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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF
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**UNIVERSITY SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY
EXAMINATIONS
2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FIFTH YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CIVIL AND STRUCTURAL
ENGINEERING**

COURSE CODE: CSE 516E

COURSE TITLE: DESIGN OF BRIDGES

DATE: THURSDAY, 28TH JANUARY 2021 TIME: 11.00AM – 1.00PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. Answer ALL Questions in SECTION A and any ONE question SECTION B
2. Examination duration is **2 Hours**

MMUST observes ZERO tolerance to examination cheating

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SECTION A**Question 1 (25 marks)**

- a) With aid of sketches describe four types of bridges (8 Marks)
- b) Discuss factors that may influence conceptual choice of bridge type (6 marks)
- c) What is preventive maintenance of bridges? (2 marks)
- d) Distinguish between bridge Scheduled and response maintenance activities (3 marks).
- e) Outline three common deficiencies in steel bridges and their rehabilitation measures (6marks)

Question 2 (25marks)

- a) Discuss how the following preliminary information is essential in planning of a new bridge (13 marks).
 - i. Topographic
 - ii. Geologic
 - iii. Geotechnical
- b) Determine the following critical moments for 8 m wide bridge deck slab with a span of 33m.
 - i. The maximum design bending moment per metre width due to HA loading for the bridge deck. (6 marks).
 - ii. The maximum design bending moment per metre width for the bridge due to 30 units of type HB loading (6 marks).

Question 3 (25 marks)

- a) Discuss the importance of the following in bridge site selection(5 marks)
 - i. River condition
 - ii. Slope and bank condition
- b) Analysis of a three span bridge girder shown in figure **Q2-(a)** using the influence line method gave the bending moment influence diagrams in figure **Q2-(b)** **Q2-(c)** and **Q2-(d)** for critical moments at Points A,B and C respectively as shown on the figure. Using the given influence line diagrams.
 - i. Determine the critical bending moment due HA loading. (10marks)
 - ii. Determine the critical sagging bending moment due 45 units of HB loading. (10 marks)

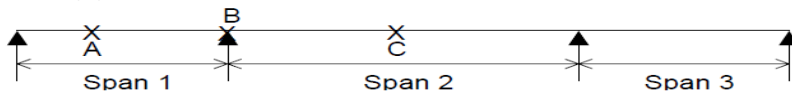
SECTION B**Question 4 (25 marks)**

Design a simply supported reinforced concrete bridge deck slab using a unit strip method. The depth of the deck is 600mm and carries a 125mm depth of surfacing, together with a nominal HA live load udl of 18kN/m^2 and knife edge load of 30kN/m . The span of the deck is 10.0m centre to centre of bearings.

Question 5 (25 marks)

Design a simply supported steel beam for a bridge which carries a 150mm thick concrete slab together with a nominal live load of 10.0 kN/m^2 . The span of the beam is 7.5m centre to centre of bearings and the beams are spaced at 2.99 m intervals. The slab will be assumed to be laid on top of the beams with no positive connection to the compression flange.

Figure Q2-(a)



Point A – maximum sagging moment in span 1
 Point B – maximum hogging moment over pier 1
 Point C – maximum sagging moment in span 2

Span 1= 10m, span 2= 25m, span 3= 10m

Figure Q2-(b)

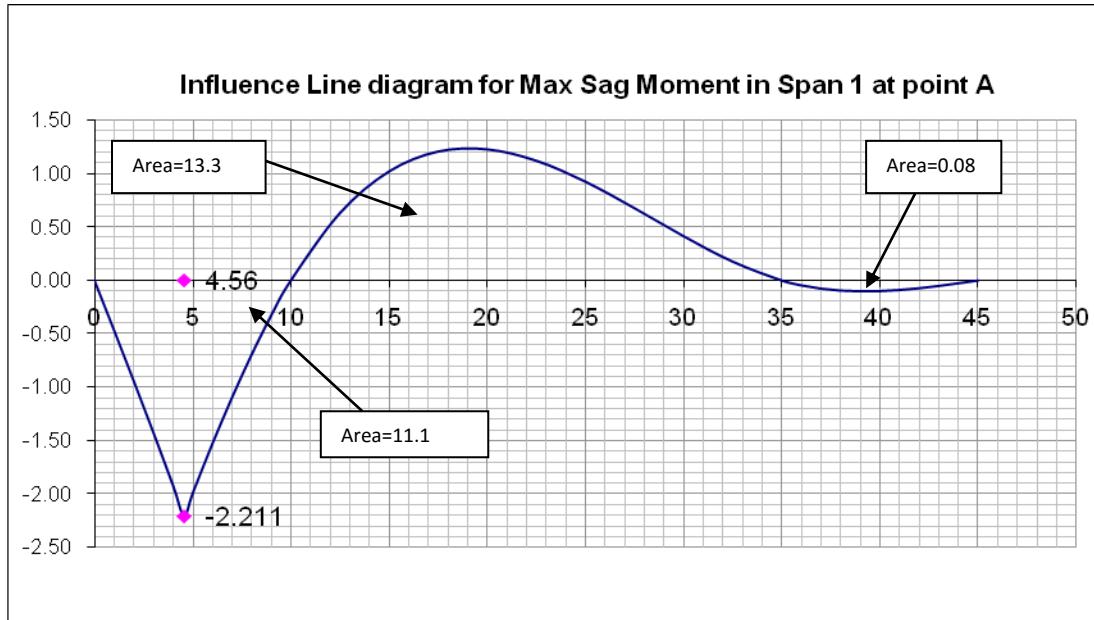


Figure Q2-(c)

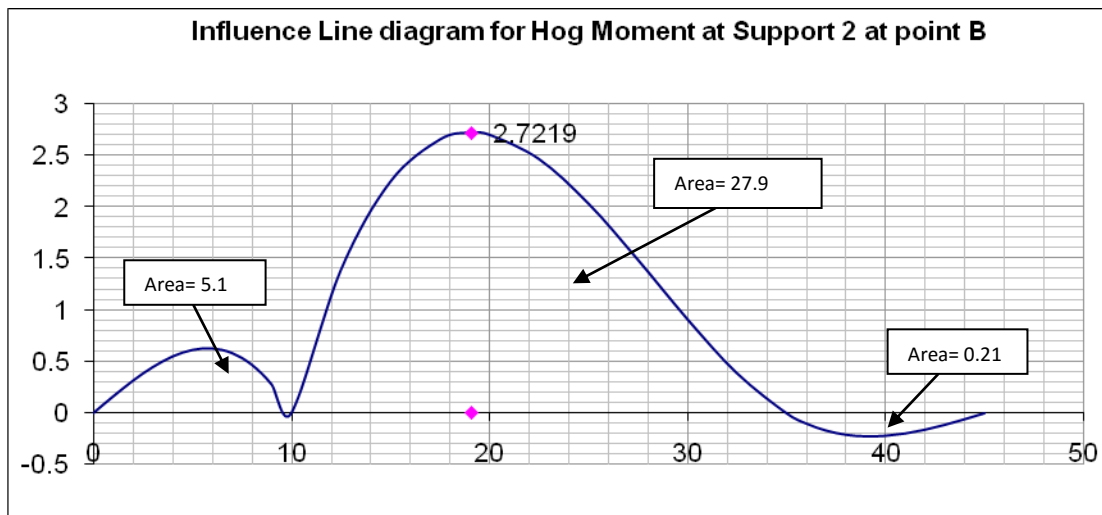


Figure Q2-(d)

