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# HIGHWAY ENGINEERING

## CIVIL ENGINEERING

**Date of Test : 04/05/2023****ANSWER KEY >**

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

## DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (d)

**Flexible progressive system:** In the system it is possible to vary cycle length, cycle division and the time schedule at each intersection with the help of a computer.

**Note:**

**Simultaneous system:** All signals along the given road show some indications at same time.

**Alternate system:** Alternate signals show opposite indication along the route at same time. It is more satisfactory than simultaneous system.

**Simple progressive system:** A time schedule is made to permit as nearly as possible a continuous operation of group of vehicles along the main road at a reasonable speed.

2. (a)

**Viscosity test:** Viscosity is the general term for consistency and it is a measure of resistance of flow.

**Ductility test:** Used to measure the adhesiveness or elasticity of bitumen.

**Penetration test:** Determine hardness or softness of bitumen.

**Softening point test:** It is the temperature at which the substance attains a particular degree of softening under specified conditions of test.

3. (d)

$$R_{\text{ruling}} = \frac{V^2}{127(e+f)} = \frac{80^2}{127(0.07+0.13)}$$

$$= 251.97 \simeq 252 \text{ m}$$

4. (d)

$$\text{Jam density} = \frac{1000}{\text{Space headway}}$$

$$= \frac{1000}{8} = 125 \text{ veh/km}$$

$$\text{Maximum flow} = \frac{\text{Jam density} \times \text{Free speed}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{125 \times 70}{4}$$

$$= 2187.5 \simeq 2187 \text{ vph}$$

5. (c)

The spacing of expansion joint is given by

$$L_e = \frac{\delta'}{\alpha(T_2 - T_1)}$$

Given,

$$\delta' = \frac{\text{Width of expansion joint}}{2} = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \text{ cm}$$

$$\therefore L_e = \frac{1}{100 \times 10 \times 10^{-6} (50 - 20)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{100 \times 10 \times 10^{-6} \times 30} = 33.33 \text{ m}$$

6. (c)

Space headway,  $S = 45t - 45t^2$

$$\therefore \frac{dS}{dt} = 45 - 90t = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 0.5 \text{ hr} = 30 \text{ minutes}$$

$$\frac{d^2S}{dt^2} = -90 < 0$$

Thus  $t = 30 \text{ min}$  will give maximum headway.

$\therefore$  Maximum space headway,

$$S_{max} = 45 \times 0.5 - 45 \times (0.5)^2 = 11.25 \text{ km}$$

7. (c)

**Summit curve:** Summit curves are vertical curves with convexity upward, the design of a summit curve is governed by consideration of sight distance.

8. (b)

$$\text{Running speed} = \frac{3.5}{(6 - 1.5)} \times 60 = 46.67 \text{ kmph}$$

9. (a)

10. (b)

As per IRC total number of volume about 3000 veh/hr can be considered as the upper limiting case and a volume of 500 veh/hr is the lower limit.

11. (a)

$$L = [0.278V_2t + (0.278V_2t_0 + 2S) + 0.278Vt_0] \quad \dots(i)$$

In this problem,

$$V_2 = 65 - 15 = 50 \text{ kmph}$$

$$t = 2 \text{ sec}$$

$$V = 65 \text{ kmph}$$

$$S = (0.2 \times 50 + 6) = 16 \text{ m}$$

$$t_0 = \sqrt{\frac{4 \times S}{a}} = \sqrt{\frac{4 \times 16}{3.28 \times \frac{5}{18}}} = 8.38 \text{ sec}$$

Substituting in (i),

$$L = [0.278 \times 50 \times 2 + (0.278 \times 50 \times 8.38 + 2 \times 16) + 0.278 \times 65 \times 8.38]$$

$$= 327.8 \text{ m} \simeq 328 \text{ m}$$

So, the nearest answer is option (a).

12. (b)

$$L_c = 1200 \text{ m, SSD} = 250 \text{ m, } R = 350 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore L_c > \text{SSD}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{\text{SSD}}{(R-d)} \times \frac{180^\circ}{\pi}$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{\alpha}{2}\right) = \frac{250 \times 180}{2\pi \left[350 - \left(3.5 + \frac{3.5}{2}\right)\right]} = 20.77^\circ$$

$\therefore$  Set-back distance,

$$\begin{aligned} m &= R - (R-d) \cos \frac{\alpha}{2} \\ &= 350 - \left(350 - 3.5 - \frac{3.5}{2}\right) \cos 20.77^\circ \\ &= 27.65 \text{ m} \quad (\text{from center line}) \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore$  Distance from inner edge to obstruction =  $27.65 - 7 = 20.65 \text{ m}$

13. (a)

Spacing between contraction joint is given by

$$L_C = \frac{2S_c}{wf} \times 10^4 = \frac{2 \times 0.8 \times 10^4}{2400 \times 1.5} = 4.44 \text{ m}$$

14. (b)

Amber time = 4 s; Reaction time = 1 s; Braking time =  $4 - 1 = 3 \text{ s}$

$$\text{Now using, } v = u + at$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = u + at$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{u}{t}$$

$$\text{But } u = 40 \text{ kmph} = \frac{40}{3.6} = 11.11 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\therefore a = -\frac{11.11}{3} = -3.704 \text{ m/s}^2 \quad (\text{negative sign implies de-acceleration})$$

$$\text{Using, } F = ma$$

$$\Rightarrow Wf = \frac{Wa}{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{a}{g} = \frac{3.704}{9.81} = 0.378$$

15. (a)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

16. (b)

17. (b)

The cumulative number of standard axle load,

$$N_S = \frac{365ADF \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{r}{100} \right)^n - 1 \right]}{\frac{r}{100}}$$

$$\Rightarrow N_S = \frac{365 \times 1250 \times 0.5 \times 3 \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{8}{100} \right)^{10} - 1 \right]}{\frac{8}{100}}$$

$$= 9.91 \text{ msa}$$

18. (a)

Speed range (m/s)	Average speed ( $V_i$ ) (m/s)	Volume of flow ( $q_i$ )	$V_i q_i$	$q_i/V_i$
6 - 10	8	2	16	0.25
11 - 15	13	1	13	0.077
16 - 20	18	4	72	0.22
21 - 25	23	0	0	0
26 - 30	28	5	140	0.179
		$\Sigma q_i = 12$	$\Sigma V_i q_i = 241$	$\Sigma q_i/V_i = 0.726$

$$\text{Space mean speed} = \frac{\Sigma q_i}{\Sigma \left( \frac{q_i}{V_i} \right)} = \frac{12}{0.726} = 16.53 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Time mean speed} = \frac{\Sigma q_i V_i}{\Sigma (q_i)} = \frac{241}{12} = 20.08 \text{ m/s}$$

19. (c)

For soil sample,

$$\text{Group index, G.I.} = 0.2a + \frac{0.2}{40}ac + \frac{0.2}{20}bd$$

$$a = (\% \text{ passing through } 75 \mu \text{ sieve}) - 35$$

$$b = (\% \text{ passing through } 75 \mu \text{ sieve}) - 15$$

$$c = (\text{Liquid limit})\% - 40$$

$$d = (\text{Plasticity index})\% - 10$$

$$a = 60 - 35 = 25\% \text{ but } \neq 40\%$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 25\%$$

$$b = 60 - 15 = 45\% \text{ but } \neq 40\%$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 40\%$$

$$c = 40 - 40 = 0\% \text{ but } \neq 20\%$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 0\%$$

$$d = (40 - 15) - 10 = 15\% \text{ but } \neq 20\%$$

$$\Rightarrow d = 15\%$$

$$\therefore \text{G.I.} = 0.2 \times 25 + \frac{0.2}{40} \times 25 \times 0 + \frac{0.2}{20} \times 40 \times 15$$

$$= 11$$

20. (b)

We know,

$$\text{Radius of relative stiffness, } l = \left[ \frac{Eh^3}{12k(1-\mu^2)} \right]^{1/4}$$

$l$  = Radius of relative stiffness, cm

$E$  = Modulus of elasticity of cement concrete,  $\text{kg/cm}^2 = 3 \times 10^5 \text{ kg/cm}^2$

$h$  = Slab thickness, cm = 20 cm

$k$  = Modulus of subgrade reaction =  $0.375 \text{ kg/cm}^2/\text{deflection}$

$$= \frac{0.375}{0.125} = 3 \text{ kg/cm}^3$$

$$\therefore l = \left[ \frac{3 \times 10^5 \times 20^3}{12 \times 3 \times (1 - 0.15^2)} \right]^{1/4} = 90.88 \text{ cm}$$

$\therefore$  Radius of relative stiffness is 90.88 cm.

21. (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Effective green time} &= \text{Green time} + \text{Amber time} - \text{Startup loss} - \text{Clearance time} \\ &= 27 + 3.5 - 2.5 - 1.5 = 26.5 \text{ second} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Saturation flow} &= \frac{3600}{\text{Saturation time headway}} \\ &= \frac{3600}{2.5} = 1440 \text{ veh/hr} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Actual capacity} &= \text{Saturation flow} \times \frac{\text{Effective green time}}{\text{Cycle time}} \\ &= 1440 \times \frac{26.5}{60} = 636 \text{ veh/hr} \end{aligned}$$

22. (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

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

23. (c)

$$\begin{aligned}
 N_{S_1} &= \frac{365 A_1 [(1+r)^n - 1]}{r} \times F \\
 &= \frac{365 \times 1800 \left[ \left( 1 + \frac{8}{100} \right)^{12} - 1 \right]}{\frac{8}{100} \times 10^6} \times 4 \\
 &= 49.87 \text{ msa} \\
 N_{S_2} &= \frac{365 A_2 [(1+r)^n - 1]}{r} \times F_2 \\
 &= \frac{365 \times 300 [(1 + 0.08)^{12} - 1]}{0.08 \times 10^6} \times 7 \\
 &= 14.55 \\
 \therefore N_s &= N_{S_1} + N_{S_2} \\
 &= 49.87 + 14.55 \\
 &= 64.42 \text{ msa}
 \end{aligned}$$

24. (c)

If  $\alpha$  is the rate of change of radial acceleration, the radial acceleration ( $a$ ) attained during the time the vehicle passes over the transition curve is given by

$$a = \alpha t = \alpha \times \frac{L}{V}$$

$$\text{Radial acceleration, } a = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

$$\therefore \alpha \times \frac{L}{V} = \frac{V^2}{R}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \frac{V^3}{\alpha R}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \frac{\left(\frac{45 \times 1000}{60 \times 60}\right)^3}{0.25 \times 240}$$

$$= 32.55 \text{ m}$$

25. (a)

Condition for the prevention of overturning and sliding is

$$\frac{V^2}{gR} < \min \left\{ \frac{b}{2h}, \frac{f}{f} \right\}$$

$$\frac{b}{2h} = \frac{0.8}{2 \times 0.6} = 0.67$$

$$f = \frac{F}{N} = \frac{5}{40} = 0.125$$

So,

$$\frac{V^2}{gR} = 0.125$$

$$\Rightarrow V^2 = 0.125 \times 250 \times 9.81$$

$$\Rightarrow V^2 = 306.5625$$

$$\Rightarrow V = 17.51 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\Rightarrow V = 63.04 \text{ kmph}$$

26. (a)

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

Here,

$$ESWL = 62 \text{ kN}$$

$$P = 35 \text{ kN}$$

$$Z = 30 \text{ cm}$$

$$S = 20 \text{ cm}$$

$$d = ?$$

Substitute all the values in eq. (i)

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

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

27. (a)

Radius of relative stiffness,

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



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

$$\Rightarrow l = 94.74 \text{ cm} \quad (\because K = 8 \times 10^6 \text{ kg/m}^3 = 8 \text{ kg/cm}^3)$$

Warping stress at corner is given by

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

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

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

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

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

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

28. (c)

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

For a vehicle on ascending gradient

$$SSD_1 = 278Vt + \frac{V^2}{254(f + n)}$$

$$= 0.278 \times 85 \times 2.5 + \frac{85^2}{254(0.36 + 0.025)}$$

$$\Rightarrow = 132.95 \text{ m}$$

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

$$SSD_2 = 278Vt + \frac{V^2}{254(f - n)}$$

$$= 0.278 \times 85 \times 2.5 + \frac{85^2}{254(0.36 - 0.025)}$$

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

For a one lane, two way road

$$SSD = SSD_1 + SSD_2$$

$$= 132.95 + 143.98$$

$$= 276.93$$

29. (c)

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

30. (c)

Given:  $P = 4100 \text{ kg}$ ,  $E = 3 \times 10^5 \text{ kg/cm}^2$ ,  $h = 15 \text{ cm}$ ,  $k = 3 \text{ kg/cm}^2$ ,  $a = 15 \text{ cm}$ ,  $\mu = 0.15$

Equivalent radius of resisting section:

$$\begin{aligned}b &= \sqrt{1.6a^2 + h^2} - 0.675h \quad [a < 1.724h = 1.724 \times 15 = 25.86 \text{ cm}] \\ &= \sqrt{1.6(15)^2 + (15)^2} - 0.675 \times 15 = 14.06 \text{ cm}\end{aligned}$$

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