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**SECTION A : GENERAL APTITUDE**

**Q.1**  $\oplus$  and  $\odot$  are two operators on numbers  $p$  and  $q$  such that

$$p \odot q = p - q, \text{ and } p \oplus q = p \times q$$

$$\text{Then, } (9 \odot (6 \oplus 7)) \odot (7 \oplus (6 \odot 5)) =$$

- (a) -33 (b) 40  
(c) -40 (d) -26

**Ans. (c)**

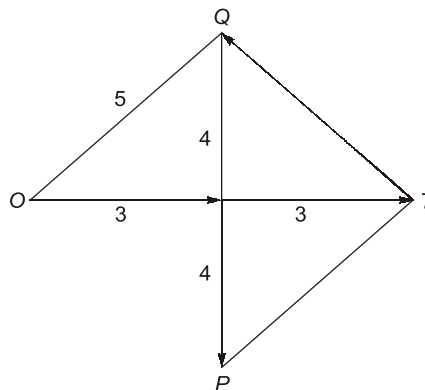
$$\begin{aligned} [9 - (6 \times 7)] - [7 \times 1] &= -33 - 7 \\ &= -40 \end{aligned}$$

End of Solution

**Q.2** On a planar field, you travelled 3 units East from a point O. Next you travelled 4 units South to arrive at point P. Then you travelled from P in the North-East direction such that you arrive at a point that is 6 units East of point O. Next, you travelled in the North-West direction, so that you arrive at point Q that is 8 units North of point P. The distance of point Q to point O, in the same units, should be \_\_\_\_\_.

- (a) 6 (b) 5  
(c) 4 (d) 3

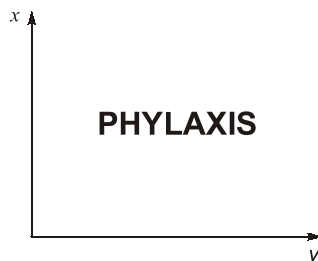
**Ans. (b)**



$$OQ = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = 5$$

End of Solution

**Q.3**





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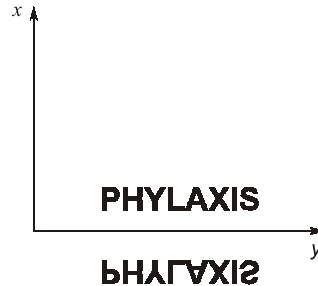
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The mirror image of the above text about the X-axis is

- (a) **PHYLAXIS** (b) **PHYLAXIS**  
(c) **PHYLAXIS** (d) **PHYLAXIS**

Ans. (c)



End of Solution

**Q.4** The author said, "Musicians rehearse before their concerts. Actors rehearse their roles before the opening of a new play. On the other hand, I find it strange that many public speakers think they can just walk on to the stage and start speaking. In my opinion, it is no less important for public speakers to rehearse their talks."

Based on the above passage, which one of the following is TRUE?

- (a) The author is of the opinion that rehearsing is less important for public speakers than for musicians and actors.  
(b) The author is of the opinion that rehearsing is more important only for musicians than public speakers.  
(c) The author is of the opinion that rehearsal is more important for actors than musicians.  
(d) The author is of the opinion that rehearsing is important for musicians, actors and public speakers.

Ans. (d)

The last sentence of the passage decides the answer with the key words "No Less Important".

End of Solution

**Q.5** (i) Arun and Aparna are here.  
(ii) Arun and Aparna is here.  
(iii) Arun's families is here.  
(iv) Arun's family is here.

Which of the above sentences are grammatically CORRECT?

- (a) (i) and (iv) (b) (iii) and (iv)  
(c) (i) and (ii) (d) (ii) and (iv)

Ans. (a)

Two subject joined with 'and' become plural and hence plural verb is there in first statement, in fourth sentence the subject is family which is singular and takes singular verb.

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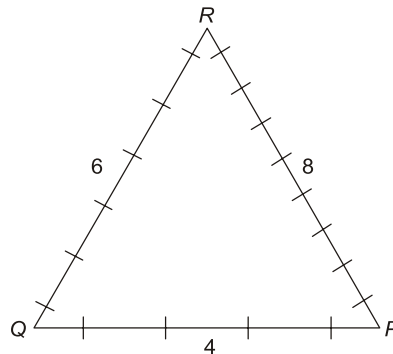


**Q.6** In an equilateral triangle PQR, side PQ is divided into four equal parts, side QR is divided into six equal parts and side PR is divided into eight equal parts. The length of each subdivided part in cm is an integer.

The minimum area of the triangle PQR possible, in  $\text{cm}^2$ , is

- (a) 24 (b)  $144\sqrt{3}$   
(c)  $48\sqrt{3}$  (d) 18

**Ans. (b)**



For  $\left(\frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{6}, \frac{a}{8}\right)$  to be integer,  $a$  must be LCM of 4, 6 and 8. So  $a = 24$

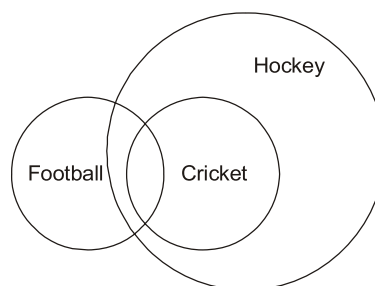
$$\text{Area} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times 24^2 = 144\sqrt{3}$$

End of Solution

**Q.7** 1. Some football players play cricket.  
2. All cricket players play hockey.  
Among the options given below, the statement that logically follows from the two statements 1 and 2 above, is:

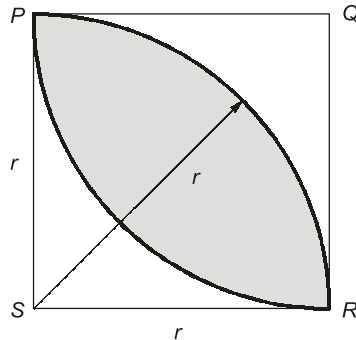
- (a) All hockey players play football.  
(b) Some football players play hockey.  
(c) All football players play hockey.  
(d) No football player plays hockey.

**Ans. (b)**



End of Solution

Q.8



In the figure shown above, PQRS is a square. The shaded portion is formed by the intersection of sectors of circles with radius equal to the side of the square and centers at S and Q.

The probability that any point picked randomly within the square falls in the shaded area is \_\_\_\_\_.

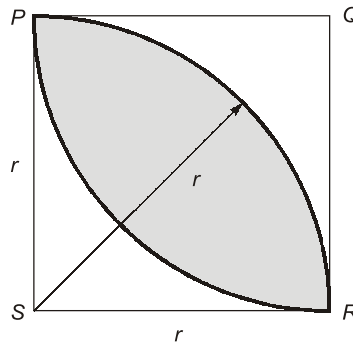
(a)  $\frac{\pi}{2} - 1$

(b)  $4 - \frac{\pi}{2}$

(c)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

(d)  $\frac{1}{2}$

Ans. (a)



$$\text{Probability} = \frac{fA}{TA}$$

$$fA = \left( \frac{\pi r^2}{4} - \frac{r^2}{2} \right) \times 2$$

$$\frac{fA}{TA} = \frac{\left( \frac{\pi r^2}{4} - \frac{r^2}{2} \right) \times 2}{r^2} = \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - 1 \right)$$

End of Solution

**Q.9** Four persons P, Q, R and S are to be seated in a row. R should not be seated at the second position from the left end of the row. The number of distinct seating arrangements possible is:

- (a) 24 (b) 9  
(c) 6 (d) 18

**Ans. (d)**

Number of arrangements =  $3 \times 3! = 18$

**End of Solution**

**Q.10** Two identical cube shaped dice each with faces numbered 1 to 6 are rolled simultaneously. The probability that an even number is rolled out on each dice is:

- (a)  $\frac{1}{8}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{36}$   
(c)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{12}$

**Ans. (c)**

Probability of getting even number on a dice =  $\frac{3}{6} = \frac{1}{2}$

$\therefore$  Two dice are rolled simultaneously,

Hence required probability =  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$

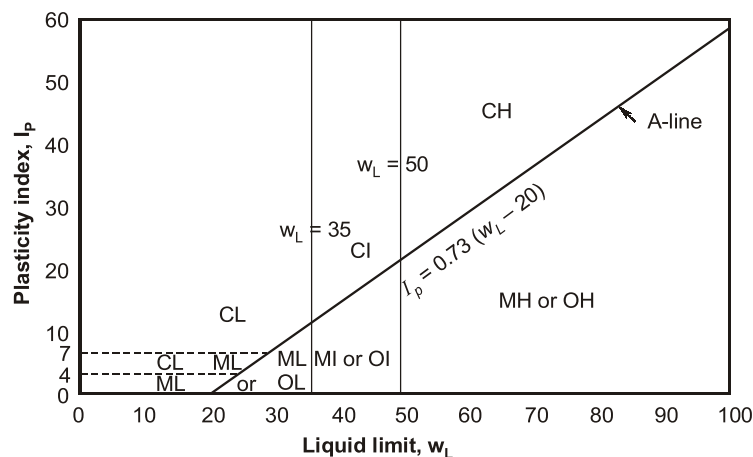
**End of Solution**



**SECTION B : TECHNICAL**

- Q.1** As per the Unified Soil Classification System (USCS), the type of soil represented by 'MH' is
- Inorganic silts of high plasticity with liquid limit more than 50%.
  - Inorganic silts of low plasticity with liquid limit less than 50%.
  - Inorganic clays of high plasticity with liquid limit less than 50%.
  - Inorganic clays of low plasticity with liquid limit more than 50%

**Ans. (a)**



**End of Solution**

- Q.2** An equipment has been purchased at an initial cost of ₹ 160000 and has an estimated salvage value of ₹ 10000. The equipment has an estimated life of 5 years. The difference between the book values (in ₹ in integer) obtained at the end of 4<sup>th</sup> year using straight line method and sum of years digit method of depreciation is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (20000)**

$$C_i = 160000, C_s = 10000, n = 5 \text{ years}$$

$$D_m = \frac{C_i - C_s}{n} = \frac{160000 - 10000}{5} = 30000/-$$

Book value of the end of 4 years

$$B_4 = C_i - 4 D_m \\ = 160000 - 4 \times 30000 = 40000$$

According to sum of years digit method

$$D_m = (C_i - C_s) \left[ \frac{(n - m + 1)}{\frac{n(n + 1)}{2}} \right]$$

$$\frac{n(n+1)}{2} = \frac{5(5+1)}{2} = 15$$

$$\therefore D_1 = (C_i - C_s) \frac{(5-1+1)}{15} = 50000$$

$$\therefore B_1 = 160000 - 50000 = 110000$$

$$D_1 = 150000 \times \frac{(5-2+1)}{15} = 40000$$

$$\therefore B_2 = 110000 - 40000 = 70000$$

$$D_3 = 150000 \times \frac{(5-3+1)}{15} = 30000$$

$$B_3 = 70000 - 30000 = 40000$$

$$D_4 = 150000 \times \frac{(5-4+1)}{15} = 20000$$

$$\therefore B_4 = 40000 - 20000 = 20000$$

$$\text{Difference} = 40000 - 20000 = 20000/-$$

End of Solution

**Q.3** The ratio of the momentum correction factor to the energy correction factor for a laminar flow in a pipe is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{3}{2}$   
(c)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (d) 1

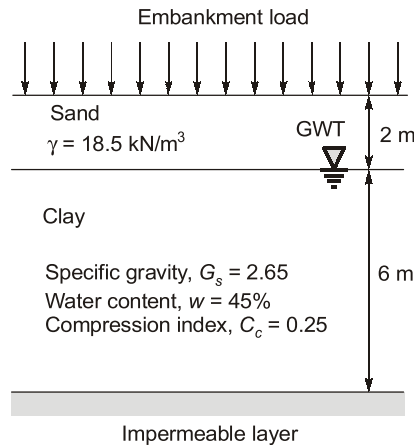
**Ans. (c)**

For laminar flow through pipe.

$$\frac{\text{Momentum correction factor}}{\text{Kinetic energy correction factor}} = \frac{4/3}{2} = \frac{4}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$$

End of Solution

**Q.4** The soil profile at a road construction site is as shown in figure (not to scale). A large embankment is to be constructed at the site. The ground water table (GWT) is located at the surface of the clay layer, and the capillary rise in the sandy soil is negligible. The effective stress at the middle of the clay layer after the application of the embankment loading is  $180 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . Take unit weight of water,  $\gamma_w = 9.81 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .



The primary consolidation settlement (in m, round off to two decimal places) of the clay layer resulting from this loading will be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (0.33)**

Primary consolidation settlement

$$\Delta H = \frac{C_c H}{1 + e_0} \log_{10} \left( \frac{\bar{\sigma}_0 + \Delta \bar{\sigma}}{\bar{\sigma}_0} \right)$$

$\bar{\sigma}_0 + \Delta \bar{\sigma}$  = Effective stress at the center of clay layer after embankment loading  
= 180 kN/m<sup>2</sup>

$\bar{\sigma}_0$  = Effective stress at the centre of clay layer before embankment loading

$$\gamma_{\text{sub}} \text{ of clay layer} = \frac{G - 1}{1 + e} \gamma_w = \frac{(2.65 - 1)}{1 + \frac{wG}{1}} \times 9.81$$

$$= \frac{1.65 \times 9.81}{1 + 0.45 \times 2.65} = 7.383 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$\bar{\sigma}_0 = (18.5 \times 2) + (7.383) \times 3 = 59.149 \text{ kN/m}^2$$

$$e_0 = \frac{wG}{1} = 0.45 \times 2.65 = 1.1925$$

$$\Rightarrow \Delta H = \frac{0.25 \times 6}{1 + 1.1925} \log_{10} \left( \frac{180}{59.149} \right) = 0.33 \text{ m}$$

End of Solution

**Q.5** The value (round off to one decimal place) if  $\int_{-1}^1 x e^{|x|} dx$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (0)**

$$\int_{-1}^1 x e^{-|x|} dx = 0$$

As  $f(-x) = x e^x$  is an odd function.

End of Solution

- Q.6** The softening point of bitumen has the same unit as that of  
(a) viscosity (b) temperature  
(c) distance (d) time

**Ans. (b)**

**End of Solution**

- Q.7** A function is defined in Cartesian coordinate system as  $f(x, y) = xe^y$ . The value of the directional derivative of the function (in integer) at the point (2, 0) along the direction of the straight line segment from point (2, 0) to point  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 2\right)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (1)**

$$f(x, y) = xe^y$$

$$P(2, 0) \text{ and } Q\left(\frac{1}{2}, 2\right)$$

$$\text{grad } f = \hat{i}(e^y) + \hat{j}(xe^y) + \hat{k}(0)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\text{grad } f)_p = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$$

$$\overrightarrow{PQ} = \left(\frac{1}{2} - 2\right)\hat{i} + (2 - 0)\hat{j} = -\frac{3}{2}\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$$

$$\text{Required directional derivative} = (\text{grad } f)_p \widehat{PQ}$$

$$= (\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}) \times \frac{\left(-\frac{3}{2}\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}\right)}{\sqrt{\frac{9}{4} + 4}} = \frac{-\frac{3}{2} + 4}{\sqrt{\frac{25}{4}}}$$

$$= \frac{-3 + 8}{\left(\frac{5}{2}\right)} = 1$$

**End of Solution**

- Q.8** The smallest eigenvalue and the corresponding eigenvector of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$  respectively, are

- (a) 1.55 and  $\begin{Bmatrix} 2.00 \\ -0.45 \end{Bmatrix}$  (b) 2.00 and  $\begin{Bmatrix} 1.00 \\ 1.00 \end{Bmatrix}$   
(c) 1.55 and  $\begin{Bmatrix} 2.00 \\ 0.45 \end{Bmatrix}$  (d) 1.55 and  $\begin{Bmatrix} -2.55 \\ -0.45 \end{Bmatrix}$

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Ans. (c)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ -1 & 6 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |A - \lambda I| = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = (4 + \sqrt{6}) \text{ and } (4 - \sqrt{6})$$

$$AX = \lambda X$$

$$(A - \lambda I)X = 0$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2 - (4 - \sqrt{6}) & -2 \\ -1 & 6 - (4 - \sqrt{6}) \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$x_1 = \left( \frac{2}{-2 + \sqrt{6}} \right) x_2$$

$$\text{Let, } x_2 = K \text{ then } x_1 = \left( \frac{2}{-2 + \sqrt{6}} \right) K$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{2}{-2 + \sqrt{6}} K \\ K \end{bmatrix} \approx \begin{bmatrix} 2 \\ -2 + \sqrt{6} \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2.00 \\ 0.45 \end{bmatrix}$$

**End of Solution**

**Q.9** From laboratory investigations, the liquid limit, plastic limit, natural moisture content and flow index, of a soil specimen are obtained as 60%, 27%, 32% and 27 respectively. The corresponding toughness index and liquidity index of the soil specimen, respectively, are

- (a) 0.15 and 1.22 (b) 0.19 and 6.60  
(c) 1.22 and 0.15 (d) 6.60 and 0.19

Ans. (c)

$$\text{Flow index} = 27$$

$$\text{Plasticity index, } I_P = W_L - W_P = 33$$

$$\text{Toughness index, } I_T = \frac{I_P}{I_f} = \frac{33}{27} = 1.22$$

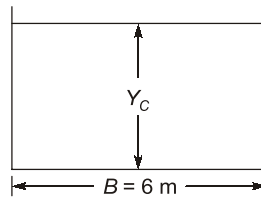
$$\text{Liquidity index, } I_L = \frac{W_n - W_P}{W_L - W_P} = 0.151$$

**End of Solution**

**Q.10** A rectangular open channel of 6 m width is carrying a discharge of 20 m<sup>3</sup>/s. Consider the acceleration due to gravity as 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup> and assume water as incompressible and inviscid. The depth of flow in the channel at which the specific energy of the flowing water is minimum for the given discharge will then be

- (a) 3.18 m (b) 1.04 m  
(c) 2.56 m (d) 0.82 m

Ans. (b)



Minimum specific energy will correspond to a critical flow condition.

$$\text{The critical depth } (Y_c) = \left[ \frac{q^2}{g} \right]^{1/3}$$

$$Y_c = \left[ \frac{(20/6)^2}{9.81} \right]^{1/3} = 1.042 \text{ m}$$

**End of Solution**

**Q.11** A water filtration unit is made of uniform-size sand particles of 0.4 mm diameter with a shape factor of 0.84 and specific gravity of 2.55. The depth of the filter bed is 0.70 m and the porosity is 0.35. The filter bed is to be expanded to a porosity of 0.65 by hydraulic backwash. If the terminal settling velocity of sand particles during backwash is 4.5 cm/s, the required backwash velocity is

- (a)  $6.35 \times 10^{-3}$  m/s                      (b)  $5.79 \times 10^{-3}$  m/s  
(c) 0.69 cm/s                                (d) 0.75 cm/s

Ans. (a)

$n'$  = Porosity of expanded bed

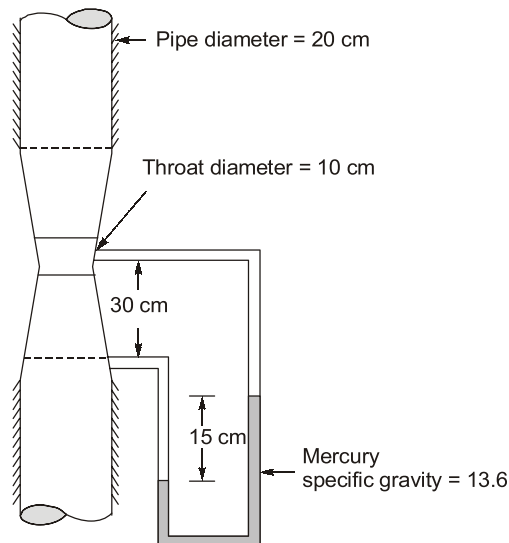
$$n' = \left( \frac{V_B}{V_s} \right)^{0.22}$$

$$0.65 = \left( \frac{V_B}{4.5 \text{ cm/s}} \right)^{0.22}$$

$$V_B = 6.35 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/s}$$

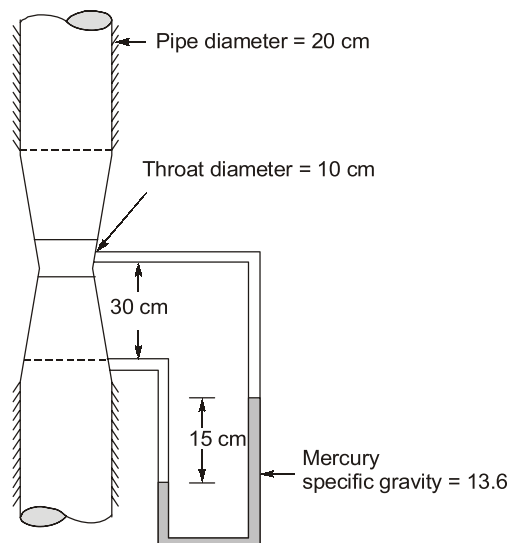
**End of Solution**

**Q.12** A venturimeter as shown in the figure (not to scale) is connected to measure the flow of water in a vertical pipe of 20 cm diameter.



Assume  $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ . When the deflection in the mercury manometer is 15 cm, the flow rate (in lps, round off to two decimal places) considering no loss in the venturimeter is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (49.40)**



$$\text{Discharge (Q)} = C_d \frac{A_1 A_2}{\sqrt{A_1^2 - A_2^2}} \sqrt{2gh} \quad [C_d = 1]$$

$$h = X \left( \frac{\rho_m}{\rho} - 1 \right) = 0.15 \left( \frac{13.6 \times 10^3}{10^3} - 1 \right)$$

$$= 1.89 \text{ m}$$

$$Q = \frac{A_1 A_2}{A_2 \sqrt{\left(\frac{A_1}{A_2}\right)^2 - 1}} \times \sqrt{2 \times 9.8 \times 1.89}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\pi}{4}(0.2)^2}{\sqrt{(2)^4 - 1}} \times \sqrt{2 \times 9.8 \times 1.89}$$

$$= 49.395 \text{ l/s} \simeq 49.40 \text{ l/s}$$

**End of Solution**

**Q.13** If  $k$  is a constant, the general solution of  $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = 1$  will be in the form of

- (a)  $y = x \ln(x)$  (b)  $y = xk \ln(k)$   
(c)  $y = k \ln(kx)$  (d)  $y = x \ln(kx)$

**Ans. (d)**

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{x} = 1$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + Py = Q$$

$$P = -\frac{1}{x}, Q = 1$$

$$IF = e^{\int P dx} = e^{\int -\frac{1}{x} dx} = \frac{1}{x}$$

$$y(IF) = \int Q(IF) dx + c$$

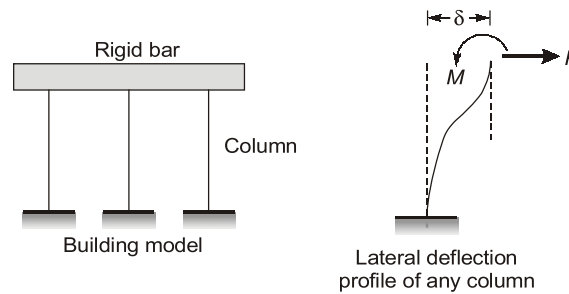
$$y\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = \int 1 \cdot \frac{1}{x} dx + \ln k$$

$$y = x \ln(xk)$$

**End of Solution**

**Q.14** A single story building model is shown in the figure. The rigid bar of mass ' $m$ ' is supported by three massless elastic columns whose ends are fixed against rotation. For each of the columns, the applied lateral force ( $P$ ) and corresponding moment ( $M$ ) are also shown

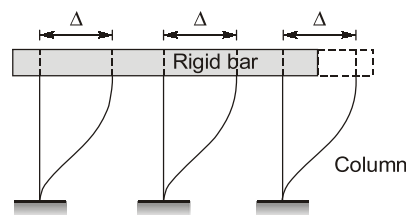
in the figure. The lateral deflection ( $\delta$ ) of the bar is given by  $\delta = \frac{PL^3}{12EI}$ , where  $L$  is the effective length of the column,  $E$  is the Young's modulus of elasticity and  $I$  is the area moment of inertia of the column cross-section with respect to its neutral axis.



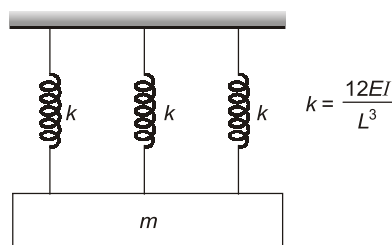
For the lateral deflection profile of the columns as shown in the figure, the natural frequency of the system for horizontal oscillation is

- (a)  $6\sqrt{\frac{EI}{mL^3}}$  rad/s      (b)  $\frac{2}{L}\sqrt{\frac{EI}{m}}$  rad/s  
(c)  $\frac{1}{L}\sqrt{\frac{2EI}{m}}$  rad/s      (d)  $2\sqrt{\frac{6EI}{mL^3}}$  rad/s

Ans. (a)



As the deflection will be same in all the 3 columns, so it represents a parallel connection.



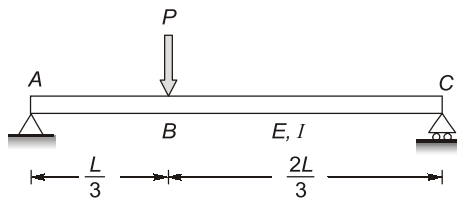
$$k_{eq} = 3k = \frac{36EI}{L^3}$$

$$\text{Natural frequency } (\omega) = \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{36EI}{mL^3}} = 6\sqrt{\frac{EI}{mL^3}} \text{ rad/s}$$

End of Solution

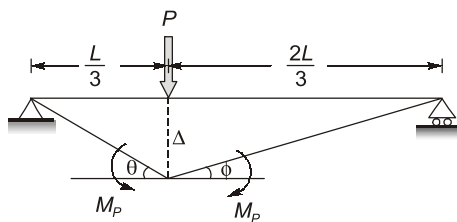
**Q.15** A prismatic steel beam is shown in the figure.



The plastic moment,  $M_p$  calculated for the collapse mechanism using static method and kinematic method is

- (a)  $M_{p,static} < \frac{2PL}{9} = M_{p,kinematic}$       (b)  $M_{p,static} = \frac{2PL}{9} \neq M_{p,kinematic}$   
(c)  $M_{p,static} > \frac{2PL}{9} = M_{p,kinematic}$       (d)  $M_{p,static} = \frac{2PL}{9} = M_{p,kinematic}$

**Ans. (d)**



At collapse,  $M_p \theta + M_p \phi = P \Delta$

$$\Rightarrow 3M_p \frac{\Delta}{l} + \frac{3M_p \Delta}{2l} = P \Delta$$

$$M_p = \frac{2Pl}{9}$$

Also,  $M_{p,static} = M_{p,kinematic}$

**End of Solution**

**Q.16** A reservoir with a live storage of 300 million cubic metre irrigates 40000 hectares (1 hectare =  $10^4 \text{ m}^2$ ) of a crop with two fillings of the reservoir. If the base period of the crop is 120 days, the duty for this crop (in hectares per cumec, round off to integer) will then be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (691.2)**

Live storage = 300  $\text{Mm}^3$

Area = 40000 hectare

Since 2 filling so volume of water needed = 600  $\text{Mm}^3$

$B = 120$  days

$$\text{Duty} = \frac{8.64B}{\Delta}$$

$$\Delta = \frac{600 \times 10^6}{40000 \times 10^4} = 1.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Duty} = \frac{8.64 \times 120}{1.5} = 691.2 \text{ ha/cumec}$$

**End of Solution**

- Q.17** The hardness of a water sample is measured directly by titration with 0.01 M solution of ethylenediamine tetraacetic acid (EDTA) using eriochrome black T (EBT) as an indicator. The EBT reacts and forms complexes with divalent metallic cations present in the water. During titration, the EDTA replaces the EBT in the complex. When the replacement of EBT is complete at the end point of the titration, the colour of the solution changes from
- (a) blue to colourless                      (b) wine red to blue  
(c) blue-green to reddish brown        (d) reddish brown to pinkish yellow

**Ans. (b)**

**End of Solution**

- Q.18** The stopping sight distance (SSD) for a level highway is 140 m for the design speed of 90 km/h. The acceleration due to gravity and deceleration rate are 9.81 m/s<sup>2</sup> and 3.5 m/s<sup>2</sup> respectively. The perception/reaction time (in sec, round off to two decimal places) used in the SSD calculation is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (2.02)**

$$\text{SSD} = 140 \text{ m}$$

$$V = 90 \text{ kmph}$$

$$a = 3.5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

$$\text{SSD} = Vt_R + \frac{V^2}{2gf}$$

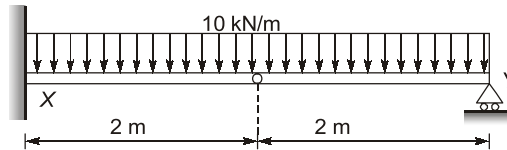
$$a = gf$$

$$140 = \left( \frac{5}{18} \times 90 \times t_R \right) + \frac{\left( \frac{5}{18} \times 90 \right)^2}{2 \times 3.5}$$

$$t_R = 2.028 \text{ seconds}$$

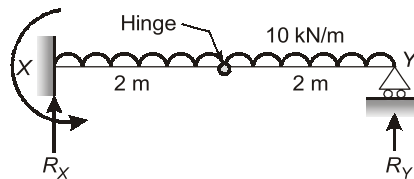
**End of Solution**

- Q.19** A propped cantilever beam XY, with an internal hinge at the middle, is carrying a uniformly distributed load of 10 kN/m, as shown in the figure.



The vertical reaction at support X (in kN, in integer) is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (30)**



BM = 0 at hinge

$$R_Y \times 2 - 10 \times 2 \times 1 = 0$$

$$R_Y = 10 \text{ kN}$$

$$R_X + R_Y = 10 \times 4$$

$$R_X + 10 = 40$$

$$R_X = 30 \text{ kN}$$

**End of Solution**

- Q.20** The internal ( $d_i$ ) and external ( $d_o$ ) diameters of a Shelby sampler are 48 mm and 52 mm, respectively. The area ratio ( $A_r$ ) of the sampler (in %, round off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (17.36)**

Outside diameter = 52 mm

Inside diameter = 48 mm

$$A_r = \frac{\frac{\pi}{4}(D_2)^2 - \frac{\pi}{4}(D_1)^2}{\frac{\pi}{4}(D_1)^2} \times 100$$

$$A_r = \frac{(52)^2 - (48)^2}{(48)^2} \times 100 = 17.36\%$$

**End of Solution**

- Q.21** In general, the CORRECT sequence of surveying operations is
- Data analysis → Reconnaissance → Field observations → Map making
  - Reconnaissance → Field observations → Data analysis → Map making
  - Reconnaissance → Data analysis → Field observations → Map making
  - Field observations → Reconnaissance → Data analysis → Map making



Ans. (b)

Reconnaissance → Field observations → Data analysis → Map making

End of Solution

**Q.22** A horizontal angle  $\theta$  is measured by four different surveyors multiple times and the values reported are given below.

Surveyor	Angle $\theta$	Number of observations
1	$36^{\circ}30'$	4
2	$36^{\circ}00'$	3
3	$35^{\circ}30'$	8
4	$36^{\circ}30'$	4

The most probable value of the angle  $\theta$  (in degree, round off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. (36.00)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{MPV} &= \frac{(36^{\circ}30' \times 4) + (36^{\circ} \times 3) + (35^{\circ}30' \times 8) + (36^{\circ}30' \times 4)}{4 + 3 + 8 + 4} \\ &= 36^{\circ} \end{aligned}$$

End of Solution

**Q.23** The rank of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & -5 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 0 & 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ is}$$

- (a) 4  
(c) 1

- (b) 3  
(d) 2

Ans. (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} &\xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_1 + R_3} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \\ &\xrightarrow{R_4 \leftrightarrow R_4 - \frac{1}{2}R_2} \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

$$R_3 \longleftrightarrow R_4 \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Rank}(A) = 3$$

End of Solution

**Q.24** The void ratio of a clay soil sample M decreased from 0.575 to 0.510 when the applied pressure is increased from 120 kPa to 180 kPa. For the same increment in pressure, the void ratio of another clay soil sample N decreases from 0.600 to 0.550, If the ratio of hydraulic conductivity of sample M to sample N is 0.125, then the ratio of coefficient of consolidation of sample M to sample N (round off to three decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans.** (0.095)

$$m_v = \frac{a_v}{1+e_0} = \frac{\Delta e}{(1+e_0) \times (\Delta \bar{\sigma})} \quad (\Delta \bar{\sigma} \text{ is same for both } M \text{ and } N)$$

$$m_{v1} = \frac{0.575 - 0.510}{(1+0.575) \times \Delta \bar{\sigma}}$$

$$m_{v2} = \frac{0.600 - 0.550}{(1+0.600) \times \Delta \bar{\sigma}}$$

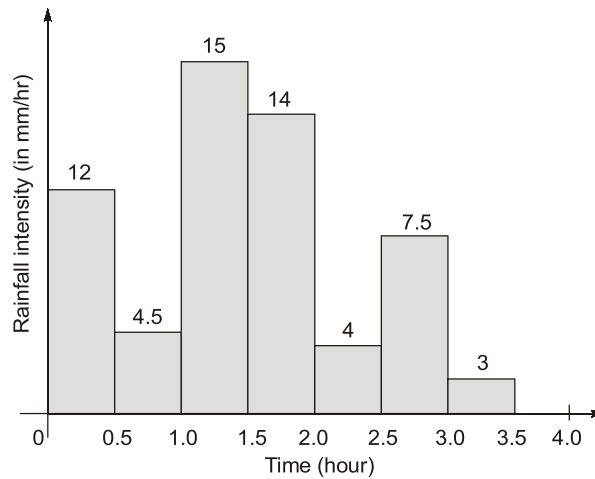
$$\frac{C_{v1}}{C_{v2}} = \frac{\frac{k_1}{m_{v1} \gamma_w}}{\frac{k_2}{m_{v2} \gamma_w}} = \frac{k_1}{k_2} \times \frac{m_{v2}}{m_{v1}}$$

$$= 0.125 \left( \frac{1.575}{1.6} \right) \times \left( \frac{0.60 - 0.55}{0.575 - 0.510} \right)$$

$$= 0.0947 \approx 0.095$$

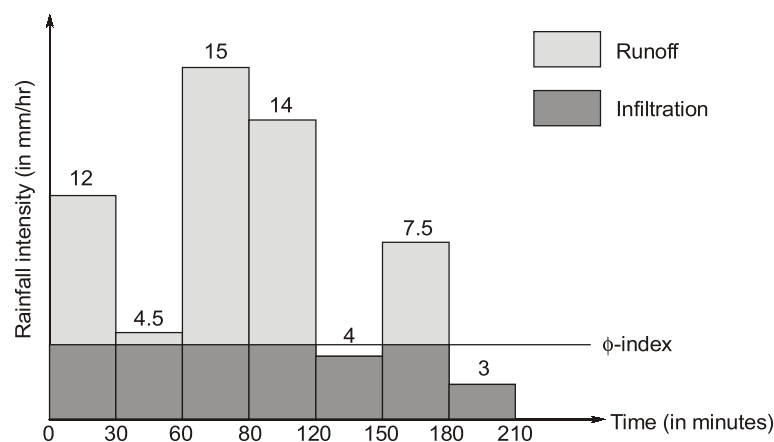
End of Solution

**Q.25** The hyetograph in the figure corresponds to a rainfall event of 3 cm.



If the rainfall event has produced a direct runoff of 1.6 cm, the  $\phi$ -index of the event (in mm/hour, round off to one decimal place) would be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (4.2)**



Total rainfall = 3 cm

Total runoff = 1.6 cm

$\therefore$  Total infiltration =  $3 - 1.6 = 1.4$  cm

$\therefore$  W-index =  $\frac{\text{Total infiltration}}{\text{Total duration of storm}}$

$$= \frac{1.4}{(210/60)} \text{ cm/hr}$$

$$= 0.4 \text{ cm/hr} = 4 \text{ mm/hr}$$

As  $\phi$ -index > W-index

Hence storm of intensities 4 mm/hr and 3 mm/hr will not produce rainfall excess.

$$\begin{aligned}\phi\text{-index} &= \frac{\text{Total infiltration in which rainfall excess occur}}{\text{Time period in which rainfall excess occur}} \\ &= \frac{\text{Total infiltration} - \text{Infiltration in which no rainfall excess occur}}{T_{\text{excess}}} \\ &= \frac{14 \text{ mm} - \left(4 \times \frac{30}{60} + 3 \times \frac{30}{60}\right) \text{ mm}}{\left(\frac{150}{60}\right) \text{ hr}} \\ &= 4.2 \text{ mm/hr}\end{aligned}$$

**End of Solution**

**Q.26** If A is a square matrix then orthogonality property mandates

- (a)  $AA^T = A^{-1}$  (b)  $AA^T = 0$   
(c)  $AA^T = I$  (d)  $AA^T = A^2$

**Ans. (c)**

If,  $AA^T = I$  or  $A^{-1} = A^T$   
The matrix is orthogonal.

**End of Solution**

**Q.27** Which of the following statement(s) is/are correct?

- (a) Long term exposure to the increased level of photochemical smog becomes a cause of chest constriction and irritation of the mucous membrane.  
(b) Volatile organic compounds act as one of the precursors to the formation of photochemical smog in the presence of sunlight.  
(c) Increased levels of carbon monoxide in the indoor environment result in the formation of carboxyhemoglobin and the long term exposure becomes a cause of cardiovascular diseases.  
(d) Increased levels of volatile organic compounds in the indoor environment will result in the formation of photochemical smog which is a cause of cardiovascular diseases.

**Ans. (a, b, c)**

**End of Solution**

**Q.28** An elevated cylindrical water storage tank is shown in the figure. The tank has inner diameter of 1.5 m. It is supported on a solid steel circular column of diameter 75 mm and total height (L) of 4 m. Take, water density = 1000 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and acceleration due to gravity = 10 m/s<sup>2</sup>.



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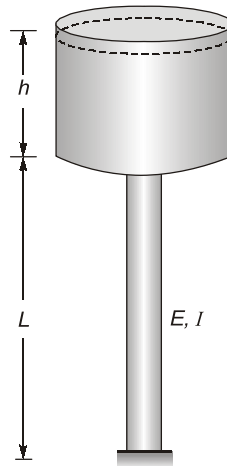
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If elastic modulus ( $E$ ) of steel is 200 GPa, ignoring self-weight of the tank, for the supporting steel column to remain unbuckled, the maximum depth ( $h$ ) of the water permissible (in m, round off to one decimal place) is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (2.7)**

Given :

$L = 4$  m,  $\rho = 1000$  kg/m<sup>3</sup>,  $g = 10$  m/s<sup>2</sup>,  $E = 200$  GPa,  $D_i = 1.5$  m,  $d = 75$  mm

$$\frac{\pi^2 EI}{L^2} = \frac{\pi}{4} D_i^2 \times h \times \rho g$$

$$\frac{\pi^2 E \times \frac{\pi}{64} d^4}{(2L)^2} = \frac{\pi}{4} D_i^2 \times h \times \rho g$$

$$h = \frac{4\pi^2 E d^4}{4 \times 64 L^2 \times D_i^2 \times \rho g} = \frac{4\pi^2 \times 200 \times 10^9 \times (0.075)^4}{4 \times 64 \times 4^2 \times 1.5^2 \times 10^4}$$

$$h = 2.71 \text{ m} \simeq 2.7 \text{ m}$$

End of Solution

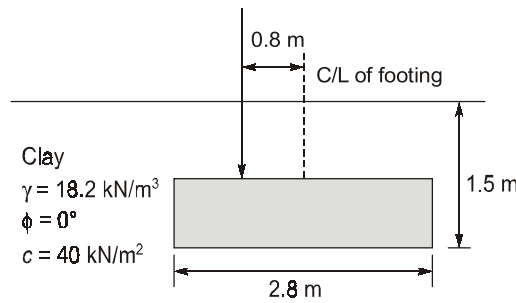
**Q.29** The most appropriate triaxial test to assess the long-term stability of an excavated clay slope is

- (a) consolidated undrained test      (b) unconsolidated undrained test  
(c) unconfined compression test      (d) consolidated drained test

**Ans. (d)**

End of Solution

**Q.30** A rectangular footing of size 2.8 m × 3.5 m is embedded in a clay layer and a vertical load is placed with an eccentricity of 0.8 m as shown in the figure (not to scale). Take Bearing capacity factors:  $N_c = 5.14$ ,  $N_q = 1.0$ , and  $N_\gamma = 0.0$ ; Shape factors:  $s_c = 1.16$ ,  $s_q = 1.0$  and  $s_\gamma = 1.0$ ; Depth factors:  $d_c = 1.1$ ,  $d_q = 1.0$  and  $d_\gamma = 1.0$ ; and Inclination factors:  $i_c = 1.0$  and  $i_q = 1.0$  and  $i_\gamma = 1.0$ .



Using Meyerhoff's method, the load (in kN, round off to two decimal places) that can be applied on the footing with a factor of safety of 2.5 is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (440.740)**

Given data:  $2.8 \times 3.56$ ,  $e = 0.8$ ,  $D_f = 1.5 \text{ m}$

$$\begin{aligned} N_c &= 5.14, & N_q &= 1, & N_r &= 0 \\ S_c &= 1.16, & S_q &= 1, & S_r &= 1.0 \\ d_c &= 1.1, & d_q &= 1, & d_r &= 1.0 \\ i_c &= 1, & i_q &= 1, & i_r &= 1.0 \\ \gamma &= 18.2, & c &= 40 \text{ kN/m}^2 \\ B' &= B - 2e_x = 2.8 - 2(0.8) = 1.2 \text{ m} \\ L' &= L = 3.5 \end{aligned}$$

Ultimate bearing capacity

$$\begin{aligned} q_u &= CN_c S_c d_c i_c + \gamma D_f N_q S_q d_q i_q + 0.5 B' \gamma N_r S_r d_r \\ q_u &= 40 \times 5.14 \times 1.16 \times 1.1 + 18.2 \times 1.5 \times 1 + 0 \\ q_{nu} &= q_u - \gamma D_f = 262.346 \text{ kN/m}^2 \\ q_{ns} &= \frac{q_{nu}}{F} = 104.938 \text{ kN/m}^2 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Net safe load} = q_{ns} \times A = \frac{q_{nu}}{F} \times (B' \times L)$$

$$= 104.938 \times 1.2 \times 3.5 \text{ kN}$$

Load applied on the footing = 440.740 kN

**End of Solution**

**Q.31** The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x \ln(x)}{1+x^2}$  is

- (a) 1.0 (b) 0.5  
(c)  $\infty$  (d) 0

**Ans. (d)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x \ln x}{x^2 + 1} \right) \quad \left( \frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{ form} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x \left( \frac{1}{x} \right) + \ln x}{2x} \right) \quad \left( \frac{\infty}{\infty} \text{ form} \right)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{0 + \frac{1}{x}}{2} \right) = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{2x} \right) = \frac{1}{2 \times \infty} = 0$$

End of Solution

**Q.32** In a three-phase signal system design for a four-leg intersection, the critical flow ratios for each phase are 0.18, 0.32 and 0.22. The total loss time in each of the phases is 2s. As per Webster's formula, the optimal cycle length (in s, round off to the nearest integer) is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (50)**

$$L = 2 \times 3 = 6 \text{ seconds}$$

$$n = 3$$

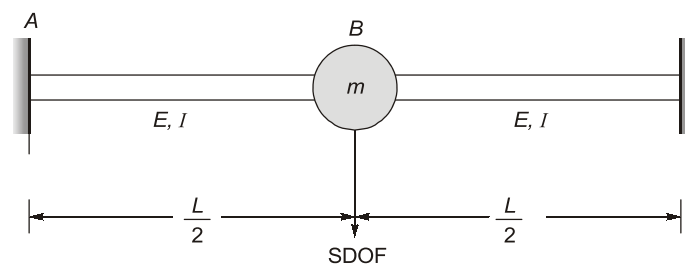
$$y = (0.18 + 0.32 + 0.22)$$

$$C_0 = \left( \frac{1.5L + 5}{1 - y} \right) = \left( \frac{1.5 \times 6 + 5}{1 - (0.18 + 0.32 + 0.22)} \right)$$

$$= 50 \text{ seconds}$$

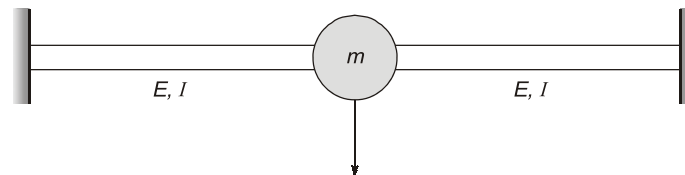
End of Solution

**Q.33** A prismatic fixed-fixed beam, modelled with a total lumped-mass of 10 kg as a single degree of freedom (SDOF) system is shown in the figure.



If the flexural stiffness of the beam is  $4\pi^2$  kN/m, its natural frequency of vibration (in Hz, in integer) in the flexural mode will be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (10)**



$$\text{Cyclic frequency } (f) = \frac{\omega}{2\pi} = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{k}{m}}$$



$$f = \frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{(4\pi^2 \times 1000) \text{ N/m}}{10 \text{ kg}}} = 10 \text{ Hz}$$

**End of Solution**

- Q.34** A clay layer of thickness  $H$  has a preconsolidation pressure  $p_c$  and an initial void ratio  $e_0$ . The initial effective overburden stress at the mid-height of the layer is  $p_0$ . At the same location, the increment in effective stress due to applied external load is  $\Delta p$ . The compression and swelling indices of the clay are  $C_c$  and  $C_s$  respectively. If  $p_0 < p_c < (p_0 + \Delta p)$ , then the correct expression to estimate the consolidation settlement ( $S_c$ ) of the clay layer is

- (a)  $S_c = \frac{H}{1+e_0} \left[ C_c \log \frac{p_c}{p_0} + C_s \log \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_c} \right]$   
 (b)  $S_c = \frac{H}{1+e_0} \left[ C_s \log \frac{p_c}{p_0} + C_c \log \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_c} \right]$   
 (c)  $S_c = \frac{H}{1+e_0} \left[ C_c \log \frac{p_0}{p_c} + C_s \log \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_c} \right]$   
 (d)  $S_c = \frac{H}{1+e_0} \left[ C_s \log \frac{p_0}{p_c} + C_c \log \frac{p_0 + \Delta p}{p_c} \right]$

**Ans. (b)**

**End of Solution**

- Q.35** Relationship between traffic speed and density is described using a negatively sloped straight line. If  $v_f$  is the free-flow speed then the speed at which the maximum flow occurs is

- (a)  $\frac{v_f}{4}$  (b) 0  
 (c)  $\frac{v_f}{2}$  (d)  $v_f$

**Ans. (c)**

$$\text{Speed at maximum flow} = \frac{v_f}{2}$$

**End of Solution**

- Q.36** The unit normal vector to the surface  $X^2 + Y^2 + Z^2 - 48 = 0$  at the point (4, 4, 4) is

- (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  (b)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{2}}$   
 (c)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

Ans. (a)

$$\phi = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 48, P(4, 4, 4)$$

$$\text{grad } \phi = \vec{\nabla}\phi = \hat{i} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial x} + \hat{j} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial y} + \hat{k} \frac{\partial \phi}{\partial z}$$

$$= (2x)\hat{i} + (2y)\hat{j} + (2z)\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{n} = (\text{grad } \phi)_P = 8\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}$$

$$\hat{n} = \frac{\vec{n}}{|\vec{n}|} = \frac{8\hat{i} + 8\hat{j} + 8\hat{k}}{\sqrt{64+64+64}} = \frac{\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\simeq \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$$

End of Solution

- Q.37** In case of bids in Two-Envelop System, the correct option is
- (a) Either of the two (Technical and Financial) bids can be opened first
  - (b) Technical bid is opened first
  - (c) Both (Technical and Financial) bids are opened simultaneously
  - (d) Financial bid is opened first

Ans. (b)

End of Solution

- Q.38** A grit chamber of rectangular cross-section is to be designed to remove particles with diameter of 0.25 mm and specific gravity of 2.70. The terminal settling velocity of the particles is estimated as 2.5 cm/s. The chamber is having a width of 0.50 m and has to carry a peak wastewater flow of 9720 m<sup>3</sup>/d giving the depth of flow as 0.75 m. If a flow-through velocity of 0.3 m/s has to be maintained using a proportional weir at the outlet end of the chamber, the minimum length of the chamber (in m, in integer) to remove 0.25 mm particles completely is \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. (9)

Minimum length of chamber

$$L_{\min} = V_{\text{flow}} \times t_d$$

$$V_{\text{flow}} = 0.30 \text{ m/s}$$

$$t_d = \frac{H}{V_{\text{settling}}} = \frac{0.75}{2.5 \times 10^{-2}} = 30 \text{ sec}$$

⇒

$$L_{\min} = 0.3 \text{ m/sec} \times 30 \text{ sec}$$

$$= 9 \text{ m}$$

End of Solution



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**Q.39** Numerically integrate.  $f(x) = 10x - 20x^2$  from lower limit  $a = 0$  to upper limit  $b = 0.5$ . Use Trapezoidal rule with five equal subdivisions. The value (in units, round off to two decimal places) obtained is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (0.4)**

$$y = 10x - 20x^2,$$

$$a = 0, b = 0.5, n = 5$$

So,

$$h = \frac{b-a}{n} = 0.1$$

And

$x =$	0	0.1	0.2	0.3	0.4	0.5
$y =$	0	0.8	1.2	1.2	0.8	0
	$y_0$	$y_1$	$y_2$	$y_3$	$y_4$	$y_5$

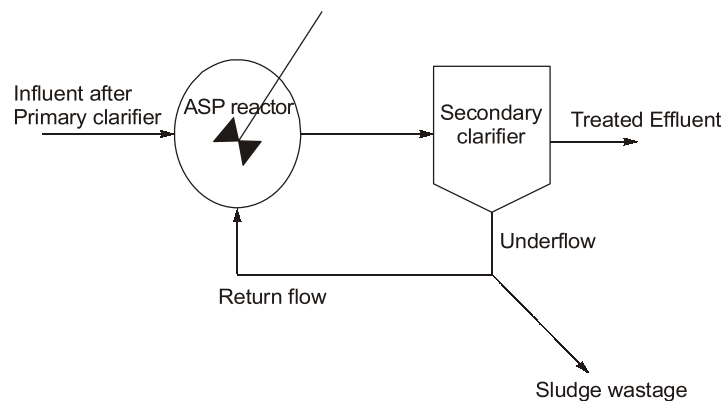
$$I = \int_0^{0.5} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} [y_0 + y_5 + 2(y_1 + y_2 + y_3 + y_4)]$$

$$= \frac{0.1}{2} [0 + 0 + 2(0.8 + 1.2 + 1.2 + 0.8)]$$

$$= 0.40$$

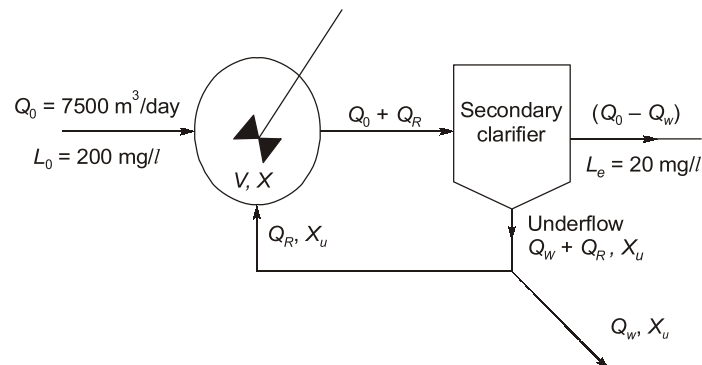
**End of Solution**

**Q.40** An activated sludge process (ASP) is designed for secondary treatment of 7500 m<sup>3</sup>/day of municipal wastewater. After primary clarifier, the ultimate BOD of the influent, which enters into ASP reactor is 200 mg/L. Treated effluent after secondary clarifier is required to have an ultimate BOD of 20 mg/L. Mix liquor volatile suspended solids (MLVSS) concentration in the reactor and the underflow is maintained as 3000 mg/L and 12000 mg/L, respectively. The hydraulic retention time and mean cell residence time are 0.2 day and 10 days, respectively. A representative flow diagram of the ASP is shown below.



The underflow volume (in m<sup>3</sup>/day, round off to one decimal place) of sludge wastage is \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. (37.5)



Given,  $X = 3000 \text{ mg/l}$ ,  $X_u = 12000 \text{ mg/l}$

Since  $\text{HRT} = \frac{V}{Q_0}$

⇒ Volume of reactor,

$$\begin{aligned} V &= Q_0 \times \text{HRT} \\ &= 7500 \times 0.2 \text{ m}^3 \\ &= 1500 \text{ m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

Sludge age,  $\theta_c = \frac{VX}{(Q_0 - Q_w)X_e + Q_w X_u}$  ( $X_e \simeq 0$ )

$$10 = \frac{1500 \times 3000}{Q_w \times 12000}$$

$$Q_w = 37.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{day}$$

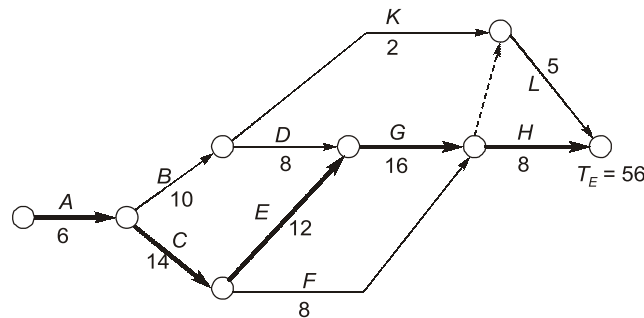
**End of Solution**

**Q.41** The activity details for a small project are given in the Table.

Activity	Duration (days)	Depends on
A	6	-
B	10	A
C	14	A
D	8	B
E	12	C
F	8	C
G	16	D, E
H	8	F, G
K	2	B
L	5	G, K

The total time (in days, in integer) for project completion is \_\_\_\_\_.

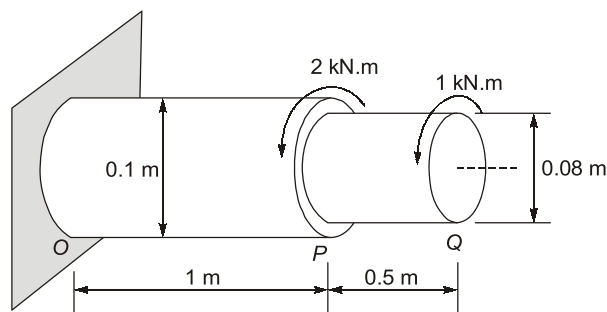
Ans. (56)



Project duration = 56 days.

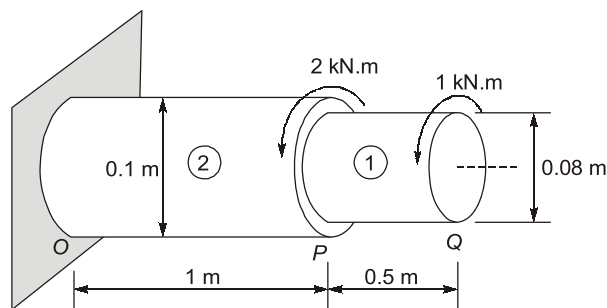
End of Solution

**Q.42** A solid circular torsional member OPQ is subjected to torsional moments as shown in the figure (not to scale). The yield shear strength of the constituent material is 160 MPa.



The absolute maximum shear stress in the member (in MPa, round off to one decimal place) is \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. (15.3)



$$\tau_{\max OP} = \frac{16T_{OP}}{\pi d_{OP}^3} = \frac{16 \times 3 \times 10^3}{\pi \times 100^3} = 15.27 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

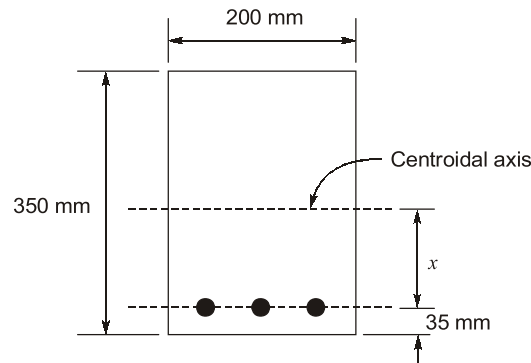
$$\tau_{\max PQ} = \frac{16T_{PQ}}{\pi d_{PQ}^3} = \frac{16 \times 1 \times 10^6}{\pi \times 80^3} = 9.94 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\tau_{\max} = 9.94 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

$$\text{Absolute max shear stress} = 15.27 \text{ N/mm}^2$$

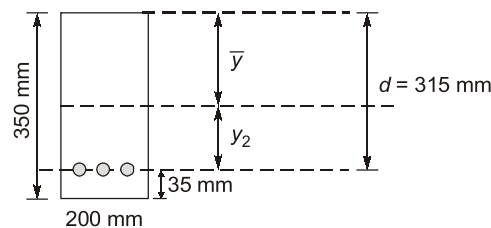
**End of Solution**

- Q.43** A rectangular cross-section of a reinforced concrete beam is shown in the figure. The diameter of each reinforcing bar is 16 mm. The values of modulus of elasticity of concrete and steel are  $2.0 \times 10^4 \text{ MPa}$  and  $2.1 \times 10^5 \text{ MPa}$ , respectively.



The distance of the centroidal axis from the centerline of the reinforcement ( $x$ ) for the uncracked section (in mm, found off to one decimal place) is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (129.4)**



$$m = \frac{E_s}{E_c} = \frac{2.1 \times 10^5}{2 \times 10^4} = 10.5$$

$$A_{st} = 3 \times \frac{\pi}{4} (16)^2 = 603.20 \text{ mm}^2$$

$$\bar{y} = \frac{\left( B \cdot D \cdot \frac{D}{2} + (m-1) \times A_{st} \times d \right)}{B \cdot D + (m-1) \cdot A_{st}}$$

$$= \frac{\left( 200 \times \frac{350^2}{2} + (10.5 - 1) \times 603.2 \times 315 \right)}{200 \times 350 + (10.5 - 1) \times 603.2} = 185.59 \text{ mm}$$

Distance of N-A from reinforcement

$$y_2 = d - \bar{y}$$

$$= 315 - 185.59 = 129.41 \text{ mm}$$

**End of Solution**

**Q.44** For a given traverse, latitudes and departures are calculated and it is found that sum of latitudes is equal to +2.1 m and the sum of departures is equal to -2.8 m. The length and bearing of the closing error, respectively, are

- (a) 3.50 m and 53.13° SE                      (b) 3.50 m and 53°7'48" NW  
(c) 2.45 m and 53°7'48" NW                (d) 0.35 m and 53.13° SE

**Ans. (b)**

$$e_L = +2.1 \text{ m}$$

$$e_D = -2.8 \text{ m}$$

$$e = \sqrt{e_L^2 + e_D^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{(2.1)^2 + (2.8)^2} = 3.5 \text{ m}$$

$$\text{Bearing of closing error} = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{e_D}{e_L}\right)$$

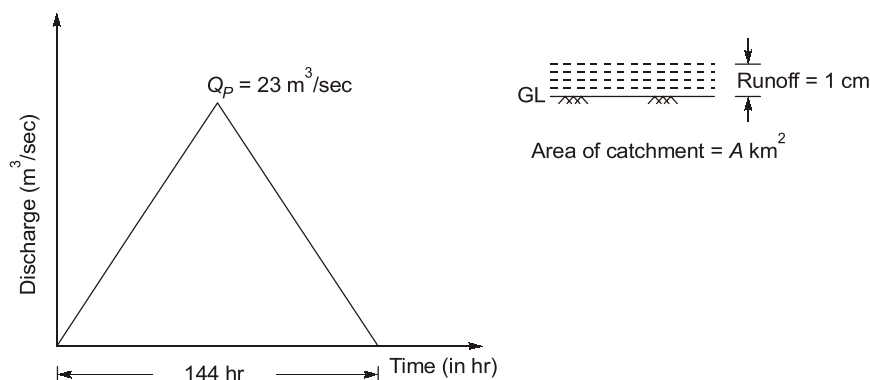
$$= \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{-2.8}{2.1}\right) = -53.13^\circ$$

$$= 53^\circ 7' 48'' \text{ NW}$$

**End of Solution**

**Q.45** A 12-hour unit hydrograph (of 1 cm excess rainfall) of a catchment is of a triangular shape with a base width of 144 hour and a peak discharge of 23 m<sup>3</sup>/s. The area of the catchment (in km<sup>2</sup>, round off to the nearest integer) is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (596)**



Area of hydrograph = Total direct runoff volume

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times 23 \text{ m}^3/\text{sec} \times 144 \times 3600 \text{ sec} = \text{Area of catchment} \times \text{Runoff depth}$$



$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times 23 \times 144 \times 3600 \text{ m}^3 = A \times \frac{1}{100} \text{ m}$$

$$A = 596.16 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2$$

$\therefore$  Area of catchment = 596.16 km<sup>2</sup>

End of Solution

**Q.46** A lake has a maximum depth of 60 m. If the mean atmospheric pressure in the lake region is 91 kPa and the unit weight of the lake water is 9790 N/m<sup>3</sup>, the absolute pressure (in kPa, round off to two decimal places) at the maximum depth of the lake is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (678.4)**

Absolute pressure at maximum depth of the lake =  $P_{\text{atm}} + \rho gh$

$$= 91 + \frac{9790(60)}{1000} = 678.4 \text{ kPa}$$

End of Solution

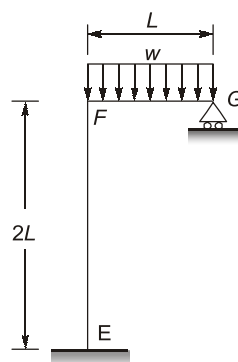
**Q.47** Strain hardening of structural steel means

- (a) strengthening steel member externally for reducing strain experienced
- (b) experiencing higher stress than yield stress with increased deformation
- (c) strain occurring before plastic flow of steel material
- (d) decrease in the stress experienced with increasing strain

**Ans. (b)**

End of Solution

**Q.48** A frame EFG is shown in the figure. All members are prismatic and have equal flexural rigidity. The member FG carries a uniformly distributed load  $w$  per unit length. Axial deformation of any member is neglected.



Considering the joint F being rigid, the support reaction at G is

- (a) 0.375  $wL$
- (b) 0.453  $wL$
- (c) 0.482  $wL$
- (d) 0.500  $wL$

Ans. (c)

Compatibility condition

$$\frac{\partial U}{\partial R} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left[ \int \frac{M^2}{2EI} dx \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\partial}{\partial R} \left[ \int_0^L \frac{\left( Rx - \frac{wx^2}{2} \right)^2}{2EI} dx + \int_0^{2L} \frac{\left( RL - \frac{wL^2}{2} \right)^2}{2EI} dx \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^L \frac{2 \left( Rx - \frac{wx^2}{2} \right)}{2EI} (x) dx + \int_0^{2L} \frac{\left( RL - \frac{wL^2}{2} \right)}{EI} (L) dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \int_0^L \frac{\left( Rx^2 - \frac{wx^3}{2} \right)}{EI} dx + \int_0^{2L} \frac{\left( RL^2 - \frac{wL^3}{2} \right)}{EI} dx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{RL^3}{3} - \frac{w}{2} \times \frac{L^4}{4} + RL^2(2L) - \frac{wL^3}{2}(2L) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{RL^3}{3} - \frac{wL^4}{8} + 2RL^3 - wL^4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2RL^3 + \frac{RL^3}{3} = \frac{wL^4}{8} + wL^4 = \frac{9}{8}wL^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{7RL^3}{3} = \frac{9}{8}wL^4$$

$$\Rightarrow R = \frac{27}{56}wL = 0.482wL$$

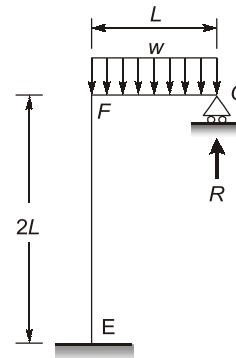
Alternative

$$\frac{wL^4}{8EI} + \frac{wL^2(2L)}{2EI} \times L = \frac{RL^3}{3EI} + \frac{RL \times 2L \times L}{EI}$$

$$\frac{wL^4}{8EI} + \frac{wL^4}{EI} = \frac{RL^3}{3EI} + \frac{2RL^3}{EI}$$

$$\frac{9wL^4}{8EI} = \frac{7RL^3}{3EI}$$

$$R = \frac{27wL}{56} = 0.482wL$$



End of Solution



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
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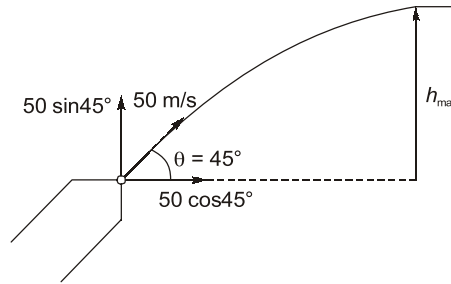
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- Q.49** A fire hose nozzle directs a steady stream of water of velocity 50 m/s at an angle of  $45^\circ$  above the horizontal. The stream rises initially but then eventually falls to the ground. Assume water as incompressible and inviscid. Consider the density of air and the air friction as negligible, and assume the acceleration due to gravity as  $9.81 \text{ m/s}^2$ . The maximum height (in m, round off to two decimal places) reached by the stream above the hose nozzle will then be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (63.71)**



As we know that

$$V^2 - u^2 = 2aS$$

In vertical direction ( $\uparrow$ )

$$0^2 - (50 \sin 45^\circ)^2 = 2(-9.81) h_{\max}$$

$$h_{\max} = \frac{(50 \sin 45^\circ)^2}{2(9.81)} = 63.71 \text{ m}$$

**End of Solution**

- Q.50** Read the statements given below:

- (i) Value of the wind profile exponent for the 'very unstable' atmosphere is smaller than the wind profile exponent for the 'neutral' atmosphere.
- (ii) Downwind concentration of air pollutants due to an elevated point source will be inversely proportional to the wind speed.
- (iii) Value of the wind profile exponent for the 'neutral' atmosphere is smaller than the wind profile exponent for the 'very unstable' atmosphere.
- (iv) Downwind concentration of air pollutants due to an elevated point source will be directly proportional to the wind speed.

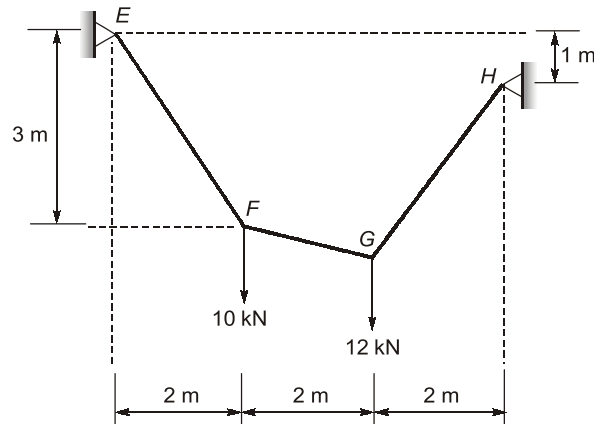
Select the correct option.

- (a) (i) is True and (iv) is True
- (b) (iii) is False and (iv) is False
- (c) (ii) is False and (iii) is False
- (d) (i) is False and (iii) is True

**Ans. (b)**

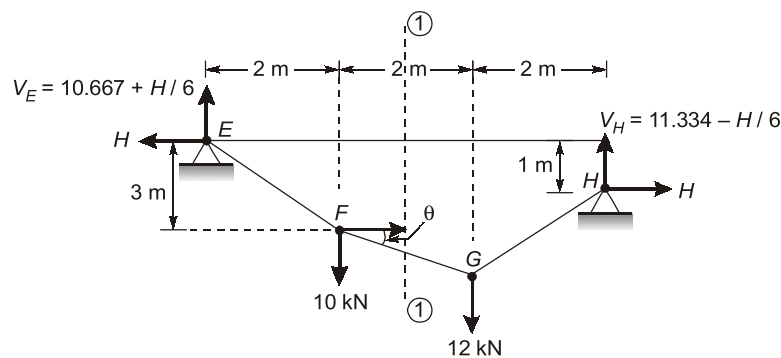
**End of Solution**

**Q.51** A perfectly flexible and inextensible cable is shown in the figure (not to scale), The external loads at F and G are acting vertically.



The magnitude of tension in the cable segment FG (in kN, round off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (8.246)**



$$\sum M_F = 0$$

$$\left(10.667 + \frac{H}{6}\right) \times 2 - 3H = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (10.667 \times 2) + \frac{H}{3} - 3H = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow H = \frac{(10.667 \times 2)}{2.667} = 8.00 \text{ kN}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_E = 10.667 + \frac{8}{6} = 12.00 \text{ kN}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_H = 11.334 - \frac{8}{6} = 10.00 \text{ kN}$$

Consider LHS of section (1)-(1)

$$T \cos \theta = 8.0$$

$$T \sin \theta = 12.00 - 10 = 2.0$$

$$\therefore T^2 \cos^2 \theta + T^2 \sin^2 \theta = (8)^2 + (2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 8.246 \text{ kN}$$

**End of Solution**

**Q.52** Determine the correctness or otherwise of the following Assertion [A] and the Reason [R].  
**Assertion [A]:** One of the best ways to reduce the amount of solid wastes is to reduce the consumption of raw materials,

**Reason [R]:** Solid wastes are seldom generated when raw materials are converted to goods for consumption.

- (a) Both [A] and [R] are true and [R] is the correct reason for [A].
- (b) Both [A] and [R] are false.
- (c) [A] is true but [R] is false.
- (d) Both [A] and [R] are true but [R] is not the correct reason for [A]

**Ans. (c)**

**End of Solution**

**Q.53** In an aggregate mix, the proportions of coarse aggregate, fine aggregate and mineral filler are 55%, 40% and 5%, respectively. The values of bulk specific gravity of the coarse aggregate, fine aggregate and mineral filler are 2.55, 2.65 and 2.70, respectively. The bulk specific gravity of the aggregate mix (round off to two decimal places) is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (2.6)**

$$G_m = \frac{55 + 40 + 5}{\frac{55}{2.55} + \frac{40}{2.65} + \frac{5}{2.70}} = 2.596$$

**End of Solution**

**Q.54** Seasoning of timber for use in construction is done essentially to  
(a) smoothen timber surfaces (b) cut timber in right season and geometry  
(c) remove knots from timber logs (d) increase strength and durability

**Ans. (d)**

**End of Solution**

**Q.55** For a 2° curve on a high speed Broad Gauge (BG) rail section, the maximum sanctioned speed is 100 km/h and the equilibrium speed is 80 km/h. Consider dynamic gauge of BG rail as 1750 mm, The degree of curve is defined as the angle subtended at its center by a 30.5 m arc. The cant deficiency for the curve (in mm. round off to integer) is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans. (57)**

Length of curve = Radius × Degree of curve

$$\frac{30.5 \times 180}{2^\circ \times \pi} = R$$

$$R = 873.76 \text{ m}$$

$$C_d = C_{th} - C_{act}$$

$$C_{act} = \frac{GV^2}{127R} = \frac{1750 \times 100^2}{127 \times 873.76} = 157.70 \text{ mm}$$

$$C_{ev} = \frac{GV^2}{127R} = \frac{1750 \times 80^2}{127 \times 873.76} = 100.930 \text{ mm}$$

$$C_{def} = C_{act} - C_{th} = 157.70 - 100.930 = 56.77 \text{ mm}$$
$$= 57 \text{ mm}$$

**End of Solution**

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