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# STRENGTH OF MATERIALS

## CIVIL ENGINEERING

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### ANSWER KEY ➤

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## DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (d)

For the given stress condition,

$$\sigma_x = +50 \text{ N/mm}^2, \sigma_y = 0, \tau_{xy} = \pm 20 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

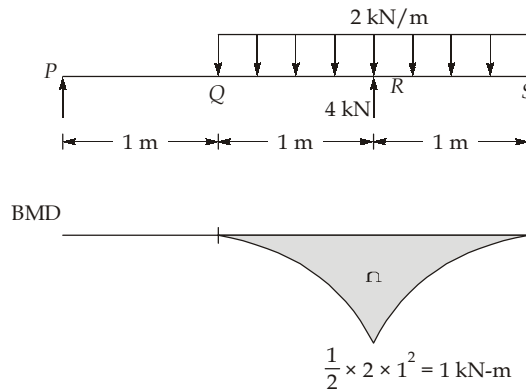
Now, principal stresses,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_{1/2} &= \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2} \\ &= \frac{50 + 0}{2} \pm \sqrt{\left(\frac{50 - 0}{2}\right)^2 + 20^2} \\ &= 57, -7 \text{ N/mm}^2\end{aligned}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned}\sigma_1 &= 57 \text{ N/mm}^2 \text{ (T)} \\ \sigma_2 &= 7 \text{ N/mm}^2 \text{ (C)}\end{aligned}$$

2. (b)



3. (d)

As we know,

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = w$$

$$\Rightarrow w = \frac{d}{dx}(5x^2) = 10x$$

For midspan,  $x = 1 \text{ m}$

So, load intensity,  $w = 10 \text{ N/m}$

4. (c)

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

Since gap is only 3 mm.

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

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

$$\Rightarrow R = 11.083 \text{ kN} \approx 11.08 \text{ kN}$$

5. (c)

$$\Delta = \frac{PL}{(b_2 - b_1)tE} \ln\left(\frac{b_2}{b_1}\right)$$

$$= \frac{PL}{atE} \ln\left(\frac{c}{q}\right)$$

On comparison,  $a = b_2 - b_1 = 40 - 20 = 20 \text{ mm}$

$$c = b_2 = 40 \text{ mm}$$

$$\Rightarrow a + c = 20 + 40 = 60 \text{ mm}$$

6. (b)

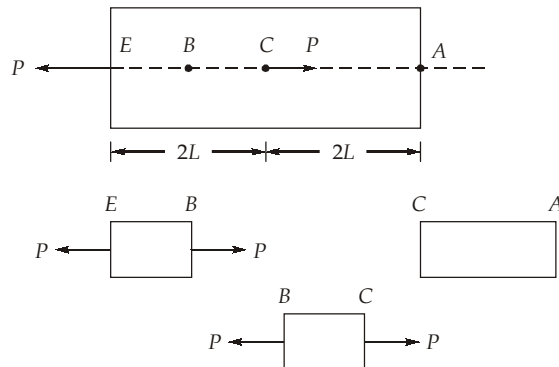
$$\sigma_x = 50 \text{ unit}, \sigma_y = 40 \text{ unit}, \tau_{xy} = 20 \text{ unit}$$

$$\sigma_2 = \frac{\sigma_x + \sigma_y}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{\sigma_x - \sigma_y}{2}\right)^2 + \tau_{xy}^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_2 = \frac{50 + 40}{2} - \sqrt{\left(\frac{50 - 40}{2}\right)^2 + 20^2}$$

$$= 45 - 20.615 = 24.384 \text{ unit}$$

7. (a)



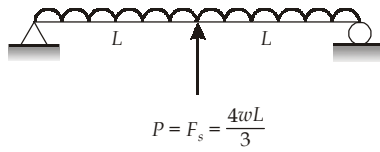
$$\text{Displacement of point A, } x_A = \delta_A + \delta_C$$

$$= \frac{Pl}{AE} + \frac{Pl}{AE} = \frac{2Pl}{AE}$$

$$\text{Displacement of point B, } x_B = \delta_B = \frac{Pl}{AE}$$

$$\therefore \text{Required ratio} = \frac{x_A}{x_B} = \frac{\frac{2Pl}{AE}}{\frac{Pl}{AE}} = 2$$

8. (d)



$$\left[ \frac{5}{384} \frac{(2w)(2L)^4}{EI} \right] - \left[ \frac{\left( \frac{4wL}{3} \right) (2L)^3}{48EI} \right] = \delta_{\text{spring}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta_{\text{spring}} = \frac{5wL^4}{12EI} - \frac{2wL^4}{9EI} = \frac{7wL^4}{36EI}$$

$$P = F_s = k\delta_{\text{spring}}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{4wL/3}{\frac{7}{36} \frac{wL^4}{EI}}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{48 EI}{7 L^3}$$

9. (a)

$$\text{Radius of Mohr's circle} = \frac{\phi_{\max}}{2}$$

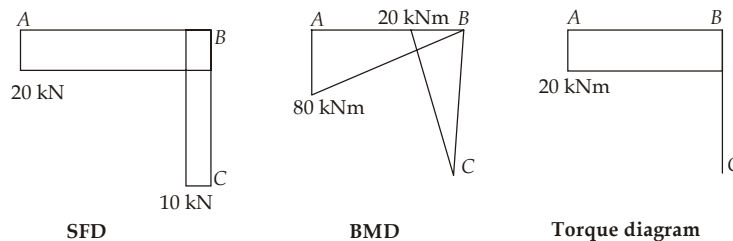
$$\Rightarrow \frac{\phi_{\max}}{2} = \sqrt{\left( \frac{\epsilon_{xx} - \epsilon_{yy}}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\phi_{xy}}{2} \right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1000\mu}{2} = \sqrt{\left( \frac{1000 - 200}{2} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{\phi_{xy}}{2} \right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 500^2 = 400^2 + \left( \frac{\phi_{xy}}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore \phi_{xy} = 600 \mu$$

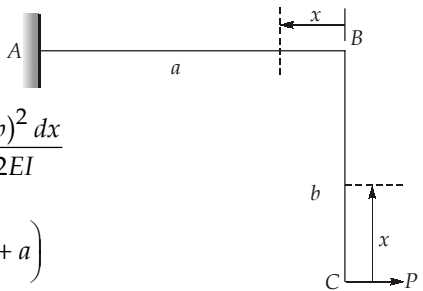
10. (d)



11. (a)

Moment,

$$M_x = Px \quad 0 < x < b$$

$$= Pb \quad 0 < x < a$$


$$\text{Strain energy} = \int \frac{M_x^2 dx}{2EI} = \int_0^b \frac{(Px)^2 dx}{2EI} + \int_0^a \frac{(Pb)^2 dx}{2EI}$$

$$= \frac{P^2 b^3}{6EI} + \frac{P^2 b^2 a}{2EI} = \frac{P^2 b^2}{2EI} \left( \frac{b}{3} + a \right)$$

12. (c)

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13. (c)

Change in length in  $dx$  strip is,

$$\Delta L_{\text{strip}} = dx \alpha T_x = \frac{T x^4 \alpha dx}{L^4}$$

Total change in length of bar is,

$$\Delta L_{\text{bar}} = \int_0^L \Delta L_{\text{strip}} = \int_0^L \frac{T x^4}{L^4} \alpha dx = \frac{T}{L^4} \alpha \left[ \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^L = \frac{T}{L^4} \alpha \frac{L^5}{5} = \frac{T \alpha L}{5}$$



Now, total deformation is 0.

$$\Rightarrow \quad \left[ \frac{T \alpha L}{5} + \left( \frac{-PL}{AE} \right) \right] + \left[ \frac{-P}{k_{\text{spring}}} \right] + \left[ \frac{-P}{k_{\text{spring}}} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{T \alpha L}{5} = \frac{PL}{AE} + \frac{2P}{k_{\text{spring}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{T \alpha L}{5} = \frac{PL}{AE} \left[ 1 + \frac{2AE}{L k_{\text{spring}}} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{P}{A} = \frac{E \alpha T}{5 \left( 1 + \frac{2AE}{L k_{\text{spring}}} \right)} \quad \left[ \because k_{\text{bar}} = \frac{AE}{L} \right]$$

$$\therefore \quad \sigma_{\text{Thermal}} = \frac{E \alpha T}{5 \left( 1 + 2 \frac{k_{\text{bar}}}{k_{\text{spring}}} \right)}$$

14. (b)

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

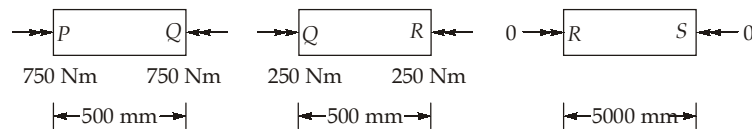
For  $\sigma_{\max}$ ,  $y_{\max}$  has to be used

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

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

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

15. (b)



$$\text{Angle of twist } \phi = \frac{TL}{GJ}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \phi_{PS} &= \phi_{PQ} + \phi_{QR} + \phi_{RS} \\ &= \frac{750 \times 10^3 \times 500}{80 \times 10^3 \times \frac{\pi}{32} \times 50^4} + \frac{250 \times 10^3 \times 500}{80 \times 10^3 \times \frac{\pi}{32} \times 50^4} + 0 \\ &= 10 \times 10^{-4} \times \frac{32}{\pi} \text{ rad} = 0.58^\circ \end{aligned}$$

16. (d)

For a thin walled tube, angle of twist

$$\theta = \frac{TL}{4A_m^2 G} \oint \frac{dS}{t} = \frac{TL}{4A_m^2 G t} \oint dS$$

The integral represents the length around the centreline boundary which is  $2\pi r_m$

$$\therefore \theta = \frac{TL \times 2\pi r_m}{4(\pi r_m^2)^2 G t} = \frac{TL}{2\pi r_m^3 G t}$$

**Alternative solution:**

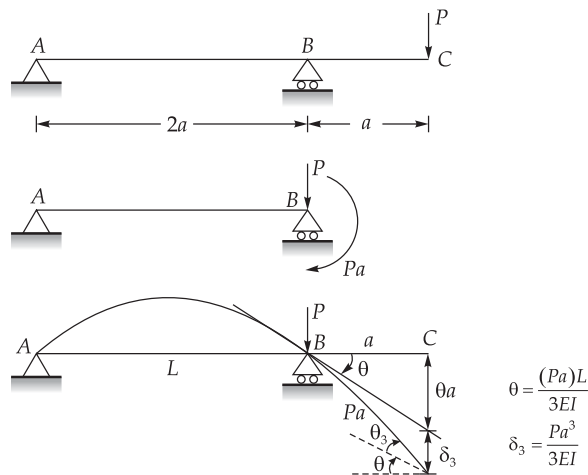
$$\frac{\tau}{r_m} = \frac{G\theta}{L} \text{ (From torsion equation)}$$

But,

$$\tau = \frac{T}{2A_m t}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\tau L}{Gr_m} = \frac{T}{2A_m t Gr_m} L = \frac{TL}{2(\pi r_m^2) t Gr_m} = \frac{TL}{2\pi r_m^3 G t}$$

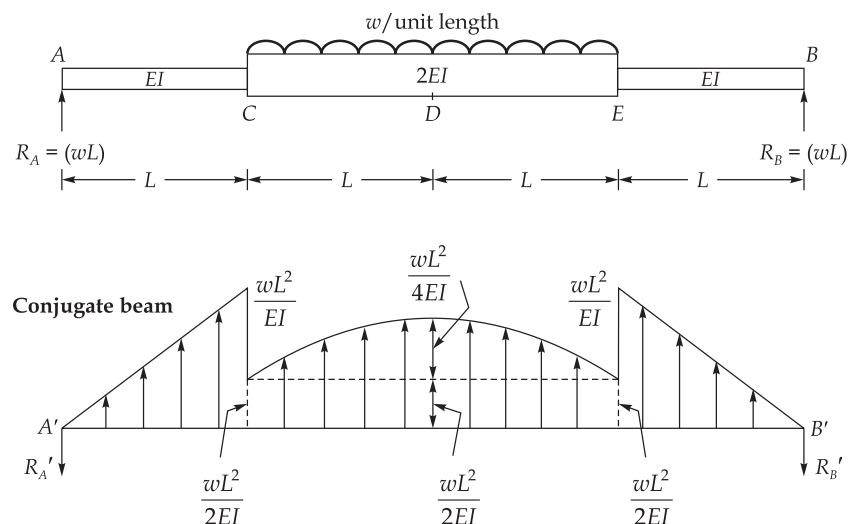
17. (c)



$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Deflection at free end, } \delta_c = \theta a + \delta_3 &= \frac{(Pa)(2a)a}{3EI} + \frac{Pa^3}{3EI} \\
 &= \frac{2Pa^3}{3EI} + \frac{Pa^3}{3EI} = \frac{Pa^3}{EI}
 \end{aligned}$$

18. (a)

Using conjugate beam method.

The reaction at  $A'$  and  $B'$  are equal due to symmetry.

$$\begin{aligned}
 R_{A'} &= \frac{1}{2} \times L \times \frac{wL^2}{EI} + \left( \frac{wL^2}{2EI} \right) \times L + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{wL^2}{4EI} \times L \\
 &= \frac{7wL^3}{6EI}
 \end{aligned}$$

From conjugate beam 'Theorem-1':

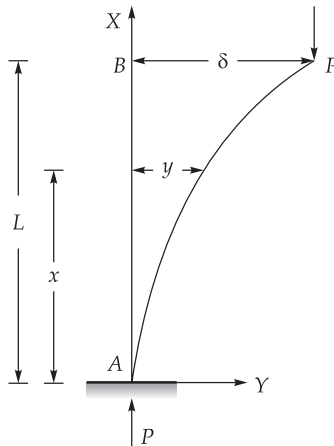
The slope at any point in a real beam will be equal to shear force at the corresponding point in

conjugate beam.

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$$\begin{aligned}\theta_A &= \text{SF at } A' \text{ in conjugate beam} \\ &= -R_{A'} = -\frac{7wL^3}{6EI} \\ &= \frac{7wL^3}{6EI} (\text{CW})\end{aligned}$$

19. (c)



Given differential equation is:

$$\begin{aligned}EI \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= P(\delta - y) \\ \Rightarrow EI \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} &= P\delta - Py \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{P}{EI}y &= \frac{P\delta}{EI} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \alpha^2 y &= \frac{P\delta}{EI} \quad \left( \text{where } \alpha^2 = \frac{P}{EI} \right)\end{aligned}$$

The solution of the above differential equation

$$\begin{aligned}y &= A \sin \alpha x + B \cos \alpha x + \frac{P\delta}{EI\alpha^2} \\ &= A \sin \alpha x + B \cos \alpha x + \delta\end{aligned}$$

Applying boundary condition.

At  $x = 0$ ;  $y = 0$

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$$B = -\delta$$

Also,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = A\alpha \cos \alpha x - B\alpha \sin \alpha x$$

At  $x = 0$ ,

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = 0$$

⇒

$$0 = A\alpha - 0$$

⇒

$$A = 0$$

$$\therefore y = -\delta \cos \alpha x + \delta = \delta(1 - \cos \alpha x)$$

$$\text{Also, at } x = L, \quad y = \delta$$

$$\therefore \delta = \delta(1 - \cos \alpha L)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha L = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \alpha L = \cos \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \cos \frac{3\pi}{2} \text{ or } \cos \frac{5\pi}{2} \text{ or } , \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha L = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ or } \frac{3\pi}{2} \text{ or } \frac{5\pi}{2} \text{ or } , \dots$$

$$\text{For second critical load, } \alpha L = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

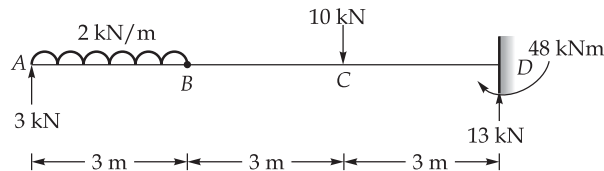
$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{P}{EI}} \times L = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$

$$\text{Squaring both sides, } \frac{P}{EI} \times L^2 = \frac{9\pi^2}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow P = \frac{9\pi^2 EI}{4L^2}$$

20. (d)

The loading diagram for the given SFD is



$$\therefore \text{Total downward load} = 10 + 2 \times 3 = 16 \text{ kN}$$

21. (b)

$\therefore$  The rigid connecting plate remains horizontal

$\therefore$  The strain in all three bars remains same

$$\therefore \epsilon_{Cu} = \epsilon_{Zn} = \epsilon_{Al}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sigma_{Cu}}{E_{Cu}} = \frac{\sigma_{Zn}}{E_{Zn}} = \frac{\sigma_{Al}}{E_{Al}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{Zn} = \frac{E_{Zn}}{E_{Cu}} \times \sigma_{Cu} = 0.769 \sigma_{Cu} \dots (i)$$

$$\sigma_{Al} = \frac{E_{Al}}{E_{Cu}} \times \sigma_{Cu} = 0.615 \sigma_{Cu} \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{Now, } 100 \times 10^3 = P_{Cu} + P_{Zn} + A_{Al}$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 \times 10^3 = \sigma_{Cu} A_{Cu} + \sigma_{Zn} A_{Zn} + \sigma_{Al} A_{Al}$$

$$\Rightarrow 100 \times 10^3 = \sigma_{Cu} [A_{Cu} + 0.769 A_{Zn} + 0.615 A_{Al}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_{Cu} = \frac{100 \times 10^3}{[600 + 0.769 \times 700 + 0.615 \times 800]}$$

$$\sigma_{Cu} = \frac{100 \times 10^3}{1630.3} = 61.34 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

22. (a)

From figure,

Twisting torque,

$$T = 1 \times 0.5 + 1 \times 0.3 = 0.8 \text{ kNm}$$

From torsion equation:

$$\frac{T}{I_p} = \frac{G\theta}{L}$$

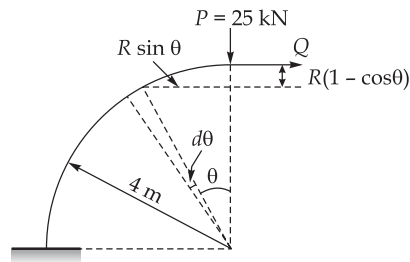
$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \theta &= \frac{TL}{GI_p} = \frac{0.8 \times 10^6 \times 3000}{28 \times 10^3 \times \frac{\pi}{32} \times (150^4 - 120^4)} \\ &= 2.92 \times 10^{-3} \text{ rad} = \left( \frac{2.92 \times 10^{-3}}{\pi} \times 180 \right)^\circ \\ &= 0.167^\circ \simeq 0.17^\circ \end{aligned}$$

23. (b)

Apply a horizontal load ( $Q$ ) at tip.

$$M_x = PR \sin \theta + QR (1 - \cos \theta)$$

$$\therefore \frac{\partial M_x}{\partial Q} = R(1 - \cos \theta)$$



$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \Delta_H &= \left. \frac{\partial U}{\partial Q} \right|_{Q=0} \\ &= \left. \frac{1}{EI} \int M_x \frac{\partial M_x}{\partial Q} dx \right|_{Q=0} \\ &= \left. \frac{1}{EI} \int \{ (PR \sin \theta + QR (1 - \cos \theta)) R (1 - \cos \theta) d\theta \} \right|_{Q=0} \\ &= \frac{1}{EI} \int_0^{\pi/2} PR \sin \theta R (1 - \cos \theta) R d\theta \\ \therefore \Delta_H &= \frac{PR^3}{EI} \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin \theta (1 - \cos \theta) d\theta \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{PR^3}{EI} \int_0^{\pi/2} \left( \sin \theta - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \right) d\theta \\
 &= \frac{PR^3}{EI} \left( -\cos \theta + \frac{\cos 2\theta}{4} \right)_0^{\pi/2} \\
 &= \frac{PR^3}{EI} \left( -0 - \frac{1}{4} - \left( -1 + \frac{1}{4} \right) \right) \\
 &= \frac{PR^3}{2EI}
 \end{aligned}$$

Given

$$P = 25 \text{ kN}, \quad R = 4 \text{ m}, \quad E = 200 \times 10^3 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

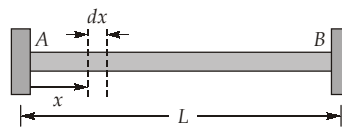
Dia. of cross-section,

$$d = 150 \text{ mm}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \therefore \Delta_H &= \frac{25 \times 10^3 \times (4000)^3}{2 \times 200 \times 10^3 \times \frac{\pi}{64} \times (150)^4} \\
 &= 160.963 \text{ mm} \simeq 160 \text{ mm (nearest multiple of 10)}
 \end{aligned}$$

24. (c)

Consider an element of length ' $dx$ ' at a distance  $x$  from A,



Increase in length of element  $dx$  due to temperature increase,  $\Delta T$  is given by,

$$d\delta = (dx) \left( \frac{\alpha}{3} \right) (\Delta T)$$

$$\Rightarrow d\delta = dx \left( \frac{\alpha}{3} \right) \frac{\Delta T_1 x^2}{3L^2}$$

$$\therefore \text{Total elongation of bar, } \delta = \int_0^L \frac{\alpha}{3} \frac{\Delta T_1 x^2}{3L^2} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = \frac{\alpha \Delta T_1}{9L^2} \times \frac{x^3}{3} \Big|_0^L$$

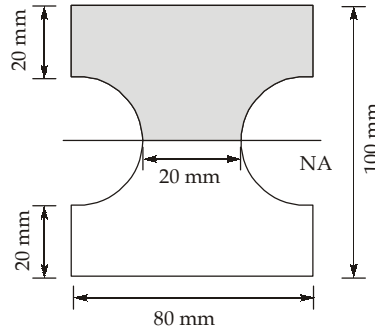
$$\Rightarrow \delta = \frac{\alpha \Delta T_1}{9L^2} \times \frac{L^3}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \delta = \frac{\alpha \Delta T_1 L}{27}$$

$$\therefore \text{Compressive stress} = (2E) \times \frac{\delta}{L} = 2E \times \frac{\alpha \Delta T_1}{27} = \frac{2}{27} E \alpha \Delta T_1$$

25. (b)

$$I_{NA} = \left[ \frac{80(100)^3}{12} \right] - \left[ \frac{\pi}{64} (60)^4 \right] = 6.03 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$$



$$Q = \int y dA = y_c A$$

$$= [(80 \times 50 \times 25)] - \left[ \frac{\pi}{2} (30)^2 \times \frac{4(30)}{3\pi} \right] = 82000 \text{ mm}^3$$

Now,

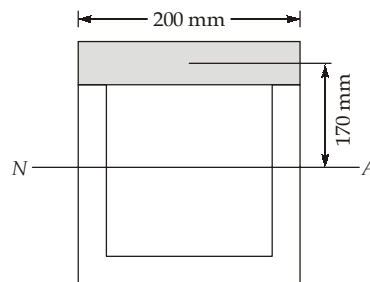
$$\tau = \frac{VQ}{Ib} = \frac{(20 \times 10^3)(82000)}{(6.03 \times 10^6) \times (20)}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\tau = 13.599 \text{ MPa} \approx 13.6 \text{ MPa}$$

26. (b)

$$I_{NA} = \frac{200(360)^3}{12} - \frac{160(320)^3}{12} = 340693333.3 \text{ mm}^4$$



Shear flow,

$$q = \frac{VQ}{I} = \frac{(3.2 \times 10^3)(200 \times 20 \times 170)}{(340693333.3)}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$q = 6.387 \text{ N/mm}$$

$$\therefore \text{Shear flow} \times \text{spacing} = 250 \times 2 \text{ N}$$

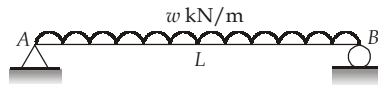
$\Rightarrow$

$$\text{Spacing} = \frac{500}{6.387}$$

$\Rightarrow$

$$\text{Spacing} = 78.3 \text{ mm c/c}$$

27. (d)

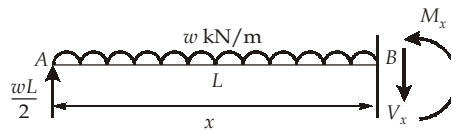


$$y = \frac{1}{EI} \left[ 2x^3 - \frac{x^4}{6} - 36x \right]$$

$$\therefore \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{EI} \left[ 6x^2 - \frac{1}{6} 4x^3 - 36 \right]$$

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = \frac{1}{EI} \left[ 12x - \frac{12x^2}{6} \right]$$

$$\therefore M_x = EI \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} = 12x - 2x^2 \quad \dots(1)$$



$$\left( \frac{wL}{2} x \right) + \left( -wx \times \frac{x}{2} \right) + (-M_x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow M_x = \frac{wL}{2} x - \frac{wx^2}{2} \quad \dots(2)$$

By comparing (1) and (2),

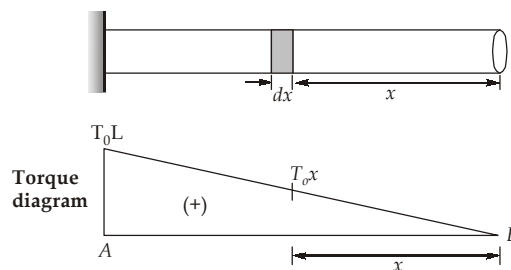
$$\frac{w}{2} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow w = 4 \text{ kN/m}$$

$$\frac{wL}{2} = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow L = 6 \text{ m}$$

28. (d)



$$U_{\text{Total}} = \int_A^B dU_{\text{strip}} = \int_0^L \frac{T_x^2 dx}{2GJ}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{\text{Total}} = \int_0^L \frac{T_0^2 x^2}{2GJ} dx$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{\text{total}} = \frac{T_0^2}{2GJ} \frac{L^3}{3} = \frac{T_0^2 L^3}{6GJ} = 0.167 \frac{T_0^2 L^3}{GJ}$$

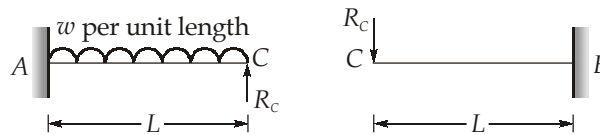
29. (b)

After perfect plastic yielding, if the load is further increased, the steel begins to strain harden. During strain hardening, the material appears to regain some of its strength and offers more resistance, thus requiring increased tensile load for further deformation. This is so because the material undergoes changes in its atomic and crystalline structure in the strain hardening region.

30. (c)

We know that at internal hinge deflection will be same at just left and right of hinge.

So,



$$(\delta_c)_{\text{left}} \downarrow = \frac{wL^4}{8EI} - \frac{R_c L^3}{3EI} \quad \dots(i)$$

$$(\delta_c)_{\text{right}} \downarrow = \frac{R_c L^3}{3EI} \quad \dots(ii)$$

So from eq. (i) and (ii)

$$\frac{wL^4}{8EI} - \frac{R_c L^3}{3EI} = \frac{R_c L^3}{3EI}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2R_c L^3}{3EI} = \frac{wL^4}{8EI}$$

$$\Rightarrow R_c = \frac{3}{16} wL$$

