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# HIGHWAY

## CIVIL ENGINEERING

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### ANSWER KEY >

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| 1. (a) | 7. (c)  | 13. (a) | 19. (c) | 25. (b) |
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**DETAILED EXPLANATIONS**

1. (a)  
2.5 sec is 90<sup>th</sup> percentile of reaction time.

2. (a)  
ISD - SSD = 93.2 m  
But ISD = 2 SSD  
So, SSD = 93.2 m

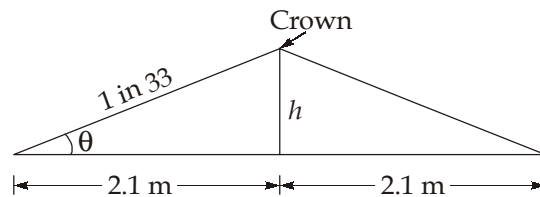
(Headlight sight distance = Stopping sight distance)

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

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

$$\Rightarrow f = 0.3465 \approx 0.35$$

3. (b)



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

$$\Rightarrow h = 0.06364 \text{ m} = 63.64 \text{ mm}$$

4. (a)  
For supersonic,  $R \geq 180 \text{ m}$

$$\therefore \text{Radius of taxiway} = \frac{V^2}{125f} = \frac{85^2}{125 \times 0.13} = 444.625 \text{ m} \approx 444.62 \text{ m}$$

5. (b)

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

6. (c)

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

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

8. (b)

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

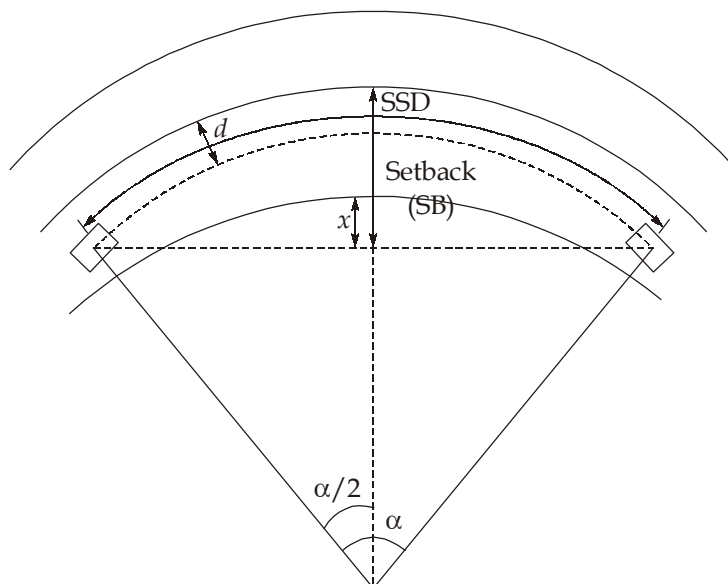
$$\text{Maximum flow} = \left( \frac{V_{S_f} \times K_j}{4} \right) = \frac{84 \times \frac{1000}{7}}{4} = 3000 \text{ veh/hr}$$

9. (b)

CBR method, Group index method, McLeod and Burmister method are some of the methods which are used in the design of flexible pavements.

10. (d)

11. (d)



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

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

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

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

12. (c)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Capacity of rotary} &= \frac{280w \left(1 + \frac{e}{w}\right) \left(1 - \frac{P}{3}\right)}{1 + \frac{w}{l}} \\ &= \frac{280 \times 15 \times \left(1 + \frac{5.2}{15}\right) \left(1 - \frac{0.69}{3}\right)}{1 + \frac{15}{82}} \\ &= 3681.5 \simeq 3681 \text{ PCU/hr} \end{aligned}$$

13. (a)

Vehicle Damage Factor (VDF),

$$\begin{aligned} &= 0.08 \left[\frac{20}{8.2}\right]^4 + 0.16 \left[\frac{18}{8.2}\right]^4 + 0.36 \left[\frac{16}{8.2}\right]^4 + 0.15 \left[\frac{12}{8.2}\right]^4 + 0.25 \left[\frac{8}{8.2}\right]^4 \\ &= 2.831 + 3.715 + 5.218 + 0.688 + 0.226 \\ &= 12.678 \\ N_s &= \frac{365A \left[(1+r)^n - 1\right] \times D \times F}{r} \\ &= \frac{365 \times 6000 \left[(1+0.08)^{20} - 1\right] \times 1.3 \times 12.676}{0.08} \\ &= 1651.7 \simeq 1652 \text{ msa} \end{aligned}$$

14. (d)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Theoretical specific gravity, } G_t &= \frac{w_1 + w_2 + w_3 + w_4}{\frac{w_1}{G_1} + \frac{w_2}{G_2} + \frac{w_3}{G_3} + \frac{w_4}{G_b}} \\ &= \frac{45 + 40.8 + 4.2 + 10}{\frac{45}{2.65} + \frac{40.8}{2.72} + \frac{4.2}{2.60} + \frac{10}{1.10}} \\ &= 2.34 \end{aligned}$$

Effective specific gravity of aggregates (coarse + fine) is given by

$$\begin{aligned} G' &= \frac{(45 \times 2.65) + (40.8 \times 2.72)}{45 + 40.8} \\ &= 2.68 \end{aligned}$$

15. (a)

Given,

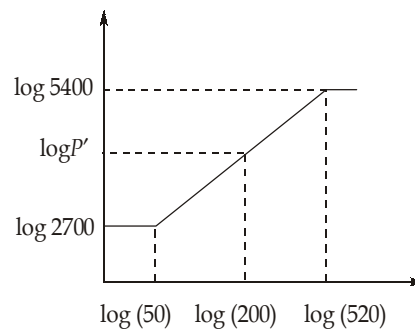
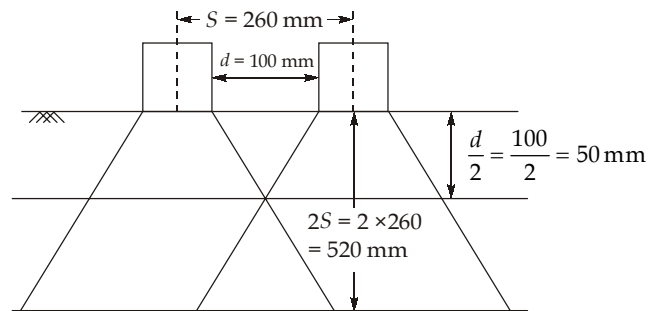
$$h = 25 \text{ cm, } E = 3 \times 10^5 \text{ kg/cm}^2, \mu = 0.15, k = 6 \text{ kg/cm}^3$$

$$L = \left[ \frac{Eh^3}{12k(1-\mu^2)} \right]^{1/4} = \left[ \frac{3 \times 10^5 \times 25^3}{12 \times 6 \{1 - (0.15)^2\}} \right]^{1/4}$$

⇒

$$L = 90.34 \text{ cm}$$

16. (b)



Using interpolation,

$$\log P' = \log 2700 + \left( \frac{\log 5400 - \log 2700}{\log 520 - \log 50} \right) \times [\log 200 - \log 50]$$

$$\therefore P' = 4069.74 \text{ kg} \approx 4070 \text{ kg}$$

17. (c)

Braking duration,  $t = 1.5 \text{ sec}$ 

Braking distance = 7.8 m

$$v = u + at$$

As final velocity,  $v = 0$ 

$$\therefore u = -at \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{Also, } v^2 - u^2 = 2as$$

$$\Rightarrow -u^2 = -2as \quad \dots(ii)$$

Using (i) and (ii), we get

$$\Rightarrow a^2 t^2 = 2as$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{2s}{t^2} = \frac{2 \times 7.8}{(1.5)^2}$$

Average skid resistance developed,

$$f = \frac{a}{g} = \frac{2 \times 7.8}{9.81 \times (1.5)^2} = 0.7068$$

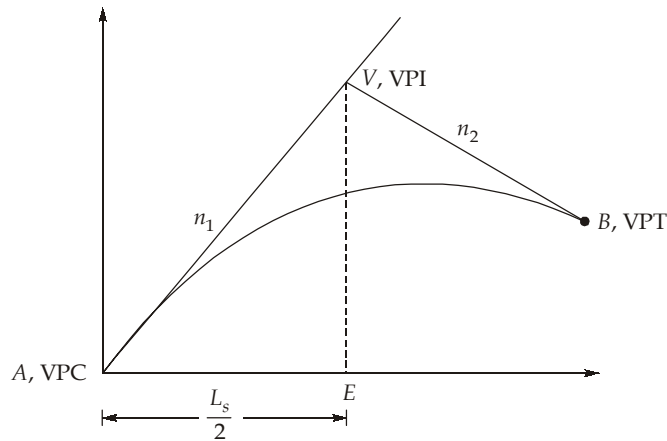
$$\text{Brake efficiency} = \frac{0.7068}{0.8} \times 100 = 88.35\% \approx 88.4\%$$

18. (d)  
Assume  $S < L$ ,

$$L = \frac{Ns^2}{(\sqrt{2H} + \sqrt{2h})^2}$$

$$N = n_1 - n_2 = 1.5 - (-0.5) = 2\%; H = 1.125 \text{ m}; h = 0.1 \text{ m}$$

$$L = \frac{0.02 \times 300^2}{(\sqrt{2 \times 1.125} + \sqrt{2 \times 0.1})^2} = 474.73 \text{ m} > 300 \text{ m} \quad \therefore \text{OK}$$



$$\begin{aligned} RL_A &= RL_V - \frac{L_s}{2} \times n \\ &= 75 - \frac{474.73}{2} \times 0.015 = 71.44 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{RL of VPT (RL of B)} &= RL_A + \frac{L_s}{2} (n_1 + n_2) \\ &= 71.44 + \frac{474.73}{2} \frac{(1.5 - 0.5)}{100} = 73.81 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

19. (c)  
Width of the pavement =  $W + W_e$

$$W_e = \frac{nl^2}{2R} + \frac{V}{9.5\sqrt{R}}$$

Length of wheel base = 6.1 m (as per IRC)

$$W_e = \frac{2 \times (6.1)^2}{2 \times 280} + \frac{80}{9.5\sqrt{280}} = 0.636 \text{ m} \approx 0.64 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \text{Width of pavement} = 7.0 + 0.64 = 7.64 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Distance between centre line of highway and centre line of inner lane} = \frac{W + W_e}{4} = \frac{7.64}{4} = 1.91 \text{ m}$$

Given : Length of the curve = 180 m; Sight distance = 250 m

L.C < S.D

$\therefore$  Set back distance from centre line of road,

$$m = R - (R - d) \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} + \left( \frac{S - L}{2} \right) \sin \frac{\alpha}{2}$$

$$L = (R - d) \alpha$$

$$\alpha = \left( \frac{180}{280 - 1.91} \right) \times \frac{180}{\pi} = 37.086^\circ$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore m &= 280 - (280 - 1.91) \cos \left( \frac{37.086}{2} \right) + \left( \frac{250 - 180}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{37.086}{2} \right) \\ &= 280 - 278.09 \cos \left( \frac{37.086}{2} \right) + 35 \times \sin \left( \frac{37.086}{2} \right) \\ &= 27.48 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Set back distance required from outer edge of pavement} &= (m + 2d) \\ &= (27.48 + 2 \times 1.91) = 31.3 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

20. (d)

$$\text{Grade compensation} = \text{Minimum of } \begin{cases} \frac{30 + R}{R} = \frac{30 + 60}{60} = 1.5\% \\ \frac{75}{R} = \frac{75}{60} = 1.25\% \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \text{Grade compensation} = 1.25\%$$

$$\text{Compensated gradient} = 5 - 1.25 = 3.75\% \text{ but } \nless 4\%$$

$$\therefore \text{Compensated gradient} = 4\%$$

$$\text{Grade compensation allowed} = 5 - 4 = 1\%$$

21. (c)

**By rate of change of centrifugal acceleration**

$$C = \frac{80}{75 + V} = \frac{80}{75 + 100} = 0.457 < 0.5$$

$$\therefore C = 0.5$$

$$L_s = \frac{0.0215V^3}{CR} = \frac{0.0215 \times (100)^3}{0.5 \times 400} = 107.5 \text{ m}$$

**By rate of introduction of superelevation**

$$\begin{aligned} L_s &= e \times W \times N && [\because \text{rotation about inner edge}] \\ &= 0.07 \times 7.6 \times 150 \\ &= 79.8 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

**By IRC formula:**

For plain terrain,

Minimum length of transition curve,

$$L_s = \frac{2.7V^2}{R} = \frac{2.7 \times 100^2}{400} = 67.5 \text{ m}$$

Adopting highest of the above three values,

$$L_s = 107.5 \text{ m}$$

22. (a)

Given:  $E_1 = 120 \text{ MN/m}^2 = 120 \text{ N/mm}^2$   
and  $E_2 = 12 \text{ MN/m}^2 = 12 \text{ N/mm}^2$

$$\frac{E_1}{E_2} = \frac{120}{12} = 10, \text{ tyre pressure} = 0.5 \text{ MN/m}^2 = 0.5 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

Radius of contact area,  $a = \left[ \frac{\text{Wheel load}}{p \times \pi} \right]^{1/2}$

$$\Rightarrow a = \left[ \frac{40 \times 10^3}{0.5 \times \pi} \right]^{1/2} = 159.577 \text{ mm}$$

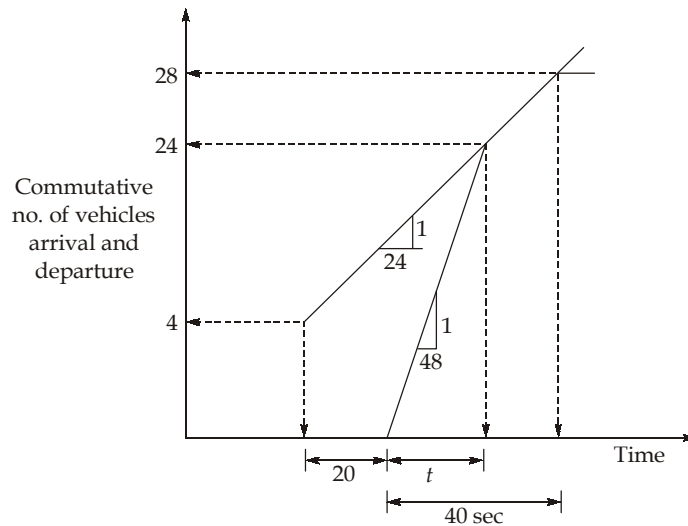
Now,  $\Delta = \left( \frac{1.5 \times p \times a}{E_2} \right) \times F$

$$\Rightarrow F = \left( \frac{\Delta \times E_2}{1.5 \times p \times a} \right) = \frac{(0.5 \times 10) \times 12}{1.5 \times 0.5 \times 159.577}$$

$$\Rightarrow F = 0.50$$

$\therefore$  From the given table, thickness of top layer  
= 1.0 a  
= (1.0  $\times$  159.577) mm  
= 15.9577 cm  $\approx$  16 cm

23. (b)



$$4 + 24 \times \left( \frac{20 + t}{60} \right) = 48 \left( \frac{t}{60} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 240 + 24(20 + t) = 48t$$

$$\Rightarrow 720 = 24t$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 30 \text{ sec}$$

Number of vehicles discharged in 30 sec =  $48 \times \frac{30}{60} = 24$  vehicles

Total number vehicles arrival in one cycle =  $4 + 24 \times \left(\frac{60}{60}\right) = 28$  vehicles

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average delay} &= \frac{\text{Area between arrival and departure per cycle time}}{\text{Cumulative number of vehicles arrival per cycle time}} \\ &= \frac{\left(\frac{4+24}{2}\right) \times 50 - \frac{1}{2} \times 30 \times 24}{28} = 12.14 \text{ sec.} \end{aligned}$$

24. (c)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{100}{G_t} &= \frac{45}{2.56} + \frac{40}{2.65} + \frac{5}{2.7} + \frac{10}{1.10} \\ \Rightarrow G_t &= 2.29 \approx 2.3 \end{aligned}$$

25. (b)

$$\begin{aligned} q_A &= 400 \text{ PCU/hr, } q_B = 300 \text{ PCU/hr} \\ s_A &= 1600 \text{ PCU/hr, } s_B = 1200 \text{ PCU/hr} \end{aligned}$$

$$y_A = \frac{q_A}{s_A} = \frac{400}{1600} = 0.25$$

$$y_B = \frac{q_B}{s_B} = \frac{300}{1200} = 0.25$$

$$y = y_A + y_B = 0.25 + 0.25 = 0.5$$

$$\text{Total lost time, } L = 2n + R = 2 \times 2 + 16 = 20 \text{ sec.}$$

$$\text{Optimum cycle time, } C_0 = \frac{1.5L + 5}{1 - y} = \frac{1.5 \times 20 + 5}{1 - 0.5} = 70 \text{ sec}$$

26. (d)

$$\text{Stopping sight distance, SSD} = 0.278 \cdot V \cdot t_r + \frac{V^2}{254 \left[ \eta f - \frac{G}{100} \right]}$$

where  $\eta$  is brake efficiency and  $G$  is descending gradient

$$\therefore \text{SSD} = 0.278 \times 80 \times 2.5 + \frac{80^2}{254 [0.4 \times 0.7 - 0.03]} = 156.39 \text{ m} \approx 157 \text{ m (say)}$$

$\therefore$  Provide stopping sight distance as 157 m.

27. (b)

$$\text{Speed (in km/hr)} \quad U = 50 - 0.5 k$$

$$\Rightarrow U = 50 \left[ 1 - \frac{k}{0.5} \right]$$

$$\text{Now, free flow speed, } V_f = 50 \text{ kmph}$$

$$\text{Jam density, } k_j = \frac{50}{0.5} = 100 \text{ veh/km}$$

$$\text{Capacity flow, } q_{\max} = \frac{V_f \cdot k_j}{4} = \frac{50 \times 100}{4} = 1250 \text{ veh/hr}$$

Now,  $q_{\max} = \frac{3600}{h}$

where  $h$  is average time headway in seconds

$\therefore h = \frac{3600}{1250} = 2.88 \text{ sec}$

Hence, the average time headway will be 2.88 sec.

28. (d)

Speed (kmph)	Average speed (kmph)	No. of vehicles	Cummulative no. of vehicles	Cummulative vehicles
20 – 30	25	40	40	5.71%
30 – 40	35	50	90	12.86%
40 – 50	45	100	190	27.14%
50 – 60	55	150	340	48.57%
60 – 70	65	200	540	77.14%
70 – 80	75	100	640	91.43%
80 – 90	85	60	700	100%

The upper value of speed limit (i.e 85<sup>th</sup> percentile speed) is marked on the sign board

$$V_{85} = 65 + \left( \frac{75 - 65}{91.43 - 77.14} \right) \times (85 - 77.14)$$

$$V_{85} = 70.5 \text{ kmph} \approx 70 \text{ kmph}$$

Hence, 70 kmph speed is marked on the sign board.

29. (c)

$$p_{1-2} = \frac{b + c}{a + b + c + d}$$

$$a = V_{12} = 500$$

$$b = V_{13} + V_{14} = 450 + 150 = 600$$

$$c = V_{32} + V_{42} = 600 + 1000 = 1600$$

$$d = V_{43} = 700$$

$$p_{1-2} = \frac{600 + 1600}{500 + 600 + 1600 + 700} = 0.647$$

30. (c)

Mean vehicular arrival rate,  $v = 3 \text{ veh/min}$

Probability that atleast 1 vehicle will arrive in any given 1 minute

$$\begin{aligned} = P(n \geq 1) &= 1 - [P(n = 0)] = 1 - \left[ \frac{(vt)^n \cdot e^{-vt}}{n!} \right] = 1 - \left[ \frac{(3 \times 1)^0 \cdot e^{-3 \times 1}}{0!} \right] = 1 - e^{-3} \\ &= 0.9502 \approx 0.95 \end{aligned}$$

