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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:**  
**DIPLOMA IN BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING**

**EBC 2208 : STRENGTH OF MATERIALS II**

**END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**SERIES: DECEMBER 2016**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DATE: 22 Dec 2016**

**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

- Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID*
- Drawing instruments.*

This paper consists of five questions.

Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

**Do not write on the question paper.**

### Question One (Compulsory)

- State the assumptions made in the theory of simple bending **(5 marks)**
- Discuss the major modes of retaining walls failure **(6 marks)**
- State the major assumptions made in Rankine earth's pressure theory. **(5 marks)**
- A simply supported timber beam of rectangular section is to support a load of 30kN uniformly distributed over a span of 3.5 metres. If the depth of the section is to be twice the breadth and the stress in timber is not to exceed  $7\text{N/mm}^2$ . find the dimensions of the beam cross-section. **(6 marks)**
- A beam of length 1.3M and cross sectional dimensions 150mm wide by 250mm deep is simply supported and carries a point load  $W$  at mid-span. The permissible stresses are  $7\text{N/mm}^2$  in bending and  $1\text{N/mm}^2$  in shearing. Calculate the safe load that the beam can carry. **(8 marks)**

### Question Two

- Derive the equation for horizontal shear stress in rectangular beams and show that the maximum shear stress in rectangular beams equals 1.5 the average shear stress **(8 marks)**
- The shear force acting on a section of a beam with a T cross-section dimensions  $100\text{mm} \times 100\text{mm} \times 20\text{mm}$  is 50kN.
  - Calculate the maximum horizontal shear stress induced in the beam.
  - Calculate the shear stress at the junction of the web and flange **(12 marks)**

### Question Three

- An iron pipe of external diameter 50mm and internal diameter 30mm is 5 metres long, simply supported and carries a point load of 60kN at midspan. If the self-weight of the pipe is  $2\text{kN/m}$  determine the maximum stress induced in the iron pipe. **(8 marks)**
- A beam of length 6 metres and a cross-section as shown in Figure Q3 below is subjected to a uniformly distributed load of 5 KN/m (including its self-weight). Determine the maximum tensile and compressive strength. **(12marks)**

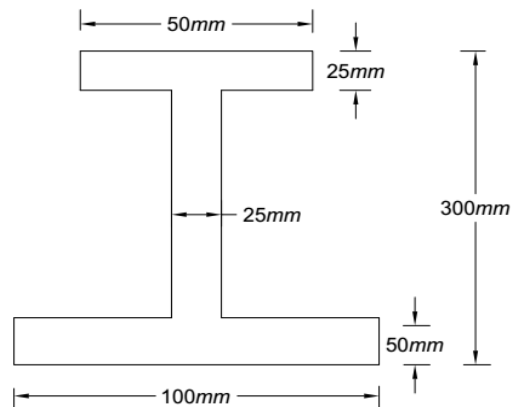


Figure Q3

### Question Four

Figure Q4 shows a retaining wall of density  $2500 \text{ Kg/M}^3$  which supports a cohesionless soil of density  $1900 \text{ Kg/M}^3$  and angle of shearing resistance of  $28^\circ$ .

Examine the stability conditions of the wall with regards to

- i. Tension in joints
- ii. Ground bearing pressure
- iii. Factor of safety against overturning

(20marks)

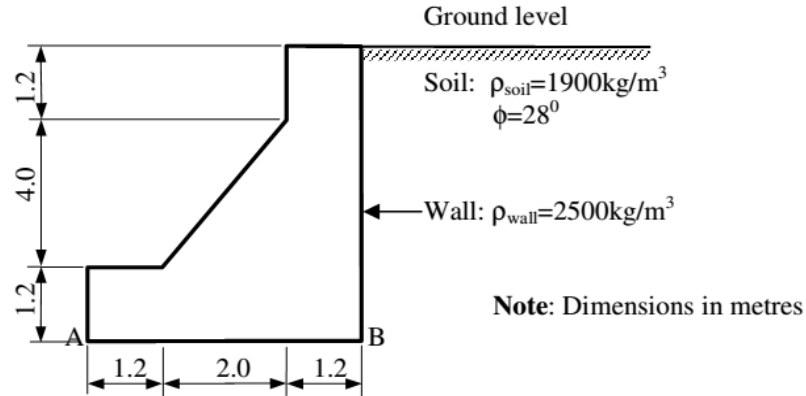


Figure Q4

### Question Five

- a) A composite beam consists of a rectangular timber core  $150 \times 100 \text{ mm}$  secured along its entire length between two steel plates  $150 \times 10 \text{ mm}$ , as shown in Fig. determine the maximum bending stress induced in steel and timber if a bending moment of  $7 \text{ kNm}$  is applied about the neutral axis of the beam. Take  $E_t = 10 \text{ kN/mm}^2$  and  $E_s = 210 \text{ kN/mm}^2$  (8 marks)
- b) Figure Q5 below shows a flitched beam consisting of a wooden core  $100 \text{ mm}$  wide by  $200 \text{ mm}$  deep secured along its entire length between two steel plates  $10 \text{ mm}$  thick by  $200 \text{ mm}$  deep. If the maximum stress in the wooden core is  $7 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . Given  $E_t = 1 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$   $E_s = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ kN/mm}^2$ . Find

- i. The maximum stress in steel
- ii. The total moment of resistance of the composite section

(12marks)

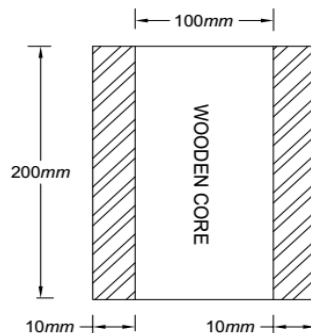


Figure Q5