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# **Faculty of Engineering & Technology**

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING

**HIGHER DIPLOMA IN BUILDING & CIVIL ENGINEERING (HDBC 12S)**

EBC 3107: THEORY OF STRUCTURES II

**SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION**

**SERIES: FEBRUARY 2013**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*
- *Scientific Calculator*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Answer any **THREE** questions  
Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown  
This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

### Question One

Using McCauley's method, determine in terms of EI, the deflection at point C and D in beam loaded as shown in figure 1. **(20 marks)**

Figure 1

### Question Two

a) For the beam shown in figure 2, sketch the influence line diagram for:

(i) The reactions at A

(ii) The reaction at B

(iii) The bending moment at E

**(12 ½ marks)**

b) Determine the maximum bending moment at point E in 2(a) when a uniformly distributed load of 50KN/m and 6m long crosses the beam from C to D. **(7 ½ marks)**

Figure 2

### Question Three

a) State the first and second Mohr's theorems and give their mathematical expressions. **(4 marks)**

b) Figure 3 shows a simple beam supported at points A and B and acted on by two moving point loads 1.0m apart.

(i) Sketch the influence lines diagrams for  $R_A$ ,  $R_B$  shear force and bending moment at point E on the beam.

(ii) Determine the maximum shear force and bending moment at point E on the beam.

**(16 marks)**

**Question Four**

- (a)** Figure 4 shows the cross-section of a cast iron beam. The beam is 7m long and simply supported at point 2m and 5.5m from the left-hand end. Determine the maximum value of uniformly distributed load (inclusive of self weight) the beam can carry. The fibres stresses are not to exceed  $15\text{N/mm}^2$  in tension and  $30\text{N/mm}^2$  in compression. **(17 marks)**
- b)** Determine the maximum uniformly distributed load the beam in 4(a) above would carry if the flanges were reversed so that the 25mm flange is at the bottom. **(3 marks)**

100mm

**Question Five**

- a) A simply supported beam has a span of 20m. A uniformly distributed load of  $2\text{KN/m}$  and 5 metres long crosses the span. Find the maximum BM produced at a point 8m from the left support. **(20 marks)**