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EBC 22011: STRENGTH OF MATERIALS II

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: NOVEMBER 2011

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions

- *Answer Booklet*
- *Pocket Calculator*

Answer question **ONE (COMPULSORY)** in **SECTION A** and any other **TWO** questions in **SECTION B**

Marks are indicated for each part of the question

This paper consists of **FOUR** printed pages

SECTION A (*Answer all questions in this section - 30 Marks*)

Question One

- a) With the aid of a stress-strain graph, sketch the behavior of mild steel in tension, indicating all the critical points (10 marks)
- b) Define the following terms related to 1(a)
- (i) Hooke's Law
 - (ii) Limit of Proportionality
 - (iii) Elastic limit
 - (iv) Yield point
 - (v) Maximum stress
 - (vi) Permissible working stress (12 marks)
- c) Resolve the member forces in figure 1. Determine whether in tension or compression (8 marks)

Figure 1

SECTION A (*Answer all questions in this section - 20 Marks each*)

Question Two

Using the method of joint resolution, determine the forces in each member of the frame and state whether it's a strut or a tie (20 marks)

60°

Question Three

- a) Define the following:

- i) Centre of gravity
 - ii) Centre of area (centroid)
 - iii) Second moment of area (8 marks)
- b) For the figure 3 shown, calculate the second moment of area about x-x and y-y (12 marks)

Figure 3

Question Four

- a) Define the following
- (i) Reaction
 - (ii) Shear force
 - (iii) Bending moment (6 marks)
- b) Sketch the shear force and bending moment diagrams for figure 2 indicating the critical values (14 marks)

40KN/m

Question Five

- a) A short rigid bar weighing 29.4KN is suspended by copper and steel wires of areas 150mm² and 60mm² respectively as shown in figure 5

Determine:

- (i) The stress in each rod
- (ii) Extension of each rod

$$E_{st} = 205 \text{KN/mm}^2$$
$$E_c = 93 \text{KN/mm}^2$$

(15 marks)

Figure 5

- b) A mass of concrete pier (column) of a rectangular cross-section 650 x 800mm and 22m long carries an axial compressive load of $2.5 \times 10^6 \text{N}$
- i) Determine the stress in the concrete at the base of the pier
 - ii) The amount of shortening that will occur in the pier. Density of concrete 24KN/m^3
- (5 marks)

