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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2018/2019 ACADEMIC YEAR**

SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DIPLOMA

IN

CIVIL ENGINEERING AND WATER TECHNOLOGY

COURSE CODE: DCE 073

COURSE TITLE: THEORY OF STRUCTURES I

DATE: THURSDAY 31ST JANUARY 2019 TIME: 3.00PM – 5.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper contains **FIVE** questions
2. Question **ONE** is **COMPULSORY**
3. Attempt any other **THREE** questions
4. Marks for each question are indicated in the parenthesis.
5. Examination duration is **2 Hours**

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Question ONE (25 Marks)

- a) Classify the structures in Fig 1a and Fig 1b as statically determinate or statically indeterminate. If statically indeterminate, report the number of degrees of indeterminacy.



Fig 1a

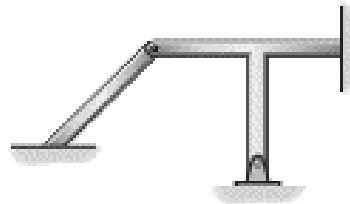


Fig 1b

[4 Marks]

- b) Differentiate between:

i. Ductile materials and brittle materials

ii. Arches and suspension bridge

iii. Young's modulus and Modulus of rigidity

[6 Marks]

- c) A bar of 30 mm diameter is subjected to a pull of 60 kN. The measured extension on gauge length of 200 mm is 0.1mm and change in diameter is 0.004 mm. calculate:

i. Youngs' modulus

ii. Poisons ratio

iii. Bulk modulus

[6 Marks]

- d) An I-section has the following dimensions in mm units:

Bottom flange = 300×100

Top flange = 150×50

Web = 300×50

Determine mathematically the position of center of gravity of the section.

[4 Marks]

- e) Define influence line and explains its significant in structural design

[2 Marks]

- f) A cantilever of length 2.0 m carries a uniformly distributed load of 1 kN/m run over a length of 1.5 m from the free end. Draw the shear force and bending moment diagrams for the cantilever

[3 Marks]

Question TWO (15 Marks)

Describe the stress-strain curve of a typical tensile test for mild steel

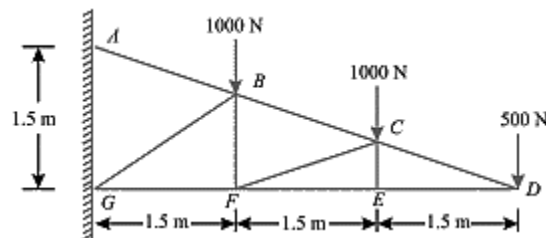
[15 Marks]

Question THREE (15 Marks)

A beam 10 m long and simply supported at each end has a uniformly distributed load of 1000N/m extending from the left end up to the center of the beam. There is also an anti-clockwise couple of 15kNm at a distance of 2.5 m from the right end. Draw the S.F and B.M diagrams. [15 Marks]

Question FOUR (15 Marks)

Figure 2 shows a cantilever truss having a span of 4.5 meters. It is hinged at two joints to a wall and is loaded as shown



Find the forces in all the member of the truss.

[15 Marks]

Question FIVE (15 Marks)

Draw the shear force and bending moment diagram for simply supported beam of length 9 m and carrying a uniformly distributed load of 10 kN/m for a distance of 6m from the left end. Also calculate the maximum B.M. on the section. [15 Marks]