

GUJARAT TECHNOLOGICAL UNIVERSITY
BE - SEMESTER-VI • EXAMINATION – WINTER 2013

Subject Code: 160606**Date: 09-12-2013****Subject Name: Geotechnical Engineering II****Time: 02.30 pm - 05.00 pm****Total Marks: 70****Instructions:**

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
3. Figures to the right indicate full marks.
4. Draw neat sketch wherever necessary.

- Q.1** (i) Write the basic principles involved in the geophysical methods of subsurface soil exploration **03**
 (a) (ii) A cutting is to be made in clay for which the cohesion is 35 kN/m^2 and $\phi = 0^\circ$, $\gamma = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$. Find maximum depth for a cutting of side slope 1.5 to 1.0, if the factor of safety is 1.5. The stability number for 1.5 to 1.0 slope and $\phi = 0^\circ$ is 0.17. **04**
- (b) (i) A standard penetration test is conducted at a depth of 5 m in a saturated fine sand. If the observed N value is 25, then the equivalent restraint value is _____. **03**
 (ii) Comment on the following statements (Any Two). **04**
- (i) Taylor's Stability Number is applicable to cohesion less soil only.
 - (ii) If the angle of slope is greater than angle of friction, slope is always stable.
 - (iii) Settlement of a pile group is more than the settlement of an individual pile.
- Q.2** (a) Determine the net allowable load and gross allowable load for a square footing of $2\text{m} \times 2\text{m}$ size with a depth of foundation of 1.0 m. Assume local shear failure. Use Terzaghi's theory. Soil properties are: $\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$, $c' = 15 \text{ kN/m}^2$, For $\phi' = 25^\circ$ $N_c = 14.8$, $N_q = 5.6$, $N_\gamma = 3.2$, F.S=3.0. **07**
 (b) Write the assumptions made in the Terzaghi's bearing capacity theory. Also draw its different failure zones. **07**
- OR**
- (b) Define contact pressure. Which factors affect contact pressure distribution? Draw contact pressure diagram for rigid footing on clay and sand. **07**
- Q.3** (a) Write major points of difference between the following. **08**
 (i) Active earth pressure and passive earth pressure.
 (ii) Standard penetration test and plate load test.
 (b) Explain the Rankine's theory for active earth pressure in cohesive soil. **06**
- OR**
- Q.3** (a) Differentiate between the following. **08**
 (i) Strip footing and strap footing.
 (ii) Skin resistance and tip resistance.
 (b) Explain the methods to reduce foundation settlement **06**
- Q.4** (a) A smooth backed vertical wall is 6.3 m high and retains a soil with a bulk unit weight of 18 kN/m^3 and $\phi = 18^\circ$. The top of the soil is level with the top of the wall and is horizontal. If the soil surface carries a uniformly distributed load of 4.5 kN/m , determine the total active thrust on the wall per meter length of the wall and its point of application. **07**
 (b) Discuss various dynamic formula for load carrying capacity of pile with their limitations. **07**
- OR**
- Q.4** (a) Classify the piles according to their function. **07**

- (b) A 4 m high vertical cut retains the cohesive soil backfill. The soil properties are : : $\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$ $\phi' = 12^\circ$ $c' = 20 \text{ kN/m}^2$ Determine the stress intensity at top and bottom of the cut ,depth of tension crack and maximum depth of unsupported excavation. **07**
- Q.5** (a) Design a square pile group to carry 400 kN load in clay with an unconfined compressive strength of 60 kN/m^2 . The piles are 30 cm diameter and 6 m long. Adhesion factor $\alpha = 0.6$, F.S. =3. **07**
- (b) Derive the expression for the factor of safety of an infinite slope in a dry cohesion less soil. **07**
- OR**
- Q.5** (a) Illustrate the procedure for plotting an isobar of intensity 0.1 Q. Also draw Isobar diagram. **07**
- (b) What are the basic modes of failure of earth slopes? What are the remedial measures to prevent failure of earth slopes? **07**

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