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# HIGHWAY

## CIVIL ENGINEERING

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### ANSWER KEY >

|        |         |         |         |         |
|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| 1. (a) | 7. (b)  | 13. (d) | 19. (b) | 25. (d) |
| 2. (c) | 8. (c)  | 14. (a) | 20. (b) | 26. (c) |
| 3. (d) | 9. (c)  | 15. (b) | 21. (a) | 27. (b) |
| 4. (c) | 10. (a) | 16. (a) | 22. (b) | 28. (c) |
| 5. (c) | 11. (d) | 17. (c) | 23. (a) | 29. (d) |
| 6. (b) | 12. (c) | 18. (c) | 24. (d) | 30. (b) |

## DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (a)

$$\text{ISD} - \text{SSD} = 93.2 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{But} \quad \text{ISD} = 2 \text{ SSD}$$

$$\text{So,} \quad \text{SSD} = 93.2 \text{ m} \quad (\text{Headlight sight distance} = \text{Stopping sight distance})$$

$$\therefore \quad \text{SSD} = 0.278V \times t + \frac{(0.278 \times V)^2}{2gf}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 93.2 = 0.278 \times 65 \times 2.5 + \frac{(0.278 \times 65)^2}{2 \times 9.81 \times f}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad f = 0.3465 \simeq 0.35$$

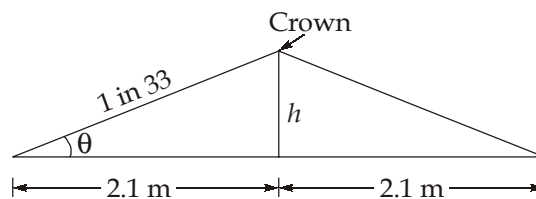
2. (c)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Deviation angle,} \quad N &= n_1 - n_2 \\ &= (-4.2 - 3.3) = -7.5\% \text{ (valley)} \end{aligned}$$

Location of deepest point,

$$x = \left( \frac{n_1}{2N} \right)^{1/2} L_v = \left( \frac{4.2}{2 \times 7.5} \right)^{1/2} \times 280 = 148.16 \text{ m}$$

3. (d)



$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{33} = \frac{h}{\left( \frac{4.2}{2} \right)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \quad h &= 0.06364 \text{ m} \\ &= 63.64 \text{ mm} \end{aligned}$$

4. (c)

The deformation at the failure point expressed in units of 0.25 mm is called the Marshall flow value of the specimen.

5. (c)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Daily expansion factor, DEF} &= \frac{\text{Average traffic volume per week}}{\text{Average traffic volume per day}} \\ &= \frac{250500}{32000} = 7.828 \end{aligned}$$

6. (b)

$$\text{Space mean speed} = \frac{nL}{\Sigma \text{time}} = \frac{4 \times 400 \times 10^{-3}}{\left( \frac{400}{25} + \frac{400}{35} + \frac{400}{42} + \frac{400}{48} \right) 10^{-3}} = 35.33 \text{ km/hr}$$

7. (b)

$$\text{Jam density} = K_j = \frac{1000}{7} \text{ veh/km}$$

$$\text{Maximum flow} = \left( \frac{V_{sf} \times K_j}{4} \right) = \frac{84 \times \frac{1000}{7}}{4} = 3000 \text{ veh/hr}$$

8. (c)

∴ Single lane road is there.

∴ Psychological widening,  $W_p = 0$

Now, extrawidening required will be equal to mechanical widening only.

$$W_e = W_m$$

$$\Rightarrow W_e = \frac{nl^2}{2R}$$

$$\Rightarrow W_e = \frac{1 \times 7^2}{2 \times 225} = 0.1089 \text{ m} = 10.89 \text{ cm}$$

∴ Option (c) is correct.

9. (c)

∴ Radius > 300 m

∴ As per IRC, extra widening is not required.

$$W_e = 0$$

10. (a)

Absolute minimum radius,

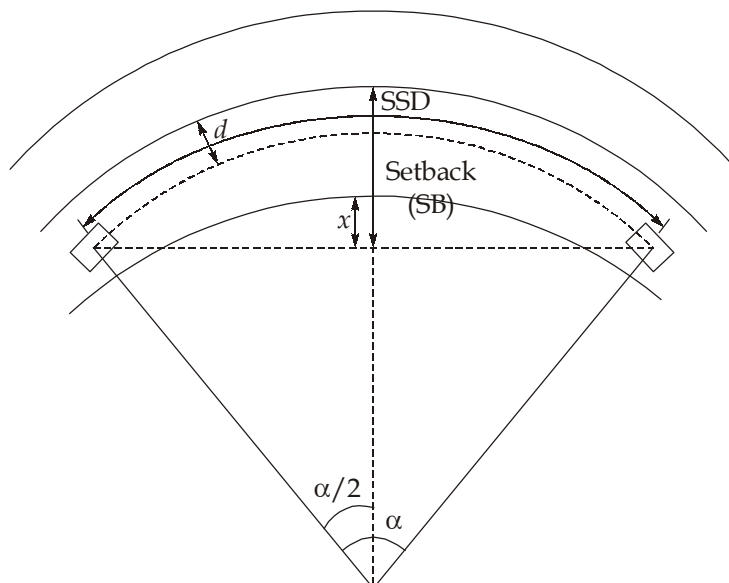
$$R_{\min} = \frac{V^2}{127(e + f)}$$

where,  $V = 80 \text{ km/hr}$  (For NH in plain terrain)

$e = 0.07, f = 0.15$  (As per IRC)

$$\therefore R_{\min} = \frac{(80)^2}{127(0.07 + 0.15)} = 229.06 \text{ m}$$

11. (d)



$$\begin{aligned} R &= 400 \text{ m} \\ l &= 225 \text{ m} \\ S &= 90 \text{ m} \\ l &> S \\ d &= \frac{3.8}{2} = 1.9 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore L_c (225 \text{ m}) > \text{SSD} (90 \text{ m})$$

$$\therefore \text{Setback distance, } SB = R - (R - d) \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\alpha}{2} &= \frac{\text{SSD}}{(R - d)} \times \frac{180}{2\pi} \\ &= \frac{90}{(400 - 1.9)} \times \frac{180}{2\pi} = 6.48^\circ \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} SB &= 400 - (400 - 1.9) \times \cos 6.48^\circ \\ &= 4.443 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Setback distance from mid of the inner lane (x)} \\ &= 4.443 - 1.9 = 2.543 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

12. (c)

Assume

$$L > \text{SSD}$$

$$L = \frac{NS^1}{(\sqrt{2h_1} + \sqrt{2h_2})^2} = \frac{NS^2}{2(\sqrt{h_1} + \sqrt{h_2})^2}$$

$$N = n_1 - n_2$$

$$= \frac{1}{55} - \left(-\frac{1}{50}\right) = 0.0382$$

$$S = 190 \text{ m}$$

$h_1$  = height of driver's eye

$h_2$  = height of object

$$\therefore L = \frac{0.0382 \times 190^2}{2(\sqrt{1.15} + \sqrt{0.21})^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = 294.304 \text{ m} > 190 \text{ m} \quad (\text{Safe})$$

13. (d)

$$\text{SSD} = 0.278Vt + \frac{V^2}{254(f \pm n)}$$

For a vehicle on ascending gradient

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SSD}_1 &= 278Vt + \frac{V^2}{254(f + n)} \\ &= 0.278 \times 85 \times 2.5 + \frac{85^2}{254(0.36 + 0.025)} \\ &= 132.95 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$\Rightarrow$

For a vehicle coming from opposite direction i.e., descending gradient

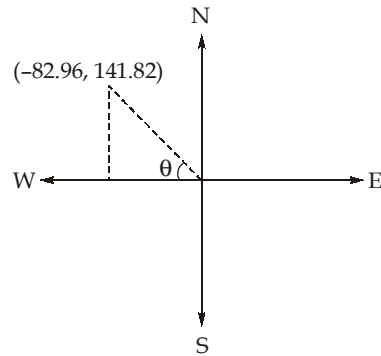
$$\begin{aligned} \text{SSD}_2 &= 278Vt + \frac{V^2}{254(f - n)} \\ &= 0.278 \times 85 \times 2.5 + \frac{85^2}{254(0.36 - 0.025)} \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \quad \quad = 143.98 \text{ m}$$

For a one lane, two way road

$$\begin{aligned} \text{SSD} &= \text{SSD}_1 + \text{SSD}_2 \\ &= 132.95 + 143.98 \\ &= 276.93 \end{aligned}$$

14. (a)



$$\tan \theta = \frac{141.82}{82.96} = 1.7095^\circ$$

$$\therefore \quad \theta = \tan^{-1} (1.7095) = 59.674^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{WCB} &= 270 + \theta = 270 + 59.674 = 329.674^\circ \\ &= 329.674 \times \pi \text{ rad} = 5.75 \text{ rad} \end{aligned}$$

15. (b)

Deviation angle,

$$N = \left| -\frac{1}{80} - \frac{1}{50} \right|$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$N = \frac{1}{30.77}$$

Assume,

$$L_v > \text{SSD}$$

$\therefore$

$$\begin{aligned} L_v &= \frac{NS^2}{2h + 2S \tan \alpha} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{30.77} \times 250^2}{2 \times 0.85 + 2 \times 250 \times \tan 1.5^\circ} \\ &= 137.31 \text{ m} < \text{SSD} (= 250 \text{ m}) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, assumption was wrong

$\therefore$

$$L_v < \text{SSD}$$

$\therefore$

$$L_v = 2S - \frac{2h + 2S \tan \alpha}{N}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$L_v = 2 \times 250 - \frac{2 \times 0.85 + 2 \times 250 \times \tan 1.5^\circ}{\frac{1}{30.77}}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$L_v = 500 - 455.179$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$L_v = 44.82 \text{ m} < \text{SSD} (= 250 \text{ m}) \quad (\text{OK})$$

16. (a)

Radius of relative stiffness,

$$l = \left[ \frac{Eh^3}{12K(1-\mu^2)} \right]^{1/4}$$

$$\Rightarrow l = \left[ \frac{2.8 \times 10^5 \times 30^3}{12 \times 8 \times (1 - 0.15^2)} \right]^{1/4}$$

( $\therefore K = 8 \times 10^6 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 8 \text{ kg/cm}^3$ )

$$\Rightarrow l = 94.74 \text{ cm}$$

Warping stress at corner is given by

$$S_{tc} = \frac{E\alpha T}{3(1-\mu)} \sqrt{\frac{a}{l}}$$

$$P = \pi a^2 p$$

$$\Rightarrow 4000 = \pi a^2 \times 5$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 15.96 \text{ cm}$$

$$S_{tc} = \frac{2.8 \times 10^5 \times 10 \times 10^{-6} \times 12}{3(1-0.15)} \sqrt{\frac{15.96}{94.74}}$$

$$= 5.41 \text{ kg/cm}^2$$

17. (c)

$$\frac{\log(ESWL) - \log(P)}{\log(2P) - \log(ESWL)} = \frac{\log Z - \log \frac{d}{2}}{\log 2S - \log Z} \quad \dots(i)$$

Here,

$$\begin{aligned} ESWL &= 62 \text{ kN} \\ P &= 35 \text{ kN} \\ Z &= 30 \text{ cm} \\ S &= 20 \text{ cm} \\ d &= ? \end{aligned}$$

Substitute all the values in eq. (i)

$$\frac{\log 62 - \log 35}{\log 70 - \log 62} = \frac{\log 30 - \log \frac{d}{2}}{\log 40 - \log 30}$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 15.47 \text{ cm}$$

18. (c)

Theoretical specific gravity,

$$G_t = \frac{825 + 1200 + 325 + 150 + 100}{\frac{825}{2.63} + \frac{1200}{2.51} + \frac{325}{2.46} + \frac{150}{2.43} + \frac{100}{1.05}}$$

$$G_t = 2.4055 \text{ g/cc}$$

Bulk specific gravity,

$$G_m = \frac{M}{V} \quad (\because \rho_w = 1 \text{ g/cc})$$

$$\Rightarrow G_m = \frac{1100}{475} = 2.316 \text{ g/cc}$$

Percentage of air voids,  $V_v = \frac{G_t - G_m}{G_t} \times 100$

$$= \frac{2.4055 - 2.316}{2.4055} \times 100$$

$$= 3.72\%$$

Total weight of all constituents =  $825 + 1200 + 325 + 150 + 100 = 2600 \text{ g}$

Percentage of volume of bitumen,  $V_b = G_m \times \frac{W_b\%}{G_b}$

$$= 2.316 \times \frac{\frac{100}{2600} \times 100}{1.05}$$

$$= 8.48\%$$

$\therefore$  VMA =  $V_v + V_b$

$$= 3.72 + 8.48$$

$$= 12.2\%$$

Voids filled with bitumen, VFB =  $\frac{V_b\%}{VMA\%} \times 100$

$$= \frac{8.48}{12.2} \times 100$$

$$= 69.51\% \simeq 0.695$$

19. (b)

$$y_N = \frac{q_N}{S_n} = \frac{900}{2500} = 0.36$$

$$y_S = \frac{q_S}{S_S} = \frac{500}{2000} = 0.25$$

$\therefore$  Maximum value of  $\frac{q}{S}$  in N-S direction = 0.36

$$y_E = \frac{q_E}{S_E} = \frac{800}{3200} = 0.25$$

$$y_W = \frac{q_W}{S_W} = \frac{1000}{3000} = 0.33$$

$\therefore$  Max value of  $\frac{q}{S}$  in E-W direction = 0.33.

Total lost time =  $4 \times 2 = 8 \text{ sec}$

$$C_0 = \frac{1.5L + 5}{1 - Y} = \frac{1.5 \times 8 + 5}{1 - (0.36 + 0.33)} = 54.84 \text{ sec}$$

20. (b)

Speed of overtaking vehicle,  $V = 80 \text{ kmph} = 22.22 \text{ m/sec}$

Speed of overtaken vehicle,

$$V_b = 50 \text{ kmph} = 13.89 \text{ m/sec}$$

Average acceleration during overtaking,

$$a = 0.95 \text{ m/sec}^2$$

Overtaking sight distance for two way traffic,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{OSD} &= d_1 + d_2 + d_3 \\ &= (V_b t + V_b T + 2S + VT) \end{aligned}$$

$$d_1 = V_b t = 13.89 \times 2.5 = 34.7 \text{ m}$$

$$d_2 = V_b T + 2S$$

$$S = 0.7V_b + 6 = 0.7 \times 13.89 + 6 = 15.723 \text{ m}$$

$$T = \sqrt{\frac{4S}{a}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \times 15.723}{0.95}} = 8.136 \text{ sec}$$

$$d_2 = 13.89 \times 8.136 + 2 \times 15.723 = 144.5 \text{ m}$$

$$d_3 = VT = 22.22 \times 8.136 = 180.8 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{OSD} = d_1 + d_2 + d_3 = 34.7 + 144.5 + 180.8 = 360 \text{ m}$$

Now, minimum length of overtaking zone =  $3 \times \text{OSD} = 3 \times 360 = 1080 \text{ m}$

Also, desirable length of overtaking zone =  $5 \times \text{OSD} = 5 \times 360 = 1800 \text{ m}$

21. (a)

Radius of relative stiffness,

$$l = \left[ \frac{Eh^3}{12k(1-\mu^2)} \right]^{1/4} = \left[ \frac{3 \times 10^5 \times 15^3}{12 \times 3(1-0.15^2)} \right]^{1/4}$$

$$\Rightarrow l = 73.24 \text{ cm}$$

For the equivalent radius of resisting section

$$\therefore \frac{a}{h} = \frac{15}{15} = 1 < 1.724$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore b &= \sqrt{1.6a^2 + h^2} - 0.675h \\ &= \sqrt{1.6 \times 15^2 + 15^2} - 0.675 \times 15 \\ &= 14.06 \text{ cm} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Stress at edge, } S_e &= \frac{0.572P}{h^2} \left[ 4 \log_{10} \left( \frac{l}{b} \right) + 0.359 \right] \\ &= \frac{0.572 \times 4100}{15^2} \times \left[ 4 \log_{10} \left( \frac{73.24}{14.06} \right) + 0.359 \right] \\ &= 33.63 \text{ kg/cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

22. (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{CBR}_{2.5} &= \frac{\text{Load sustained by specimen at 2.5 mm penetration}}{\text{Load sustained by standard aggregate at 2.5 mm penetration}} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{55}{1370} \times 100 = 4.01\% \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{CBR}_{5.0} = \frac{\text{Load sustained by specimen at 5.0 mm penetration}}{\text{Load sustained by standard aggregate at 5.0 mm penetration}} \times 100$$



$$= \frac{75}{2055} \times 100 = 3.65\%$$

Thus, the higher value of CBR which is obtained at 2.5 mm penetration is adopted i.e. 4.01%

23. (a)

Design speed = 80 km/hr

$$N = |n_1 - n_2| = \left| \frac{1}{40} - \left( -\frac{1}{20} \right) \right| = 0.075$$

Stopping sight distance = 120 m

Length of valley curve by sight distance criterion:

Assuming ( $L > SSD$ )

$$\begin{aligned} L_V &= \frac{NS^2}{1.5 + 0.035S} \\ &= \frac{0.075 \times 120^2}{1.5 + 0.035 \times 120} = 189.47 \text{ m} > SSD \end{aligned} \quad \text{OK}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{From comfort criterion, } L_V &= 2 \left[ \frac{NV^3}{c} \right]^{1/2} = 0.38 (NV^3)^{1/2} \\ &= 0.38 [0.075 \times 80^3]^{1/2} \\ &= 74.46 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

24. (d)

As, vehicle travelling towards upgrade requires 10 m less than travelling towards downgrade with same grade, so

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{V^2}{254(f+n)} &= \frac{V^2}{254(f-n)} - 10 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{65^2}{254(0.4+n)} &= \frac{65^2}{254(0.4-n)} - 10 \\ \Rightarrow 16.63 \left( \frac{1}{0.4-n} - \frac{1}{0.4+n} \right) &= 10 \\ \Rightarrow 3.33n &= 0.4^2 - n^2 \\ \Rightarrow n^2 + 3.33n - 0.4^2 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow n &= 0.0474 \end{aligned}$$

So, gradient of pavement is 4.74%.

25. (d)

**Transition curve:** Introduced between a straight and a circular curve.

Objects of providing transition curve:

- (i) To introduce gradually the centrifugal force between the tangent points and beginning of circular curve, avoiding sudden jerk on the vehicle.
- (ii) To enable the driver turn the steering gradually for comfort and safety.
- (iii) It introduces superelevation and extra widening on curve gradually.
- (iv) To improve aesthetic appearance of road.

26. (c)

| Road | Length (km) | Total utility served by the road   | Utility per unit length     | Priority |
|------|-------------|--|-----------------------------|----------|
| P    | 500         | $100 \times 1 + 70 \times 2 + 50 \times 4 + 20 \times 8 + 50 \times 2 + 20 \times 10 = 900$    | $\frac{900}{500} = 1.8$     | II       |
| Q    | 600         | $200 \times 1 + 120 \times 2 + 30 \times 4 + 10 \times 8 + 60 \times 2 + 25 \times 10 = 1010$  | $\frac{1010}{600} = 1.683$  | IV       |
| R    | 800         | $100 \times 1 + 90 \times 2 + 80 \times 4 + 80 \times 8 + 30 \times 2 + 15 \times 10 = 1450$   | $\frac{1450}{800} = 1.8125$ | I        |
| S    | 900         | $150 \times 1 + 130 \times 2 + 100 \times 4 + 10 \times 8 + 50 \times 2 + 12 \times 10 = 1110$ | $\frac{1110}{900} = 1.23$   | IV       |

27. (b)

$$\text{Bulk specific gravity} = \frac{1000}{1010 - 610} = 2.5$$

$$\text{Water absorption} = \frac{1010 - 1000}{1000} \times 100 = 1\%$$

28. (c)

$$V_b = 50 \text{ kmph}$$

$$s_1 = 20 \text{ m and } s_2 = 16 \text{ m; } s = s_1 + s_2 = 36 \text{ m}$$

$$a = 0.5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$T = \sqrt{\frac{2(s_1 + s_2)}{a}} \Rightarrow T = \sqrt{\frac{2(20 + 16)}{0.5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 12 \text{ sec}$$

Distance travelled by overtaking vehicle is

$$d = 0.278 V_b T + (s_1 + s_2)$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 0.278 \times 50 \times 12 + 36$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 202.8 \text{ m}$$

29. (d)

The vehicle turning on a horizontal curve with no superelevation has to fully depend on coefficient of friction. In such case, vehicle will skid if value of friction coefficient is less than  $\frac{b}{2h}$  and would overturn if friction coefficient is more than  $\frac{b}{2h}$ .

30. (b)

