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EBC 2202: THEORY OF STRUCTURES I

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SERIES: DECEMBER 2014

TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates:

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Answer any **THREE** questions of the **FIVE** questions

All questions carry equal marks

Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

Use neat, large and well labeled diagrams where required.

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Question One

- a) State the assumptions in Euler Theory of Struts and state its limitations as that Rankine's theory. **(6 marks)**
- b) Illustrate diagrammatically Euler load for different and conditions for struts. **(6 marks)**
- c) An I-section in figure 1 is used as a strut. Both ends are fixed. Determine the Euler crippling load.
 $E_{\text{steel}} = 210\text{KN/mm}^2$ **(8 marks)**

20mm

Question Two

A hollow tube with external and internal diameters 35mm and 25mm respectively extends 6.4mm under a tensile load of 200KN. The actual length of the strut is 4.0m. The strut is fully fixed at bottom but pinned at top. Determine the Euler buckling load. **(20 marks)**

Question Three

An I-section in figure 2 is used as a strut. Both ends are fully fixed. Determine the Euler crippling load if the strut is subjected to axial and eccentric loading. Determine the stresses at points A, B, C and D.

$$D = 222.3\text{mm}$$

$$I_{xx} = 9462\text{cm}^4$$

$$I_{yy} = 311.9\text{cm}^4$$

$$A = 110.1\text{cm}^2$$

$$B = 208.8\text{mm}$$

(20 marks)

Question Four

A T-section in figure 3 is used as a strut. The actual length is 4.5m and both ends are pinned. Determine the Euler crippling load. **(20 marks)**

Question Five

Determine the Euler crippling load for a cylindrical section of 40mm and 20mm external and internal diameters respectively. The actual length is 5.0m and the strut is fully fixed at both ends. $E_{\text{steel}} = 210\text{KN/mm}^2$ **(20 marks)**