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Section - I (General Aptitude)

- Q.1** Select the pair that best expresses a relationship similar to that expressed in the pair
 Children: Pediatrician
- (a) Adult: Orthopaedist (b) Females: Gynaecologist
 (c) Kidney: Nephrologist (d) Skin: Dermatologist

Ans. (b)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.2** If ROAD is written as URDG, then SWAN should be written as:
- (a) VXDQ (b) VZDQ
 (c) VZDP (d) UXDQ

Ans. (b)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.3** A function $f(x)$ is linear and has a value of 29 at $x = -2$ and 39 at $x = 3$. Find its value at $x = 5$.
- (a) 59 (b) 45
 (c) 43 (d) 35

Ans. (c)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.4** Extreme focus on syllabus and studying for tests has become such a dominant concern of Indian students that they close their minds to anything _____ to the requirements of the exam.
- (a) related (b) extraneous
 (c) outside (d) useful

Ans. (b)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.5** The Tamil version of _____ John Abraham-starrer *Madras Cafe* _____ cleared by the Censor Board with no cuts last week, but the film's distributors _____ no takers among the exhibitors for a release in Tamil Nadu _____ this Friday.
- (a) Mr., was, found, on (b) a, was, found, at
 (c) the, was, found, on (d) a, being, find at

Ans. (c)

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Section - II (Civil Engineering)

- Q.1** The integral $\int_{x_1}^{x_2} x^2 dx$ with $x_2 > x_1 > 0$ is evaluated analytically as well as numerically using a single application of the trapezoidal rule. If I is the exact value of the integral obtained analytically and J is the approximate value obtained using the trapezoidal rule, which of the following statements is correct about their relationship?
- (a) $J > I$ (b) $J < I$
 (c) $J = I$ (d) Insufficient data to determine the relationship

Ans. (a)

• • • End of Solution

- Q.2** Workability of concrete can be measured using slump, compaction factor and Vee-bee time. Consider the following statements for workability of concrete
- (i) As the slump increases, the Vee-bee time increases.
 (ii) As the slump increases, the compaction factor increases.
- Which of the following is TRUE?
- (a) Both (i) and (ii) are True (b) Both (i) and (ii) are False
 (c) (i) is True and (ii) is False (d) (i) is False and (ii) is True

Ans. (d)

• • • End of Solution

- Q.3** Which of the following statements is FALSE?
- (a) Plumb line is along the direction of gravity
 (b) Mean Sea Level (MSL) is used as a reference surface for establishing the horizontal control
 (c) Mean Sea Level (MSL) is a simplification of the Geoid
 (d) Geoid is an equi-potential surface of gravity

Ans. (b)

• • • End of Solution

- Q.4** The development length of a deformed reinforcement bar can be expressed as $\left(\frac{1}{k}\right)\left(\frac{\phi\sigma_s}{\tau_{bd}}\right)$. From the IS:456-2000, the value of k can be calculated as _____.

Sol. (6.4)

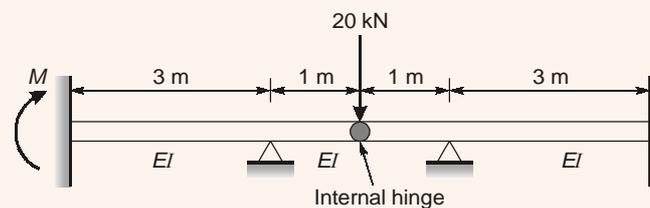
• • • End of Solution

- Q.5** Total Kjeldahl Nitrogen (TKN) concentration (mg/L as N) in domestic sewage is the sum of the concentration of
- organic and inorganic nitrogen in sewage
 - organic nitrogen and nitrate in sewage
 - organic nitrogen and ammonia in sewage
 - ammonia and nitrate in sewage

Ans. (c)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.6** For the beam shown below, the value of the support moment M is ____ kN-m.



Ans. (5)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.7** Consider the following probability mass function (p.m.f.) of a random variable X .

$$p(x, q) = \begin{cases} q & \text{If } X = 0 \\ 1 - q & \text{If } X = 1 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If $q = 0.4$, the variance of X is _____.

Ans. (0.26)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.8** In a two-dimensional steady flow field, in a certain region of the x - y plane, the velocity component in the x -direction is given by $v_x = x^2$ and the density varies as $\rho = \frac{1}{x}$. Which of the following is a valid expression for the velocity component in the y -direction, v_y ?

(a) $v_y = -\frac{x}{y}$

(b) $v_y = \frac{x}{y}$

(c) $v_y = -xy$

(d) $v_y = xy$

Ans. (c)

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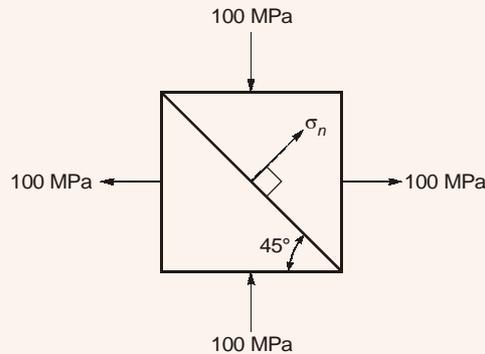
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- Q.9** Two triangular wedges are glued together as shown in the following figure. The stress acting normal to the interface, σ_n is _____ MPa.



Sol. (0)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.10** The penetration value of a bitumen sample tested at 25°C is 80. When this sample is heated to 60°C and tested again, the needle of the penetration test apparatus penetrates the bitumen sample by d mm. The value of d CANNOT be less than _____ mm.

Sol. (8)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.11** For steady incompressible flow through a closed-conduit of uniform cross-section, the direction of flow will always be
- from higher to lower elevation
 - from higher to lower pressure
 - from higher to lower velocity
 - from higher to lower piezometric head

Ans. (d)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.12** Which of the following statements is NOT correct?
- Loose sand exhibits contractive behavior upon shearing
 - Dense sand when sheared under undrained condition, may lead to generation of negative pore pressure
 - Black cotton soil exhibits expansive behavior
 - Liquefaction is the phenomenon where cohesionless soil near the downstream side of dams or sheet-piles loses its shear strength due to high upward hydraulic gradient

Ans. (d)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.13** In a closed loop traverse of 1 km total length, the closing errors in departure and latitude are 0.3 m and 0.4 m, respectively. The relative precision of this traverse will be
- (a) 1 : 5000 (b) 1 : 4000
 (c) 1 : 3000 (d) 1 : 2000

Ans. (d)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.14** Solid waste generated from an industry contains only two components, X and Y as shown in the table below

Component	Composition (% weight)	Density (kg/m ³)
X	c_1	ρ_1
Y	c_2	ρ_2

Assuming $(c_1 + c_2) = 100$, the composite density of the solid waste (ρ) is given by

- (a) $\frac{100}{\left(\frac{c_1}{\rho_1} + \frac{c_2}{\rho_2}\right)}$ (b) $100\left(\frac{\rho_1}{c_1} + \frac{\rho_2}{c_2}\right)$
 (c) $100(c_1\rho_1 + c_2\rho_2)$ (d) $100\left(\frac{\rho_1\rho_2}{c_1\rho_1 + c_2\rho_2}\right)$

Ans. (a)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.15** A circular pipe has a diameter of 1 m, bed slope of 1 in 1000, and Manning's roughness coefficient equal to 0.01. It may be treated as an open channel flow when it is flowing just full, i.e., the water level just touches the crest. The discharge in this condition is denoted by Q_{full} . Similarly, the discharge when the pipe is flowing half-full, i.e., with a flow depth of 0.5 m, is denoted by Q_{half} . The

ratio $\frac{Q_{full}}{Q_{half}}$ is

- (a) 1 (b) $\sqrt{2}$
 (c) 2 (d) 4

Ans. (c)

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- Q.16** Which of the following statements is TRUE for degree of disturbance of collected soil sample?
- Thinner the sampler wall, lower the degree of disturbance of collected soil sample
 - Thicker the sampler wall, lower the degree of disturbance of collected soil sample
 - Thickness of the sampler wall and the degree of disturbance of collected soil sample are unrelated
 - The degree of disturbance of collected soil sample is proportional to the inner diameter of the sampling tube

Ans. (a)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.17** For what value of p the following set of equations will have no solution?

$$\begin{aligned} 2x + 3y &= 5 \\ 3x + py &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

Ans. (4.5)

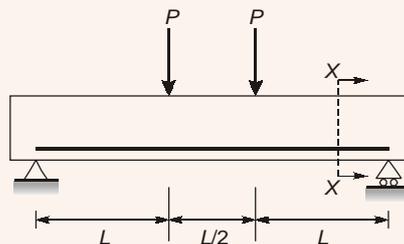
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- Q.18** Which of the following statements is TRUE for the relation between discharge velocity and seepage velocity?
- Seepage velocity is always smaller than discharge velocity
 - Seepage velocity can never be smaller than discharge velocity
 - Seepage velocity is equal to the discharge velocity
 - No relation between seepage velocity and discharge velocity can be established

Ans. (b)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.19** Consider the singly reinforced beam shown in the figure below



At cross-section XX , which of the following statements is TRUE at the limit state?

- The variation of stress is linear and that of strain is non-linear
- The variation of strain is linear and that of stress is non-linear
- The variation of both stress and strain is linear
- The variation of both stress and strain is non-linear

Ans. (b)

• • • **End of Solution**

Q.20 The two columns below show some parameters and their possible values.

Parameter	Value
P. Gross Command Area	I. 100 hectares/cumec
Q. Permanent Wilting Point	II. 6°C
R. Duty of canal water	III. 1000 hectares
S. Delta of wheat	IV. 1000 cm
	V. 40 cm
	VI. 0.12

Which of the following options matches the parameters and the values correctly?

- (a) P-I, Q-II, R-III, S-IV (b) P-III, Q-VI, R-I, S-V
 (c) P-I, Q-V, R-VI, S-II (d) P-III, Q-II, R-V, S-IV

Ans. (b)

• • • **End of Solution**

Q.21 A fine-grained soil has 60% (by weight) silt content. The soil behaves as *semi-solid* when water content is between 15% and 28%. The soil behaves *fluid-like* when the water content is more than 40%. The 'Activity' of the soil is

- (a) 3.33 (b) 0.42
 (c) 0.30 (d) 0.20

Ans. (c)

• • • **End of Solution**

Q.22 Consider the following statements for air-entrained concrete:

- (i) Air-entrainment reduces the water demand for a given level of workability.
 (ii) Use of air-entrained concrete is required in environments where cyclic freezing and thawing is expected.

Which of the following is TRUE?

- (a) Both (i) and (ii) are True (b) Both (i) and (ii) are False
 (c) (i) is True and (ii) is False (d) (i) is False and (ii) is True

Ans. (a)

• • • **End of Solution**

Q.23 In an unconsolidated undrained triaxial test, it is observed that an increase in cell pressure from 150 kPa to 250 kPa leads to a pore pressure increase of 80 kPa. It is further observed that, an increase of 50 kPa in deviatoric stress results in an increase of 25 kPa in the pore pressure. The value of *Skempton's pore pressure parameter B* is

- (a) 0.5 (b) 0.625
 (c) 0.8 (d) 1.0

Ans. (c)

• • • **End of Solution**



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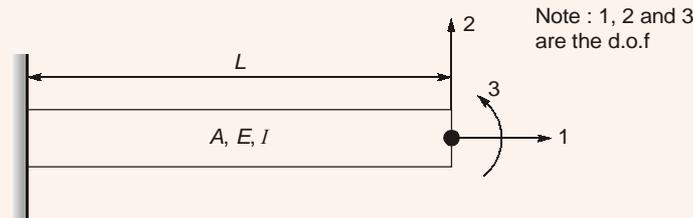
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- Q.24** Which of the following statements CANNOT be used to describe free flow speed (u_f) of a traffic stream?
- u_f is the speed when flow is negligible
 - u_f is the speed when density is negligible
 - u_f is affected by geometry and surface conditions of the road
 - u_f is the speed at which flow is maximum and density is optimum

Ans. (d)

• • • End of Solution

- Q.25** For the beam shown below, the stiffness coefficient K_{22} can be written as



- $\frac{6EI}{L^2}$
- $\frac{12EI}{L^3}$
- $\frac{3EI}{L}$
- $\frac{EI}{6L^2}$

Ans. (b)

• • • End of Solution

- Q.26** The composition of an air-entrained concrete is given below:

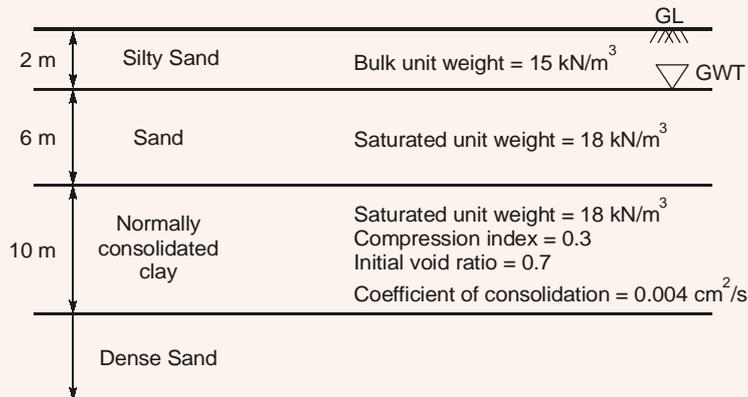
Water	:	184 kg/m ³
Ordinary Portland Cement (OPC)	:	368 kg/m ³
Sand	:	606 kg/m ³
Coarse aggregate	:	1155 kg/m ³

Assume the specific gravity of OPC, sand and coarse aggregate to be 3.14, 2.67 and 2.74, respectively. The air content is _____ liters/m³.

Ans. (50)

• • • End of Solution

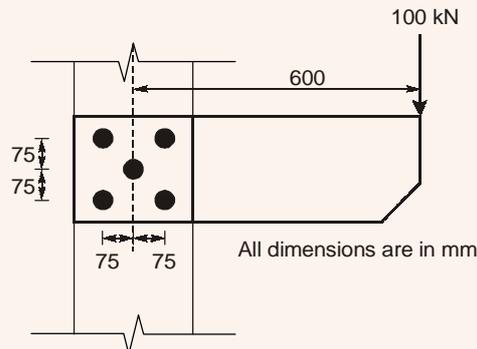
- Q.27** A water tank is to be constructed on the soil deposit shown in the figure below. A circular footing of diameter 3 m and depth of embedment 1 m has been designed to support the tank. The total vertical load to be taken by the footing is 1500 kN. Assume the unit weight of water as 10 kN/m³ and the load dispersion pattern as 2V:1H. The expected settlement of the tank due to primary consolidation of the clay layer is _____ mm.



Ans. (48)

• • • End of Solution

Q.28 A bracket plate connected to a column flange transmits a load of 100 kN as shown in the following figure. The maximum force for which the bolts should be designed is _____ kN.



Ans. (156.2)

• • • End of Solution

Q.29 A tapered circular rod of diameter varying from 20 mm to 10 mm is connected to another uniform circular rod of diameter 10 mm as shown in the following figure. Both bars are made of same material with the modulus of elasticity, $E = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ MPa}$. When subjected to a load $P = 30\pi \text{ kN}$, the deflection at point A is _____ mm.



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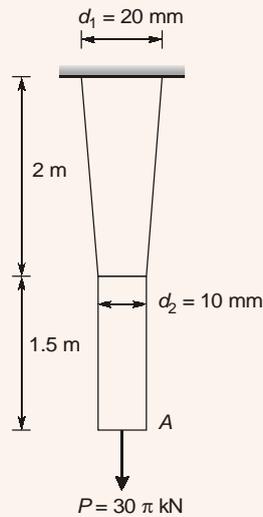
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Ans. (15)

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Q.30 Consider the following difference equation

$$x(ydx + xdy) \cos \frac{y}{x} = y(xdy - ydx) \sin \frac{y}{x}$$

Which of the following is the solution of the above equation (c is an arbitrary constant)?

(a) $\frac{x}{y} \cos \frac{y}{x} = c$

(b) $\frac{x}{y} \sin \frac{y}{x} = c$

(c) $xy \cos \frac{y}{x} = c$

(d) $xy \sin \frac{y}{x} = c$

Ans. (c)

• • • End of Solution

Q.31 Two beams are connected by a linear spring as shown in the following figure. For a load P as shown in the figure, the percentage of the applied load P carried by the spring is _____.



Ans. (25)

• • • End of Solution

Q.32 In a survey work, three independent angles, X , Y and Z were observed with weights W_X , W_Y , W_Z , respectively. The weight of the sum of angles X , Y and Z is given by

(a) $\frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{W_X} + \frac{1}{W_Y} + \frac{1}{W_Z}\right)}$

(b) $\left(\frac{1}{W_X} + \frac{1}{W_Y} + \frac{1}{W_Z}\right)$

(c) $W_X + W_Y + W_Z$

(d) $W_X^2 + W_Y^2 + W_Z^2$

Ans. (a)

• • • End of Solution

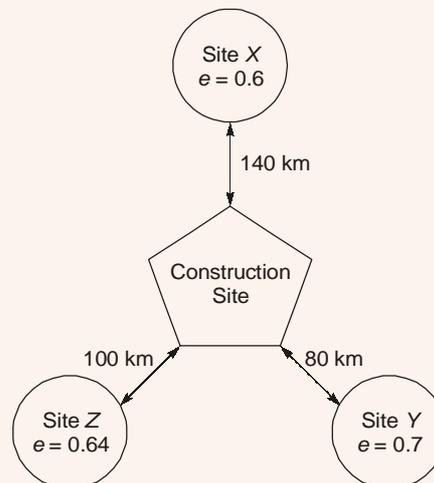
Q.33 An earth embankment is to be constructed with compacted cohesionless soil. The volume of the embankment is 5000 m^3 and the target dry unit weight is 16.2 kN/m^3 . Three nearby sites (see figure below) have been identified from where the required soil can be transported to the construction site. The void ratios (e) of different sites are shown in the figure. Assume the specific gravity of soil to be 2.7 for all three sites. If the cost of transportation per km is twice the cost of excavation per m^3 of borrow pits, which site would you choose as the most economic solution? (Use unit weight of water = 10 kN/m^3)

(a) Site X

(b) Site Y

(c) Site Z

(d) Any of the sites



Ans. (a)

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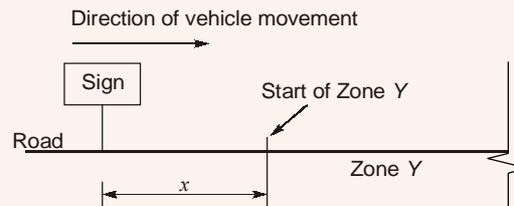
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- Q.34** A sign is required to be put up asking drivers to slow down to 30 km/h before entering Zone Y (see figure). On this road, vehicles require 174 m to slow down to 30 km/h (the distance of 174 m includes the distance travelled during the perception-reaction time of drivers). The sign can be read by 6/6 vision drivers from a distance of 48 m. The sign is placed at a distance of x m from the start of Zone Y so that even a 6/9 vision driver can slow down to 30 km/h before entering the zone. The minimum value of x is _____ m.



Ans. (142)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.35** In a catchment, there are four rain-gauge stations, P , Q , R and S . Normal annual precipitation values at these stations are 780 mm, 850 mm, 920 mm and 980 mm, respectively. In the year 2013, stations Q , R and S , were operative but P was not. Using the normal ratio method, the precipitation at station P for the year 2013 has been estimated as 860 mm. If the observed precipitation at stations Q and R for the year 2013 were 930 mm and 1010 mm, respectively; what was the observed precipitation (in mm) at station S for that year?

Ans. (1076.2)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.36** A 20 m thick clay layer is sandwiched between a silty sand layer and a gravelly sand layer. The layer experiences 30 mm settlement in 2 years.

Given:

$$T_v = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4} \left(\frac{U}{100} \right)^2 & \text{for } U \leq 60\% \\ 1.781 - 0.933 \log_{10}(100 - U) & \text{for } U > 60\% \end{cases}$$

Where T_v is the time factor and U is the degree of consolidation in %.

If the coefficient of consolidation of the layer is $0.003 \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$, the deposit will experience a total of 50 mm settlement in the next _____ years.

Ans. (6.36)

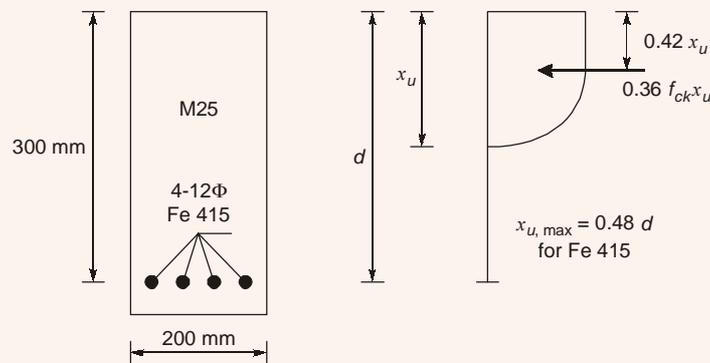
• • • **End of Solution**

Q.37 The directional derivative of the field $u(x, y, z) = x^2 - 3yz$ in the direction of the vector $(\bar{i} + \bar{j} - 2\bar{k})$ at point $(2, -1, 4)$ is _____.

Ans. (-5.715)

• • • **End of Solution**

Q.38 Consider the singly reinforced beam section given below (left figure). The stress block parameters for the cross-section from IS: 456-2000 are also given below (right figure). The moment of resistance for the given section by the limit state method is _____ kN-m.



Ans. (42.77)

• • • **End of Solution**

Q.39 The acceleration-time relationship for a vehicle subjected to non-uniform acceleration is,

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = (\alpha - \beta v_0) e^{-\beta t}$$

where, v is the speed in m/s, t is the time in s, α and β are parameters, and v_0 is the initial speed in m/s. If the accelerating behavior of a vehicle, whose driver intends to overtake a slow moving vehicle ahead, is described as,

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = (\alpha - \beta v)$$

Considering $\alpha = 2 \text{ m/s}^2$, $\beta = 0.05 \text{ s}^{-1}$ and $\frac{dv}{dt} = 1.3 \text{ m/s}^2$ at $t = 3 \text{ s}$, the distance (in m) travelled by the vehicle in 35 s is _____.

Ans. (90.84)

• • • **End of Solution**

Q.44 A hydraulic jump is formed in a 2 m wide rectangular channel which is horizontal and frictionless. The post-jump depth and velocity are 0.8 m and 1 m/s, respectively. The pre-jump velocity is _____ m/s. (use $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$)

Ans. (4.75)

• • • **End of Solution**

Q.45 A short reach of a 2 m wide rectangular open channel has its bed level rising in the direction of flow at a slope of 1 in 10000. It carries a discharge of $4 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$ and its Manning's roughness coefficient is 0.01. The flow in this reach is gradually varying. At a certain section in this reach, the depth of flow was measured as 0.5 m. The rate of change of the water depth with distance, $\frac{dy}{dx}$, at this section is _____ (use $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$).

Ans. (0.0032)

• • • **End of Solution**

Q.46 A non-homogeneous soil deposit consists of a silt layer sandwiched between a fine-sand layer at top and a clay layer below. Permeability of the silt layer is 10 times the permeability of the clay layer and one-tenth of the permeability of the sand layer. Thickness of the silt layer is 2 times the thickness of the sand layer and two-third of the thickness of the clay layer. The ratio of equivalent horizontal and equivalent vertical permeability of the deposit is _____.

Ans. (10.9675)

• • • **End of Solution**

Q.47 The 4-hr unit hydrograph for a catchment is given in the table below. What would be the maximum ordinate of the S-curve (in m^3/s) derived from this hydrograph?

Time (hr)	0	2	4	6	8	10	12	14	16	18	20	22	24
Unit hydrograph ordinate (m^3/s)	0	0.6	3.1	10	13	9	5	2	0.7	0.3	0.2	0.1	0

Ans. (22)

• • • **End of Solution**

- Q.48** In a region with magnetic declination of 2°E , the magnetic Fore bearing (FB) of a line AB was measured as $N79^\circ50'\text{E}$. There was local attraction at A . To determine the correct magnetic bearing of the line, a point O was selected at which there was no local attraction. The magnetic FB of line AO and OA were observed to be $S52^\circ40'\text{E}$ and $N50^\circ20'\text{W}$, respectively. What is the true FB of line AB ?
- (a) $N81^\circ50'\text{E}$ (b) $N82^\circ10'\text{E}$
 (c) $N84^\circ10'\text{E}$ (d) $N77^\circ50'\text{E}$

Ans. (c)

• • • End of Solution

- Q.49** On a circular curve, the rate of superelevation is e . While negotiating the curve a vehicle comes to a stop. It is seen that the stopped vehicle does not slide inwards (in the radial direction). The coefficient of side friction is f . Which of the following is true
- (a) $e \leq f$ (b) $f < e \leq 2f$
 (c) $e \geq 2f$ (d) none of the above

Ans. (a)

• • • End of Solution

- Q.50** The drag force, F_D , on a sphere kept in a uniform flow field depends on the diameter of the sphere, D ; flow velocity, V ; fluid density, ρ ; and dynamic viscosity, μ . Which of the following options represents the non-dimensional parameters which could be used to analyze this problem?

- (a) $\frac{F_D}{VD}$ and $\frac{\mu}{\rho VD}$ (b) $\frac{F_D}{\rho VD^2}$ and $\frac{\rho VD}{\mu}$
 (c) $\frac{F_D}{\rho V^2 D^2}$ and $\frac{\rho VD}{\mu}$ (d) $\frac{F_D}{\rho V^3 D^3}$ and $\frac{\mu}{\rho VD}$

Ans. (c)

• • • End of Solution

- Q.51** Consider the following complex function

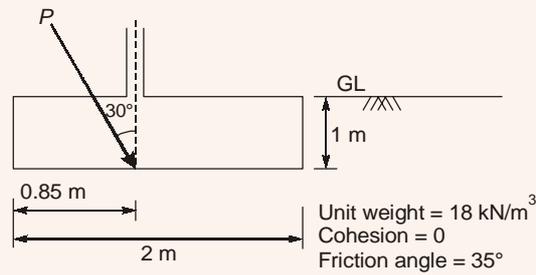
$$f(z) = \frac{9}{(z-1)(z+2)^2}$$

Which of the following is one of the residues of the above function?

- (a) -1 (b) $\frac{9}{16}$
 (c) 2 (d) 9

Ans. (a)

• • • End of Solution



Ans. (414.93)

• • • End of Solution

Q.55 The quadratic equation $x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$ is to be solved numerically, starting with the initial guess $x_0 = 3$. The Newton-Raphson method is applied once to get a new estimate and then the Secant method is applied once using the initial guess and this new estimate. The estimated value of the root after the application of the Secant method is _____.

Ans. (2.33)

• • • End of Solution

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