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STRENGTH OF MATERIALS

CIVIL ENGINEERING

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ANSWER KEY >

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DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (b)

Material	Modulus of elasticity (in GPa)
1. Steel	200 - 220
2. Cast iron	100 - 160
3. Brass	80 - 90
4. Aluminum	60 - 80

2. (a)

Elongation due to self weight, $\Delta = \frac{\gamma L^2}{2E}$

$$= \frac{(89.2 \times 10^{-6}) \times (15 \times 10^3)^2}{2 \times (90 \times 10^3)} = 0.11 \text{ mm}$$

3. (c)

$$\text{Poisson's ratio, } \mu = \frac{3K - 2G}{6K + 2G}$$

$$= \frac{3 \times 6.93 \times 10^4 - 2 \times 2.65 \times 10^4}{6 \times 6.93 \times 10^4 + 2 \times 2.65 \times 10^4} = 0.33$$

4. (c)

$$\text{Strain energy, } U = \frac{1}{2} \times P \times \Delta$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \times P \times \frac{PL^3}{48EI}$$

$$\therefore U = \frac{P^2 L^3}{96EI}$$

$$\text{For } P = 1; U = \frac{L^3}{96EI}$$

5. (b)

If a force acts on a body, then resistance to the deformation is known as stress.

6. (a)

The length of column is very large as compared to its cross-sectional dimensions.

7. (a)

Internal hinge in given beam becomes internal roller in conjugate beam.

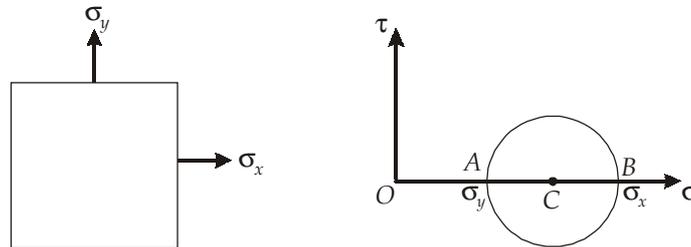
8. (a)

$$\text{Maximum shear stress, } \tau_{\max} = \frac{16}{\pi D^3} \sqrt{M^2 + T^2}$$

$$= \left[\frac{16}{\pi (100)^3} \sqrt{(8)^2 + (6)^2} \right] \times 10^6 = \frac{16}{\pi} \times \frac{10 \times 10^6}{10^6} = 50.93 \text{ MPa}$$

9. (a)

Assuming ($\sigma_x > \sigma_y$)

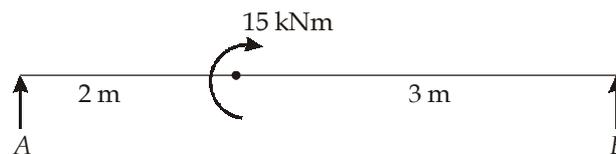


$$AB = \sigma_x - \sigma_y$$

$$AC = \frac{AB}{2} = \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore OC &= OA + AC = \sigma_y + \frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2} \\ &= \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \end{aligned}$$

10. (c)



$$\Sigma F_y = 0$$

$$R_A + R_B = 0$$

Also, $\Sigma M_A = 0$

$$\Rightarrow R_B \times 5 = 15$$

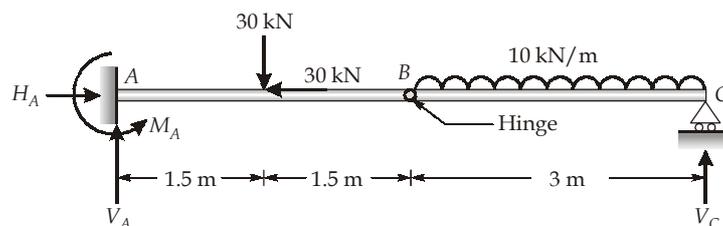
$$\Rightarrow R_B = 3 \text{ kN}$$

So, $R_A = -3 \text{ kN}$

Now, the SFD for the beam will be as shown below:



11. (c)



$$V_A + V_C = 30 + 30 = 60 \text{ kN} \quad (\Sigma F_y = 0) \quad \dots(i)$$

$$H_A = 30 \text{ kN} \quad (\Sigma F_x = 0) \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$M_A + 30 \times 1.5 = 3V_A \quad (\Sigma M_B = 0, \text{Left} \rightarrow \text{Right}) \quad \dots(\text{iii})$$

$$3V_C = 10 \times 3 \times 1.5 \quad (\Sigma M_B = 0, \text{Right} \rightarrow \text{Left}) \quad \dots(\text{iv})$$

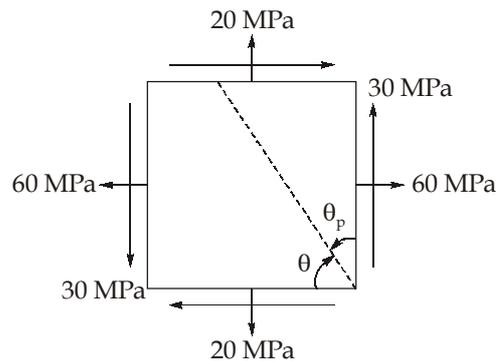
Solving equations (i), (ii), (iii) and (iv)

$$V_C = 15 \text{ kN}, V_A = 45 \text{ kN}, H_A = 30 \text{ kN}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{Reaction at A}}{\text{Reaction at C}} = \frac{\sqrt{45^2 + 30^2}}{15} = 3.6$$

12. (c)

Plane having zero shear stress is called principal planes.



$$\tan 2\theta_p = \frac{2\tau_{xy}}{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}$$

$$\tan 2\theta_p = \frac{2 \times 30}{60 - 20}$$

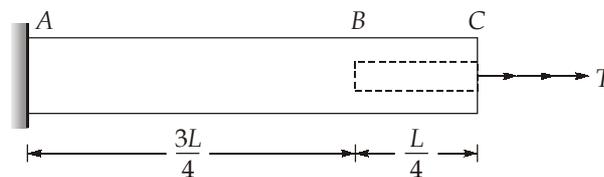
$$\tan 2\theta_p = 1.5$$

$$2\theta_p = \tan^{-1}(1.5)$$

$$\theta_p = 28.15^\circ$$

Required angle from plane B, $\theta = 90^\circ - 28.15^\circ = 61.85^\circ$ (Clockwise)

13. (a)



$$\theta_{AC} = \theta_{AB} + \theta_{BC}$$

$$\theta_C = \frac{T_{AB} \times L_{AB}}{GJ_{AB}} + \frac{T_{BC} \times L_{BC}}{GJ_{BC}} \quad (\because \theta_A = 0)$$

$$J_{BC} = \frac{\pi}{32} \left[D^4 - \left(\frac{D}{2} \right)^4 \right]$$

$$J_{BC} = \frac{\pi}{32} D^4 \left[1 - \frac{1}{16} \right]$$

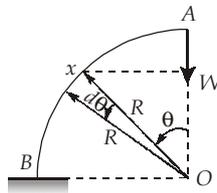
$$J_{BC} = \frac{15}{16} J_{AB} = \frac{15}{16} J$$

$$\therefore \theta_C = \frac{T \times \frac{3L}{4}}{GJ} + \frac{T \times \frac{L}{4}}{G \times \frac{15}{16} J}$$

$$= \frac{3 TL}{4 GJ} + \frac{4 TL}{15 GJ}$$

$$= \frac{45TL + 16TL}{60GJ} = \frac{61 TL}{60 GJ}$$

14. (b)



$$U = \int \frac{M^2 ds}{2EI} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{(WR \sin \theta)^2 (R d\theta)}{2EI}$$

$$= \frac{W^2 R^3}{2EI} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^2 \theta d\theta = \frac{\pi}{8} \frac{W^2 R^3}{EI}$$

15. (a)

Given, $M = 54.0$ kNm and $T_z = 72.0$ kNm

Consider external and internal diameter as D and $d (= 0.5 D)$ respectively,

Now, section modulus, $Z = \frac{\pi D^3}{32} \left(1 - \frac{d^4}{D^4} \right) = \frac{\pi D^3}{32} \left(1 - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^4 \right) = \frac{15\pi D^3}{512}$

Polar section modulus,

$$Z_p = \frac{\pi D^3}{16} \left(1 - \frac{d^4}{D^4} \right) = \frac{15\pi D^3}{256}$$

Maximum shear stress is given by,

$$\tau_{\max} = \frac{T}{Z_p} = \left(\frac{256}{15\pi D^3} \right) \times T_e$$

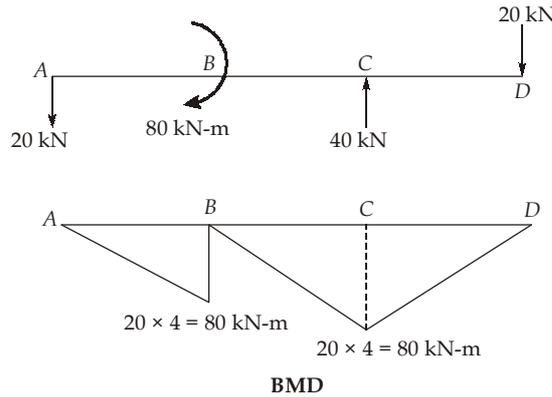
$$T_e = \sqrt{M^2 + T^2} = \sqrt{54^2 + 72^2} = 90 \text{ kNm}$$

Now,
$$96 = \left(\frac{256}{15\pi D^3} \right) \times 90 \times 10^6 \quad (\because \tau_{\text{permissible}} = 96 \text{ MPa})$$

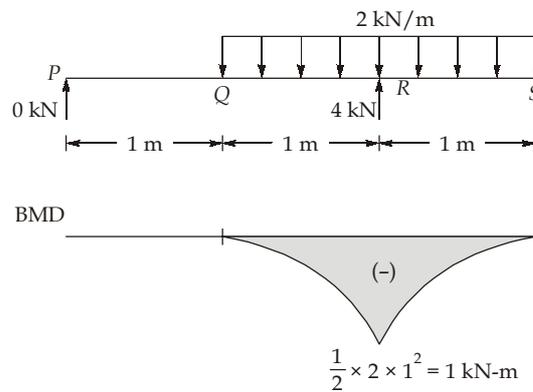
$$D^3 = \frac{256}{15\pi} \times \frac{90 \times 10^6}{96} = 5092958$$

$$D = 172.05 \text{ mm}$$

16. (d)



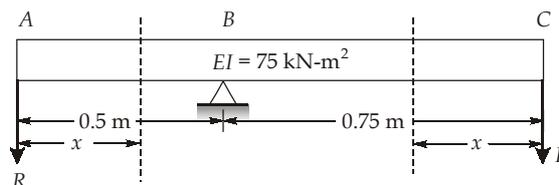
17. (b)



18. (a)

Given: $A E_{\text{wire}} = 900 \text{ kN}$
 $E I_{\text{beam}} = 75 \text{ kNm}^2$

Let axial force in wire = R



$$\Sigma M_B = 0 \Rightarrow R \times 0.5 = P \times 0.75$$

$$\Rightarrow R = 1.5 P$$

Total strain energy stored.

$$U = U_{CB} + U_{AB} + U_{\text{wire}}$$

$$\Rightarrow U = \int_0^{0.75} \frac{(-Px)^2}{2EI} dx + \int_0^{0.5} \frac{(-Rx)^2}{2EI} dx + \int_0^{0.5} \frac{R^2 dx}{2EA}$$

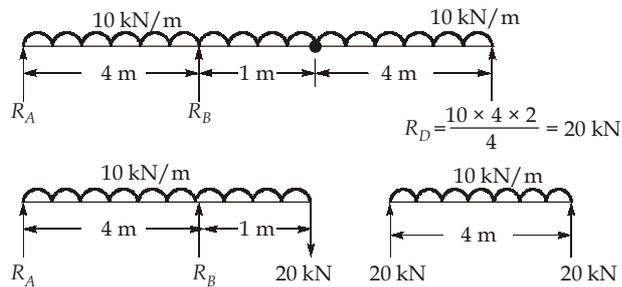
$$\Rightarrow U = \int_0^{0.75} \frac{(Px)^2}{2EI} dx + \int_0^{0.5} \frac{(1.5Px)^2}{2EI} dx + \int_0^{0.5} \frac{(1.5P)^2}{2EA} dx$$

Downward deflection at point C is given by

$$\begin{aligned} \Delta_c &= \left(\frac{\partial U}{\partial P} \right)_{P=0.8 \text{ kN}} = \int_0^{0.75} \frac{2(Px)x}{2EI} dx + \int_0^{0.5} \frac{2(1.5Px)(1.5x)}{2EI} dx + \int_0^{0.5} \frac{2(1.5P)(1.5)}{2EA} dx \\ &= \frac{0.8}{75} \times \left(\frac{0.75^3}{3} \right) + \frac{1.5^2 \times 0.8}{75} \left(\frac{0.5^3}{3} \right) + \frac{1.5^2 \times 0.8}{900} (0.5) \\ &= [1.5 + 1 + 1] \times 10^{-3} \\ &= 3.5 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \Delta_c = 3.5 \text{ mm}$$

19. (c)



Now,

$$\begin{aligned} M_B &= -20 \times 1 - 10 \times \frac{1^2}{2} = -25 \text{ kN-m} \\ &= 25 \text{ kN-m (Hogging)} \end{aligned}$$

20. (a)

Principal strains,

$$\begin{aligned} \epsilon_{1/2} &= \frac{\epsilon_x + \epsilon_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\epsilon_x - \epsilon_y}{2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{\phi_{xy}}{2} \right)^2} \\ &= \left[\frac{800 + 200}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{800 - 200}{2} \right)^2 + \left(\frac{-600}{2} \right)^2} \right] \times 10^{-6} \\ \epsilon_1 &= 924.264 \times 10^{-6} \\ \epsilon_2 &= 75.74 \times 10^{-6} \end{aligned}$$

Thus major principal stress is,

$$\sigma_1 = \frac{E}{1-\mu^2}(\epsilon_1 + \mu\epsilon_2) = \frac{200 \times 10^3}{1-0.3^2} (924.264 + 0.3 \times 75.74) \times 10^{-6}$$

$$= 208.13 \text{ MPa}$$

21. (c)

$$\text{Deflection at } B \text{ due to load} = \frac{wl^4}{8EI} = \frac{10 \times (3000)^4}{8 \times 5 \times 10^{11}} = 202.5 \text{ mm}$$

Since gap is 3 mm.

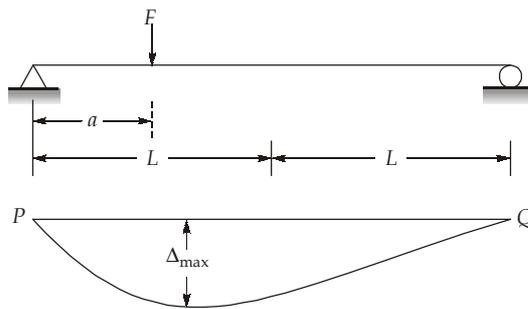
$$\therefore 202.5 - 3 = \frac{Rl^3}{3EI}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(202.5 - 3) \times 3 \times 5 \times 10^{11}}{(3000)^3} = R$$

$$\Rightarrow R = 11.083 \times 10^3 \text{ N} \approx 11.08 \text{ kN}$$

22. (c)

The tentative deflection for the loading is shown.



So, option (c) is possible.

23. (d)

In pure bending case,

$$\frac{M}{I} = \frac{\sigma}{y} = \frac{E}{R}$$

$$\text{So, } R = \frac{EI}{M}$$

When same M is applied,

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{(EI)_1}{(EI)_2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{R_2} = \frac{70 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times 2.5^4}{120 \times \frac{\pi}{4} \times 2^4}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_2 = 1.404 \text{ m}$$

24. (b)

When both ends are clamped, $(l_{\text{eff}})_1 = \frac{l}{2}$

When one end is free, $(l_{\text{eff}})_2 = 2l$

Buckling load, $P_{cr} = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{l_{\text{eff}}^2}$

So, $(P_{cr})_1 = \frac{4\pi^2 EI}{l^2}$

Similarly, $(P_{cr})_2 = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{4l^2}$

So,
$$\begin{aligned} \% \text{ change} &= \frac{\frac{4\pi^2 EI}{l^2} - \frac{\pi^2 EI}{4l^2}}{\frac{4\pi^2 EI}{l^2}} \times 100 = \frac{4 - (1/4)}{4} \times 100 \\ &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{16}\right) \times 100 = 93.75\% \end{aligned}$$

25. (a)

We know that for a circular section,

Maximum shear stress, $\tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{4}{3} \tau_{av}$

where, $\tau_{av} = \frac{V}{A} = \frac{6675}{\frac{\pi}{4} \times 50^2} = 3.4 \text{ N/mm}^2$

So, $\tau_{\text{max}} = \frac{4}{3} \times 3.4 = 4.53 \text{ N/mm}^2$

26. (a)

As it is given that, $\epsilon = \frac{\sigma}{E} = \frac{y}{R} = 3.0 \times 10^{-5}$

So, $\frac{1}{R} = \frac{3.0 \times 10^{-5}}{30} \text{ mm}^{-1} = 10^{-6} \text{ mm}^{-1}$

Also, in pure bending, $\frac{\sigma}{y} = \frac{M}{I} = \frac{E}{R} = \text{constant}$

For σ_{max} , y_{max} has to be used

So, $\sigma_{\text{max}} = \frac{E}{R} y_{\text{max}} = \frac{200 \times 10^3}{R} \times y_{\text{max}}$

$\Rightarrow \sigma_{\text{max}} = 200 \times 10^3 \times 10^{-6} \times 50 \text{ MPa}$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{\max} = 10 \text{ MPa}$$

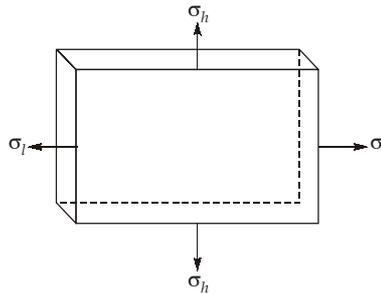
27. (c)

For a closed cylinder (thin), the two stress components induced due to internal pressure are,

$$\sigma_h = \frac{pd}{2t} \quad (\text{Hoop stress})$$

$$\sigma_l = \frac{pd}{4t} \quad (\text{Longitudinal stress})$$

If we neglect the pressure in radial direction, this becomes a plane stress condition.



$$\text{For this condition, } \tau_{\max} = \max. \left\{ \frac{\sigma_h}{2}, \frac{\sigma_l}{2}, \frac{\sigma_h - \sigma_l}{2} \right\} = \frac{pd}{4t}$$

$$\text{For safety, } \tau_{\max} \leq \frac{(f_y/2)}{\text{FOS}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p \times 2 \times 100}{4 \times 5} = \frac{100/2}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow p = 2.5 \text{ MPa}$$

28. (c)

At y - y , slope of BMD is +ve and constant
and hence shear force is +ve and constant

$$SF_{yy} = \frac{400 - 200}{4} = 50 \text{ kN}$$

29. (d)

$$\text{Rankine's crippling load} = \frac{\sigma_{cs} A}{1 + \alpha \left(\frac{l_e}{k} \right)^2}$$

As both ends are hinged

So $l_e = l = 2.3 \text{ m}$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P_R &= \frac{335 \times 88.75\pi}{1 + \frac{1}{7500} \left[\frac{2.3 \times 10^3}{12.6} \right]^2} \\ &= 17161.04 \text{ N} = 17.16 \text{ kN} \end{aligned}$$

30. (a)

$$\sigma_{P_1/P_2} = \frac{P_1 + P_2}{2} \pm \frac{1}{2} \sqrt{(P_1 - P_2)^2 + (2q)^2}$$

Given $\sigma_{P_2} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (P_1 + P_2)^2 = (P_1 - P_2)^2 + 4q^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2P_1P_2 = 4q^2 - 2P_1P_2$$

$$\Rightarrow P_1P_2 = q^2$$

$$\Rightarrow q = \sqrt{P_1P_2}$$

