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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:

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EBC 2203 : THEORY OF STRUCTURES II

SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

SERIES: JULY 2025

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following for this examination

- Answer Booklet,
- examination pass
- student ID
- Scientific Calculator

This paper consists of five questions.

Attempt any THREE questions.

Do not write on the question paper.

QUESTION ONE (20 Marks)

- (a) Find the Euler's crippling load for a hollow cylindrical steel column of 38mm external diameter and 2.5mm thick. The length of the column is 2.5m and is hinged at both ends. Take E as $205 \times 10^3 \text{ N/mm}^2$ (10 Marks)
- (b) Determine crippling load by Rankine's formula given yield stress as 335 N/mm^2 Rankine constant as $1/7500$. (10 marks)

QUESTION TWO (20 Marks)

- (a) With the aid of sketches explain the fixing conditions of a column as per Euler crippling load . (6 Marks)
- (b) A steel rod 5m long and 40mm diameter is used as a column with one end fixed and the other free. Determine the crippling load by Euler's Equation. Take E as $200 \times 10^3 \text{ N/mm}^2$. (14 Marks)

QUESTION THREE (20 Marks)

- (a) State the assumptions made in the Euler's Column Theory. (6 Marks)
- (b) A hollow tube 4.0m long with external and internal diameters of 40mm and 25 mm respectively was found to extend 4.8mm under a tensile load of 60kN. Determine;-
- (i) Buckling load for the tube with both ends fixed.
 - (ii) Safe load on the tube given the factor of safety is 3. (14 Marks)

QUESTION FOUR (20 Marks)

A short column of rectangular cross-section 80mm by 60mm carries a load of 40 kN at a point 20mm from the longer side and 35mm from the shorter side as shown in Fig 1. Determine the stresses at A, B, C and D. (20 Marks)

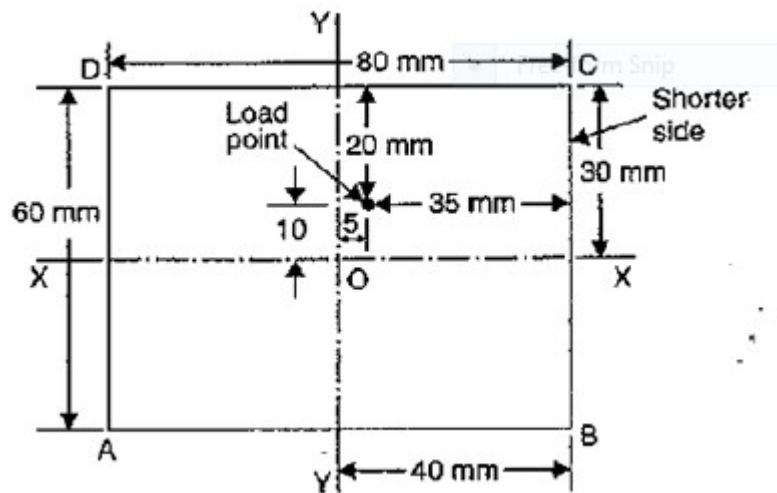


Figure 1

QUESTION FIVE (20 Marks)

- (a) Fig 2 shows a concrete column with a base slab as shown. It is carrying eccentric load of 100 kN. Take the density of concrete to be 24 kN/M^3 . Note consider the self-weight of the structure . (10 Marks)
- (b) Determine the diameter of a short, circular column to support an axial load of 206 kN. The working stress is 4.2 N/mm^2 . (5 Marks)
- (c) Given young's Modulus for concrete is 14000 N/mm^2 , determine the shortening of the column if the initial length is 300 cm. (5 Marks)

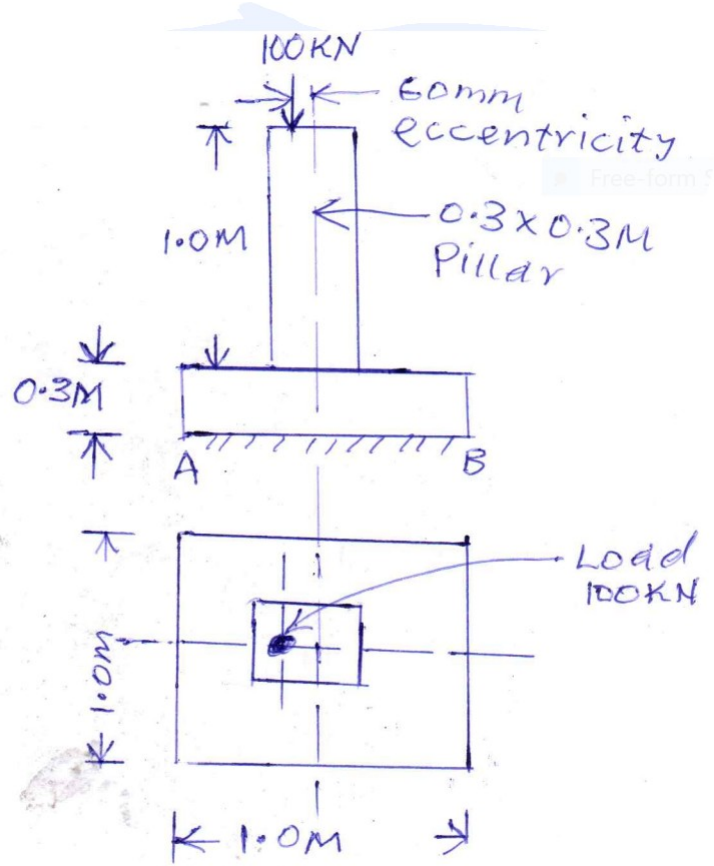


Fig 2