m}^3$  and an unconfined compressive strength of  $80 \text{ kN/m}^2$  is given by  
(a) 2.5m                      (b) 8.4m                      (c) 10.2m                      (d) 3.5m.
  - (iii) The predominant settlement in sand is  
(a) immediate settlement                      (b) consolidation settlement  
(c) both (a) and (b)                      (d) plastice settlement.
  - (iv) At-rest earth pressure coefficient for a soil with friction angle  $30^\circ$  is  
(a) 0.3                      (b) 0.4                      (c) 0.5                      (d) 0.6.
  - (v) Increase in compaction effort causes  
(a) increase in OMC and decrease in dry unit weight  
(b) increase in both OMC and dry unit weight  
(c) decrease in OMC and increase in dry unit weight  
(d) decrease in both OMC and dry unit weight.
  - (vi) A clay deposits suffers a total settlement of 5 cm with one-way drainage. With two-way drainage, total settlement will be  
(a) 10 cm                      (b) 2.5 cm                      (c) 20 cm                      (d) 5 cm.

**Group – E**

8. (a) A footing 4m × 2m in plan transmits a pressure of 150 kN/m<sup>2</sup> on a cohesive soil having modulus of elasticity as 6 × 10<sup>4</sup> kN/m<sup>2</sup> and Poisson's ratio as 0.5. Determine the immediate settlement of the footing at the centre assuming it to be (i) flexible, (ii) rigid and (iii) using the rigidity factor as recommended by IS code for case (i). [Given:  $I_f = 1.53$  and 1.20 for flexible and rigid footings, respectively]. Take depth correction factor as 1.0.
- (b) What are the different types of settlement?
- (c) Determine by Culmann's method the critical height of an embankment having a slope angle of 40° and the constructed soil having  $c' = 30.2$  kN/m<sup>2</sup>,  $\phi' = 20^\circ$ , and effective unit weight = 18 kN/m<sup>3</sup>. Find the allowable height of the embankment if  $F_c = F_\phi = 1.25$ .
- (d) As shown in figure 4, the cross-section of a cutting in a homogeneous, saturated clay soil inclined at a slope of 2(H):1(V), with a height of 8 m. Bulk unit weight of the soil is 18 kN/m<sup>3</sup> and undrained unit cohesion is 27 kN/m<sup>2</sup> ( $\phi_u = 0$ ). Determine the factor of safety against immediate shear failure along the slip circle as shown in the figure 4 under the following conditions (i) ignoring tension crack, (ii) allowing for the tension crack but without water and (iii) allowing for the tension crack filled with water. [Given: Area of the sliding mass and its centroid distance from O are 108.5m<sup>2</sup> and 3.6 m, respectively, when the arc length is AD].

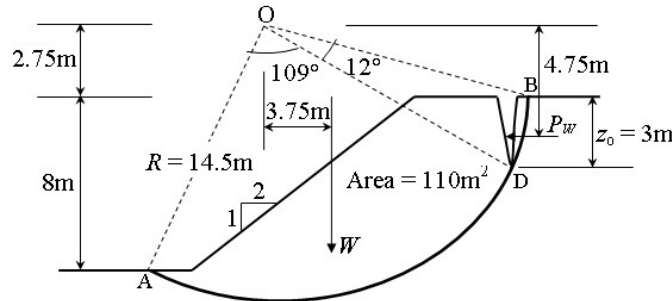


Figure 4

- (e) Briefly describe different types of failure in slope stability analysis.  
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3. (a) Following are the results of a compaction test:

No. of test	1	2	3	4	5	6
Weight of the mould + wet soil (kg)	3.526	3.711	3.797	3.906	3.924	3.924
Water content (%)	8.33	10.40	12.23	16.20	17.92	21.00

The mould is 12.7 cm high and has an internal diameter of 10 cm. The weight of the empty mould is 1.89 kg.

Specific gravity of solids = 2.68.

- (i) Plot the compaction curve showing the optimum moisture content and maximum dry density.  
 (ii) Plot the zero air voids line and 10% air void curve.

- (b) Write short notes on:  
 Determination of coefficient of consolidation (any one method)

7 + 5 = 12

**Group – C**

4. (a) A retaining wall with a smooth vertical backface has to retain a backfill upto a height of 4.5m. A uniform surcharge of 5 t/m<sup>2</sup> is placed over the backfill. The water table is located at 2m below the ground surface. The backfill properties are :  $\phi = 30^\circ$ ,  $e = 0.82$ ,  $G = 2.68$ . The soil above the water table has a degree of saturation of 10%. Determine the magnitude and point of application (above the base of the wall) of the resultant active thrust on the wall.
- (b) A retaining wall with a smooth vertical backface has to retain a backfill of  $c - \phi$  soil upto a height of 5m. The surface of the backfill ( $\gamma = 1.8$  t/m<sup>3</sup> and  $\phi = 12^\circ$ ) is horizontal. (i) Determine the depth of the maximum tension cracks, (ii) Plot the distribution of active earth pressure on the wall, (iii) Determine the magnitude and point of application of the resultant active thrust on the wall, (iv) Determine the intensity of the fictitious uniform surcharge, which, if placed over the backfill, will prevent the formation of tension cracks, (v) Compute the resultant active thrust on the wall after placing the surcharge.
- (c) A rigid retaining wall of 6m height has two layers of backfill. The top layer to a depth of 1.5m is sandy clay having  $c = 12.15$  kN/m<sup>2</sup>,  $\phi = 12^\circ$  and  $\gamma = 16.4$  kN/m<sup>3</sup>. The bottom layer is sand having  $c = 0$ ,  $\phi = 30^\circ$  and  $\gamma = 17.25$  kN/m<sup>3</sup>. Determine the total active thrust acting on the wall and its location above the base of the wall.

4 + 5 + 3 = 12

5. (a) A retaining wall of 4.5m height has to retain a stratified backfill as shown in figure 1. Determine the magnitude of total active thrust on the wall and locate its point of application above the base of the wall.

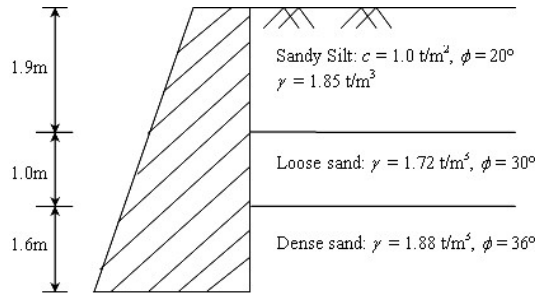


Figure 1

- (b) A section of a cantilever wall with dimensions is shown in figure 2. Check the stability of the wall with respect to overturning, sliding and bearing capacity if the ultimate bearing capacity of the foundation soil is 600 kN/m<sup>2</sup>. [Given: angle of friction ( $\delta$ ) and adhesion ( $c_a$ ) between base slab and foundation soil are 25° and 33 kN/m<sup>2</sup>, respectively].

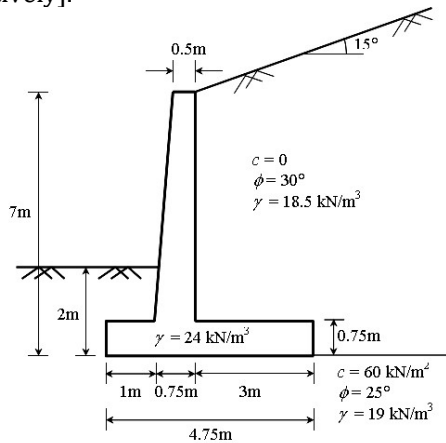


Figure 2

5 + 7 = 12

**Group - D**

6. (a) Write down the assumptions made by Terzaghi for computing ultimate bearing capacity of soil below footing.

- (b) A strip footing 2 m wide carries a load intensity of 400 kN/m depth of 1.2 m in sand. The saturated unit weight of sand is 19 kN/m<sup>3</sup> and unit weight above water table is 16.8 kN/m<sup>3</sup>. The strength parameters are  $c = 0$ ,  $\phi = 35^\circ$ . Determine the factor of with respect to shear failure for the following cases of locat water table:

- (i) Water table is 4 m below G.L.
- (ii) Water table is 1.2 m below G.L.
- (iii) Water table is 2.5 m below G.L.
- (iv) Water table is 0.5 m below G.L.
- (v) Water table is at G.L. itself. Use Terzaghi equations.

(2) + (5 × 2)

7. (a) A water tank foundation has a footing of size 6 m × 8 m, founde depth of 3 m below ground level in a medium dense sand strat great depth. The saturated unit weight of the soil is 20 kN/n unit weight above water table is 18 kN/m<sup>3</sup>. The foundat subjected to a vertical load at an eccentricity of B/10 along c the axes. Figure 3 gives the soil profile with the remaining Estimate the ultimate load,  $Q_{ult}$ , IS method. Consider general failure. For  $\phi = 35^\circ$ ,  $N_c = 46.12$ ,  $N_q = 33.30$  and  $N_\gamma = 48.03$ . factors are:  $s_c = s_q = 1 + 0.2(B/L)$ ,  $s_\gamma = 1 - 0.4(B/L)$  and depth facto  $1 + 0.2 \times \sqrt{N_\phi} \times (D_f/B)$ ,  $d_q = d_\gamma = 1 + 0.1 \times \sqrt{N_\phi} \times (D_f/B)$  where,  $N_\phi$  (45+ $\phi/2$ ) and inclination factor,  $i_q = (1 - \alpha/90)^2$  and  $i_\gamma = (1 - \alpha/\phi)$

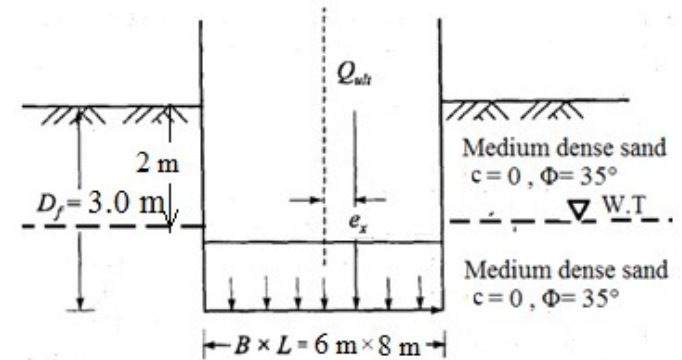


Figure 3

- (b) Explain with neat sketches, the different modes of failure i under a foundation load.

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