



RPSC AEn-2024 Main Test Series

CIVIL
ENGINEERING

Test 5

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Subjects : Transportation Engineering + Surveying

DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. Solution:

Camber is provided in pavements to drain rainwater quickly, prevent water ingress, and maintain pavement stability and skid resistance.

2. Solution:

Two fundamental principles of surveying are:

- (i) To work from whole to part
- (ii) To locate a point by at least two measurements

3. Solution:

Exceptional gradient is the very steep gradient permitted only for short stretches (not exceeding about 100 m) under unavoidable site conditions.

4. Solution:

Time headway is the time interval between the passages of two successive vehicles over the same point on a traffic lane, measured from front to front of the vehicles.

5. Solution:

Revolving the telescope in the horizontal plane, about its vertical axis is called the swinging of the telescope.



6. Solution:

Initial speed, $u = 30 \text{ kmph}$

Braking distance, $L = 5.8 \text{ m}$

We know, $L = \frac{u^2}{2gf}$

$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{u^2}{2gL} = \frac{\left(30 \times \frac{5}{18}\right)^2}{2 \times 9.81 \times 5.8} = 0.61$$

7. Solution:

Height of observer and distance to visible horizon are related as:

$$h = 0.0673 D^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 80 = 0.0673 D^2$$

$$\Rightarrow D = 34.478 \text{ km}$$

Dip of the horizon,

$$\theta = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{34.478}{6400}\right) = 0.3087^\circ = 0^\circ 18' 31.32''$$

8. Solution:

Azimuth is measured clockwise from north and hence azimuth of the line is 135° .

9. Solution:

The objective of tack coat is to ensure adequate bonding between the existing pavement surface and the new bituminous layer.

10. Solution:

Hypsometry is the determination of difference in elevations by observing boiling point of water at different altitudes using a hydrometer. It works on the principle that water boils when its vapour pressure is equal to the atmospheric pressure which is different at different elevations.

11. Solution:

PIEV theory explains total reaction time of a driver as the sum of four stages:

- (i) Perception time to transmit sensations received from sensory organs to the brain.
- (ii) Intellection time to understand the situation.
- (iii) Emotion is the time elapsed during emotional sensations like fear, anger, etc.
- (iv) Volition is time required for taking final action such as braking or steering.

12. Solution:

Superelevation required,

$$e = \frac{V^2}{225R} = \frac{75^2}{225 \times 300} = 0.083 > 0.07$$

∴ Maximum allowable superelevation = 0.07

$$\therefore e = 0.07$$

∴ Friction developed,

$$f = \frac{V^2}{127R} - 0.07 = \frac{75^2}{127 \times 300} - 0.07 \approx 0.08 < 0.15 \text{ (Ok)}$$

∴ It is safe.

Superelevation to be provided = 0.07

13. Solution:

Temporary adjustments are the operations carried out at every instrument set-up before taking observations. These include:

- (i) Setting up: The instrument is centred approximately over the station using tripod legs.
- (ii) Levelling up: The vertical axis is made truly vertical by bringing the plate level bubble to the centre using foot screws.
- (iii) Focussing: Eyepiece is focused to make cross-hairs clear, followed by focusing the objective to obtain a sharp image of the object.

14. Solution:

Ravelling is the progressive disintegration of a bituminous pavement surface due to loss of bond between aggregates and binder, leading to aggregate loosening under traffic. Two major causes of ravelling are:

- (i) Insufficient bitumen binder content in the mix.
- (ii) Improper coating or stripping of binder from aggregates due to moisture.

15. Solution:

Shrinkage factor, $SF = \frac{9.5}{10}$

Original area on plan,

$$A = \left(\frac{10}{9.5}\right)^2 \times 90.5 = 100.277 \text{ cm}^2$$

∴ Area on ground = $100.277 \times (10)^2 = 10027.7 \text{ m}^2$

Original length of tape = $30 - 0.09 = 29.91 \text{ m}$

∴ True area of the field, $A' = \left(\frac{29.91}{30}\right)^2 \times 10027.7$

$$\Rightarrow A' = 9967.624 \text{ m}^2$$

16. Solution:

Magnetic Declination, $\delta = 2^\circ \text{E}$

Magnetic FB of AB = N $79^\circ 50'$ E

To find local attraction at station A

As station O is free from local attraction

Hence FB of OA will be correct,

$$\text{Correct FB of OA} = \text{N } 50^\circ 20' \text{ W} = 309^\circ 40'$$

∴ Correct BB of OA = $129^\circ 40'$

∴ Observed FB of AO = Observed BB of OA = S $52^\circ 40'$ E = $127^\circ 20'$

∴ Error at station A = Observed bearing - Correct bearing
 $= 127^\circ 20' - 129^\circ 40' = -2^\circ 20'$

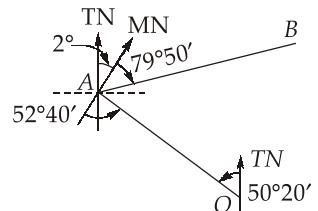
∴ Correction required at station A = $+2^\circ 20'$

Local attraction at station A = $+2^\circ 20' = 2^\circ 20' \text{ E}$

∴ Magnetic FB of AB = N $79^\circ 50'$ E

$$\delta = 2^\circ \text{E} \text{ and local attraction} = 2^\circ 20' \text{ E}$$

∴ TB of FB of AB = $79^\circ 50' + 2^\circ 20' + 2^\circ$
 $= \text{N}84^\circ 10' \text{ E}$



17. Solution:

- (i) They are light structures and require no false work.
- (ii) Materials of construction can be transported easily.
- (iii) Time of construction is less.
- (iv) Roadway is provided at low elevation and has low centre of wind pressure.
- (v) They require no centering for construction.
- (vi) They can be provided over long spans with fewer supports.
- (vii) They require minimal work in running water thereby keeping the waterways open during construction.

18. Solution:

Horizontal distance,

$$D = K s \cos^2 \theta + C \cos \theta$$

Here,

$$K_1 = K_2 = 100, C_1 = 0, C_2 = 0.5, \theta = 9^\circ 46'$$

$$\therefore \text{Difference in distances} = (C_2 - C_1) \cos \theta = 0.4928 \text{ m}$$

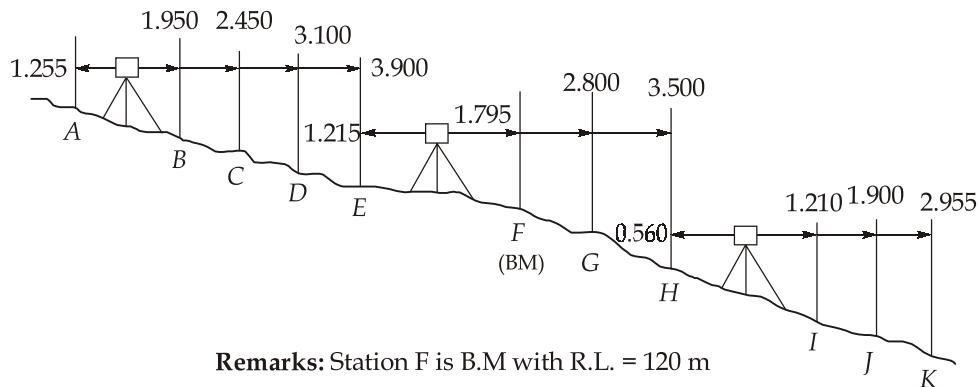
Original distance,

$$\begin{aligned} D &= 100 \times 1.915 \cos^2 9^\circ 46' + 0.5 \cos 9^\circ 46' \\ &= 186.482 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Percentage error in computed distance} = \frac{0.4928}{186.482} \times 100 = 0.26\%$$

19. Solution:

A schematic representation of levelling work is shown below.



Staff station	Back sight (m)	Intermediate sight (m)	Fore sight (m)	Rise (m)	Fall (m)	R.L. (m)	Remarks
A	1.255	-	-	-	-	123.225	-
B	-	1.95	-	-	0.695	122.53	-
C	-	2.45	-	-	0.5	122.03	-
D	-	3.10	-	-	0.65	121.38	-
E	1.215	-	3.9	-	0.8	120.58	C.P.
F	-	1.795	-	-	0.58	120	R.L.
G	-	2.80	-	-	1.005	118.995	-
H	0.560	-	3.5	-	0.7	118.295	C.P.
I	-	1.210	-	-	0.65	117.645	-
J	-	1.900	-	-	0.69	116.955	-
K	-	-	2.955	-	1.055	115.9	-

Checks:

$$\text{Last R.L.} - \text{First R.L.} = 115.9 - 123.225 = -7.325 \text{ m}$$

$$\Sigma \text{Rise} = 0$$

$$\Sigma \text{Fall} = 7.325$$

$$\Sigma \text{Back sights} = \Sigma \text{B.S.} = 3.03 \text{ m}$$

$$\Sigma \text{Fore sights} = \Sigma \text{F.S.} = 10.355 \text{ m}$$

$$\Sigma \text{B.S.} - \Sigma \text{F.S.} = -7.325 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \Sigma \text{B.S.} - \Sigma \text{F.S.} = \Sigma \text{Rise} - \Sigma \text{Fall}$$

$$= \text{Last R.L.} - \text{First R.L.} = -7.325 \text{ m (Ok)}$$

20. Solution:

Given: Radius of curve, $R = 300 \text{ m}$

Given design speed for highway in the built-up area is 80 kmph

(i) Super elevation:

For mixed traffic conditions, super-elevation is calculated for 75% of design speed neglecting the friction.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore e &= \frac{(0.75V)^2}{127R} = \frac{V^2}{225R} \\ &= \frac{80^2}{225 \times 300} = 0.095 > 0.04 \text{ (maximum for built up area)} \end{aligned}$$

As the value of super-elevation is greater than the maximum permissible super-elevation of 0.04 and hence the actual super-elevation to be provided is restricted to 0.04.

Check for coefficient of lateral friction at full speed:

$$e_{\max} + f = \frac{V^2}{127R}$$

$$\Rightarrow f = \frac{80^2}{127 \times 300} - 0.04 = 0.128 < 0.15 \text{ (max)} \quad (\text{Ok})$$

(ii) Extra widening of pavement:

Assuming highway pavement width, $W = 7\text{m}$

\therefore No. of lanes, $n = 2$

Also assuming wheel base of vehicle, as per *IRC* as:

$$l = 6.1 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Extra widening, } E_W = \frac{nl^2}{2R} + \frac{V}{9.5\sqrt{R}} = \frac{2 \times 6.1^2}{2 \times 300} + \frac{80}{9.5\sqrt{300}}$$

$$= 0.124 + 0.486 = 0.61 \text{ m}$$

(iii) Length of transition curve:

(a) Based on rate of change in centrifugal acceleration:

$$\text{Length of transition curve, } L_s = \frac{v^3}{RC}$$

$$\text{where } C = \frac{80}{75+V} = \frac{80}{75+80} = 0.516 \text{ m/s}^3 \quad (\text{which lies between } 0.5 \text{ and } 0.8) \quad (\text{Ok})$$

$$\text{So, } L_s = \frac{\left(80 \times \frac{5}{18}\right)^3}{300 \times 0.516} = 70.89 \text{ m}$$

(b) Based on rate of introduction of superelevation:

Assuming that pavement is rotated about centre line.

$$\text{Length of transition curve, } L_s = \frac{eN(W + E_w)}{2}$$

where 1 in N is rate of introduction of superelevation i.e. 1 in 100 for built up areas.

$$\text{So, } L_s = \frac{0.04 \times 100 \times (7 + 0.61)}{2} = 15.22 \text{ m}$$

(c) As per IRC

$$\text{Length of transition curve, } L_s = \frac{2.7V^2}{R}$$
$$= \frac{2.7 \times 80^2}{300} = 57.6 \text{ m}$$

Now L_s is maximum of lengths calculated in (a), (b), (c)

So, $L_s = 70.89 \text{ m} \simeq 71 \text{ m} \text{ (say)}$

