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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2022/2023 ACADEMIC
YEAR**

THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

**FOR THE DEGREE
OF
BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY IN BUILDING
CONSTRUCTION**

COURSE CODE: BTB 316

COURSE TITLE: STRUCTURAL DESIGN I

DATE: 27TH APRIL 2023 TIME: 8:00 - 10:00

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This paper contains FOUR questions
2. Question ONE (1) is Compulsory
3. Attempt a total of THREE questions in this booklet.
4. Marks for each question are indicated in the parenthesis.

Examination duration is 2 Hours

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Question 1**COMPULSORY****(30 marks)**

- Discuss the factors which influence the strength of timber and explain how the strength of timber is assessed in practice **(6 mks)**
- List and discuss common modes of failure associated with steel beams and joists **(8 mks)**
- Discuss the following design philosophies **(6 mks)**
 - Limit State Design
 - Load factor Design
 - Permissible load Design

Question 2**(20 marks)**

A timber column of redwood GS grade consists of a 100 mm square section which is restrained at both ends in position but not in direction. Assuming that the actual height of the column is 3.75 m,

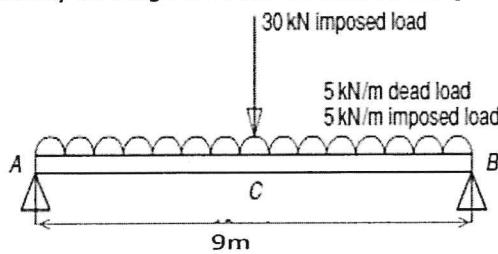
- Calculate the maximum axial long-term load that the column can support. **(10 mks)**
- Check the adequacy of the column to resist a long-term axial load of 10 kN and a bending moment of 350 kN mm. **(10 mks)**

Question 3**(20 marks)**

A timber beam with a clear span of 3.2m supports a uniformly distributed load of 10 kN including self-weight of beam. Determine a suitable section for the beam using timber of strength class C16 under service class 1. Assume that the bearing length is 150mm and that the ends of the beam are held in position and compression edge held in line. **(20 mks)**

Question 4**(20 marks)**

A simply supported beam in Fig. Q4 supports uniformly distributed characteristic dead and imposed loads of 5 kN/m each, as well as a characteristic imposed point load of 30 kN at mid-span. Assuming the beam is fully laterally restrained and there is nominal torsional restrain at supports, select a suitable UB section in S275 steel to satisfy bending and shear considerations. **(20 mks)**

**Fig Q4**

