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BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

ECE 2307: THEORY OF STRUCTURES III

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

SERIES: APRIL 2014

TIME: 2 HOURS

INSTRUCTIONS:

- You should have the following for this examination:
 - Scientific calculator
 - Answer booklet
 - Answer question **ONE (Compulsory)** and any other **TWO**.
- This paper consists of Three printed pages***
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QUESTION 1 (Compulsory)

A continuous beam ABCD, 20 m long is simply supported at its ends and is propped at the same level at points B and C as shown in Fig. Q.1 under the loading arrangement shown the support B sinks by 10mm
Take

$$E = 2.1 \times 10^8 \text{ KN} / \text{m}^2$$

$$I = 85 \times 10^{-7} \text{ m}^4$$

- a) Analyse the beam. **(22 marks)**
- b) Sketch the bending moment diagram. **(8 marks)**

QUESTION 2

Refer to the two dimensional framed structure shown in Fig. Q2 which is fixed at all ends A, C, D and determine using the moment distribution method:

- a) The fixed end moments. **(5 marks)**
- b) The distribution factors **(3 ½ marks)**
- c) The moment distribution table **(6 ½ marks)**
- d) The bending moment diagram **(5 marks)**

QUESTION 3

A continuous beam ABC is fixed at end A and simply supported at the other end C. The beam has a total length of 14.0m and is loaded as shown in Fig. Q.3

Apply the theorem of three moments to determine the following:

- a) Moments along the beam. **(9 marks)**
- b) Support reactions. **(4 marks)**
- c) Bending moment diagram. **(4 marks)**
- d) Shear force diagram. **(3 marks)**

QUESTION 4

- a) Analyse the continuous beam loaded as shown in Fig. Q4 by the slope deflection method. **(10 marks)**
- b) Using the values obtained from above question sketch:
 - i) The bending moment diagram. **(4 marks)**
 - ii) The shear force diagram. **(5 marks)**

QUESTION 5

A continuous beam ABCD is supported and loaded as shown in Fig. 5 using method of consistent deformations and determine the reactions. Assuming EI is the same for each span. Determine the flexibility coefficients required for analyzing the beam.