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2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR**

FOURTH YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS

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

COURSE CODE: CSE 443

COURSE TITLE: PAVEMENT DESIGN

DATE: MONDAY 20TH JANUARY 2020 TIME: 12.00 – 2.00 PM

INSTRUCTIONS:

1. This Paper Consists of SIX Questions
2. Attempt any FIVE Questions
3. It is to the best interest of the candidate to write legible
4. Examination duration is **2 Hours**

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- 1) a. A pavement should meet a certain number of minimum requirements. State three and briefly explain them. **(6 marks)**
- b. Using illustrations, differentiate between the two types of pavements explaining how loads are transmitted in each case **(8 marks)**
- 2) a. Describe the factors that affect the stability of road pavements **(6 marks)**
- b. Briefly describe the concept of the behavior of a two layered system according to Burmister's theory **(4 marks)**
- c. Using the following data compute the expected surface deflection of the sub-grade under the centre of the tyre using the Burmister's two layer theory. **(4 marks)**
- Tyre pressure = 10kg/cm^2
 Radius of contact = 15cm
 Pavement thickness = 45cm
 Modulus of elasticity of paving materials = 1200kg/cm^2
 Modulus elasticity of sub-grade material = 120kg/cm^2
- 3) a. Define the following terms and give their mathematical formulations **(4 marks)**
 Equivalence factor
 Equivalent standard axle
- b. What is the main limitation of the group index method of flexible pavement design **(2 marks)**
- c. Design a two lane highway given the following data. The CBR of the sub-grade is 5%. The average daily traffic expected (in each direction) when the road is opened is as follows: 100 passages of 4 axle vehicles each exerting a force of 89KN through each of the two rear axles, 71KN on the second axle and 27KN on the front axle. 200 passages of 3 axle vehicles with loads of 89KN on each of the two rear axles and 18KN on the front axle. 100 passages of 2 axle vehicles with 80KN on the rear and 27KN on the front axle. Considering a design life of 20 years and traffic growth rate of 3% per annum. Design the pavement structure using the Road Note 29 method. **(8 marks)**
- 4) a. Differentiate between the labour based and mechanized methods of pavement construction. **(4 marks)**
- b. Outline the objectives and importance of the following methods of design; design for maintenance and design for construction. **(4 marks)**
- c. Explain various joints adopted in the construction of rigid pavements. Use illustrations where necessary **(6 marks).**

- 5) a. Maintenance activities of flexible pavements may be classified in terms of their operational frequency as? **(3marks)**
- b. Name and describe five routine maintenance activities for flexible pavements **(11 marks)**
- 6) a. Mention 8 environmental issues concerning the construction of highways **(4 marks)**.
- b. Briefly describe five mitigation measures that can be used to counter the issues mentioned in (a) above. **(10 marks)**