

2305/303  
2307/303  
STRUCTURES  
Oct./Nov. 2011  
Time: 3 hours



THE KENYA NATIONAL EXAMINATIONS COUNCIL

**HIGHER DIPLOMA IN BUILDING  
DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING**

STRUCTURES

3 hours

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*You should have the following for this examination:*

*Mathematical tables / pocket calculator;*

*Drawing instruments.*

*Answer any FIVE of the following EIGHT questions.*

*All questions carry equal marks.*

*Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown.*

*Relevant design tables are provided.*

**This paper consists of 10 printed pages.**

**Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**

1. Using the method of moment distribution, analyse the frame shown in **Figure 1** and plot the bending moment diagram indicating the critical values. (20 marks)

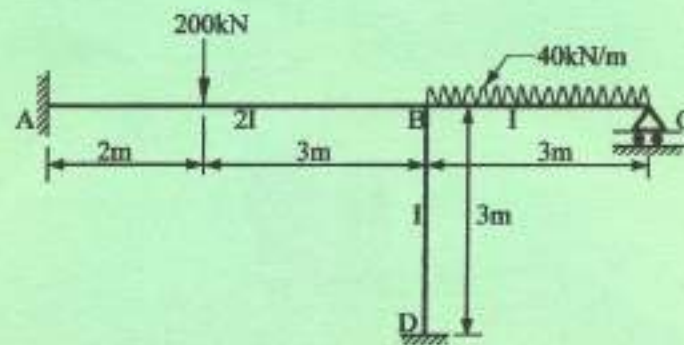


Figure 1

2. Using the three moments theorem, analyse the beam shown in **Figure 2** and plot the bending moment diagram indicating the critical values. (20 marks)

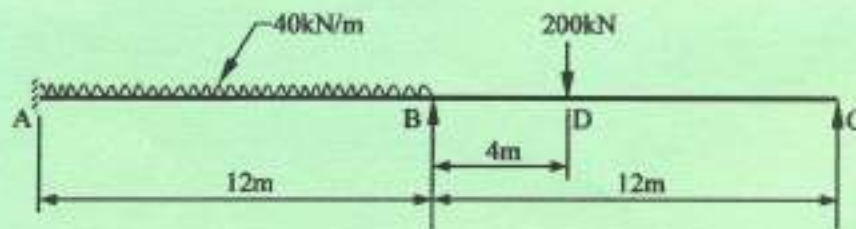


Figure 2

3. (a) (i) Explain the following reinforced concrete beams:
- Balanced section;
  - Under-reinforced section;
  - Over-reinforced section.
- (ii) State four assumptions made in elastic theory of reinforced concrete design. (8 marks)
- (b) A reinforced rectangular concrete beam is of breadth 200 mm and depth 450 mm. Determine:
- (i) the moment of resistance of the beam;
  - (ii) the area of steel, if high yield bars are used;

- (iii) the maximum uniformly distributed load that the beam may safely carry when simply supported over an effective span of 4 m.

Use the following information:

- Concrete mix:  $1:1\frac{1}{2}:3$ , of  $p_{cb} = 8.5 \text{ N/mm}^2$  and  $m = 15$ ;
- High yield bars of  $p_{st} = 210 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- Density of reinforced concrete =  $2400 \text{ kg/m}^3$ .

(12 marks)

4. (a) (i) Design a reinforced concrete column given the following information:

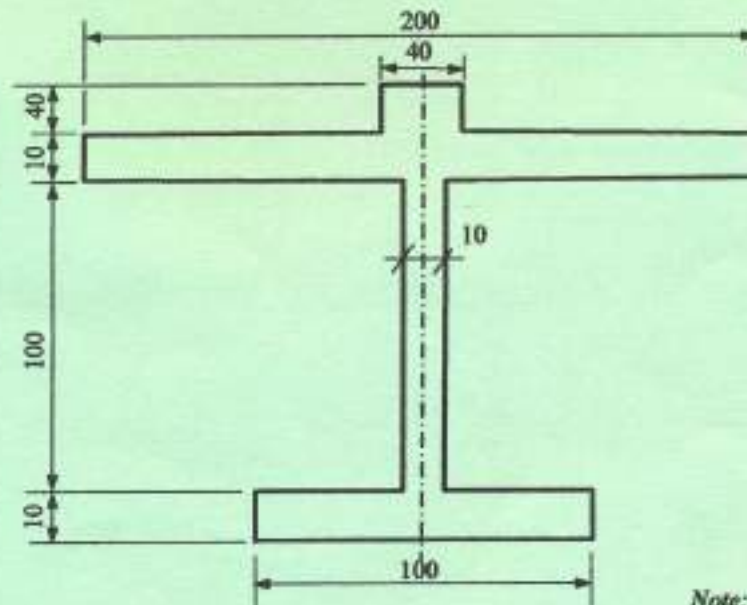
- Axial load = 600 KN
- Effective length = 6 m
- PSC =  $125 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- PCC =  $5.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$
- Section = 300 x 300 mm

- (ii) Detail the reinforced concrete column section designed in a (i).

(10 marks)

- (b) A 1.5 m long cantilever beam carries a uniformly distributed load over the entire span. Determine the maximum intensity of the uniformly distributed load over the beam if tensile and compressive stresses are limited to  $25 \text{ N/mm}^2$  and  $75 \text{ N/mm}^2$  respectively, and the beam cross-section is as shown in **figure 3**.

(10 marks)



Note: All dimensions in mm

Figure 3

5. Using the method of joint resolution, determine the magnitude and nature of forces for each member of the pin-jointed frame as shown in figure 4. (20 marks)

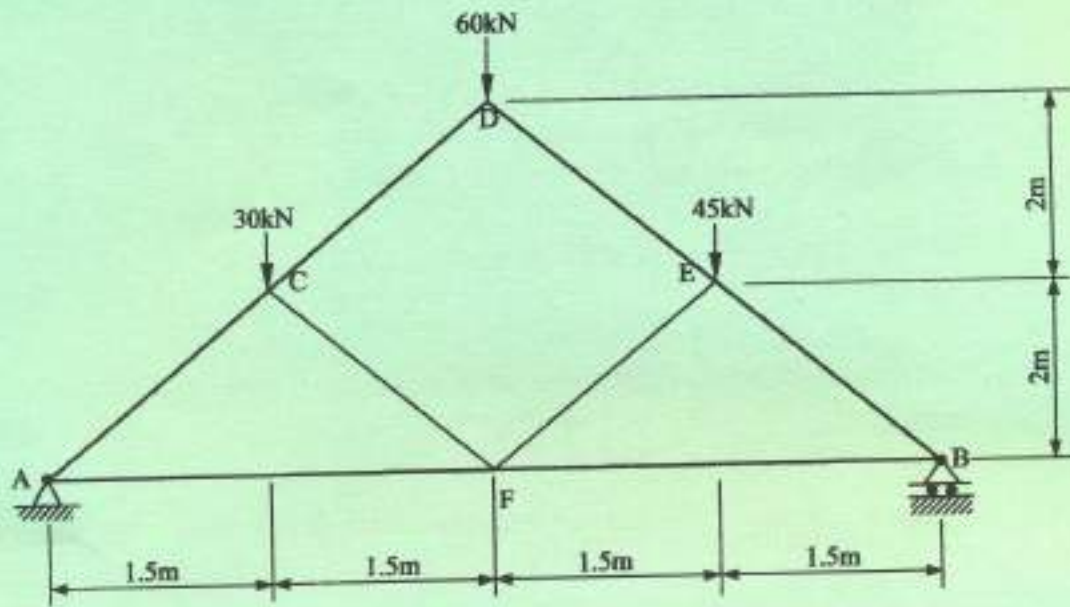
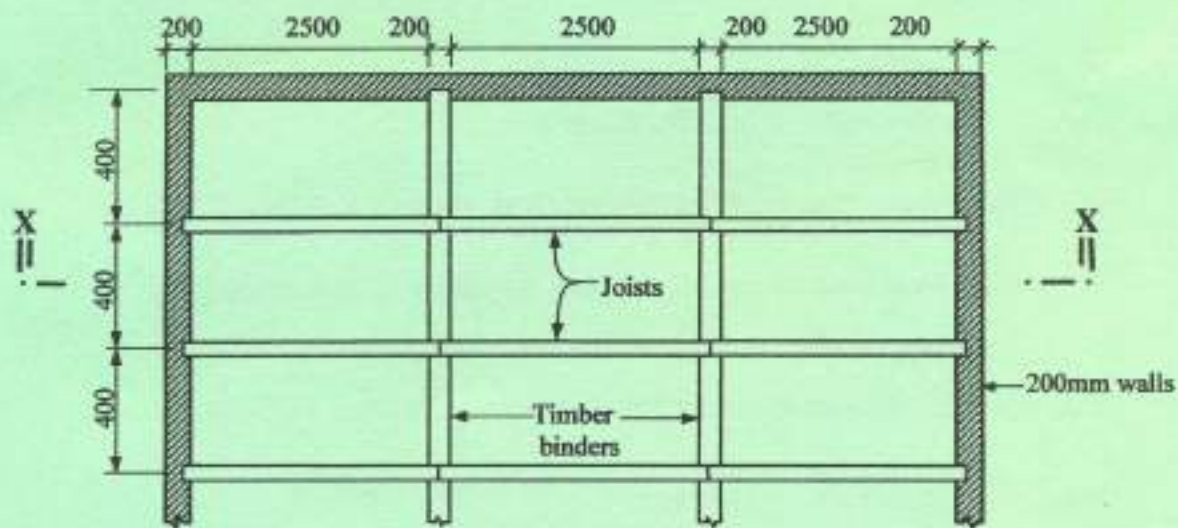


Figure 4

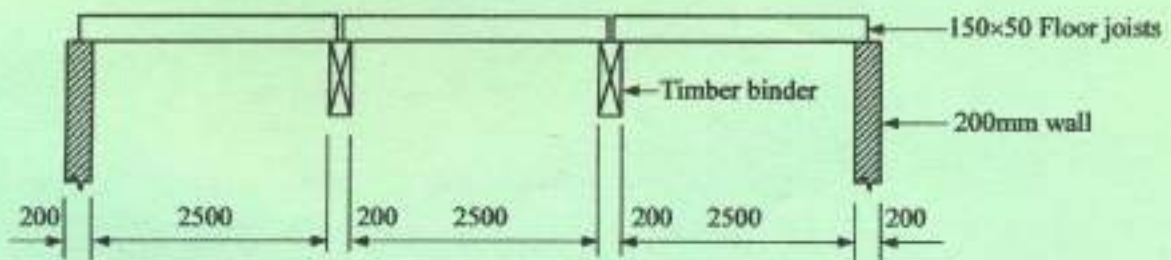
6. (a) **Figure 5** shows the plan of a proposed timber floor. Check the adequacy of 150 x 50 mm floor joists spaced at 400 mm centres, given the following information:

- Load on floor inclusive of self weight = 2.75 kN/m<sup>2</sup>.
- Permissible stresses in timber:  
bending = 6.2 N/mm<sup>2</sup>,  
parallel to grain = 0.6 N/mm<sup>2</sup>,  
perpendicular to grain = 1.93 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.
- Permissible deflection = 0.6 N/mm<sup>2</sup>.
- E = 9.7 kN/mm<sup>2</sup>.
- Effective span of joint = 2.75 m.

(10½ marks)



**PLAN**



Note: All dimensions in mm

**SECTION X-X**

**Figure 5**

- (b) A flitched beam is simply supported over a span of 5 m and carries a uniformly distributed load of 2 kN/m over the entire span. If the beam cross-section is as shown in **Figure 6**, determine the maximum tensile and compressive stresses developed in both materials due to the loading. Take  $E_s = 210 \text{ kN/mm}^2$  and  $E_t = 10 \text{ kN/mm}^2$ .  
(9½ marks)

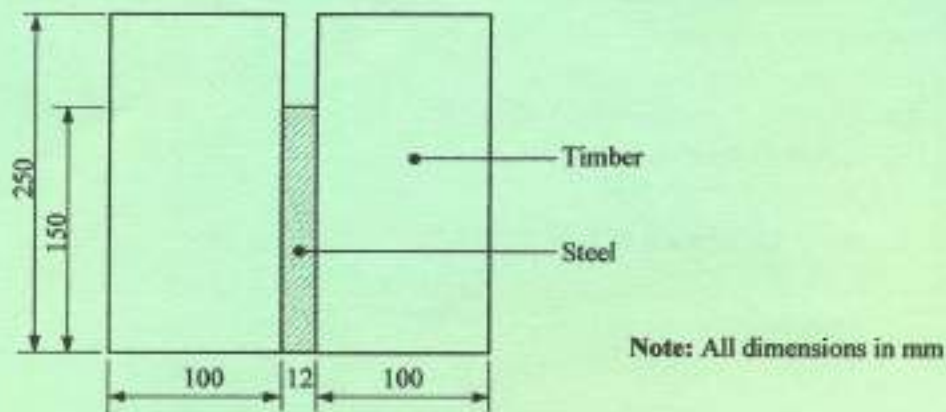


Figure 6

7. (a) (i) State **three** advantages and **three** disadvantages of welded connections.  
(ii) State **four** assumptions made in the design of bolted connections. (5 marks)

- (b) Determine the safe load **P** for the bolted connection shown in **Figure 7**.

Take  $f_s = 95 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ,  $f_t = 155 \text{ N/mm}^2$  and  $f_{br} = 300 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

(7 marks)

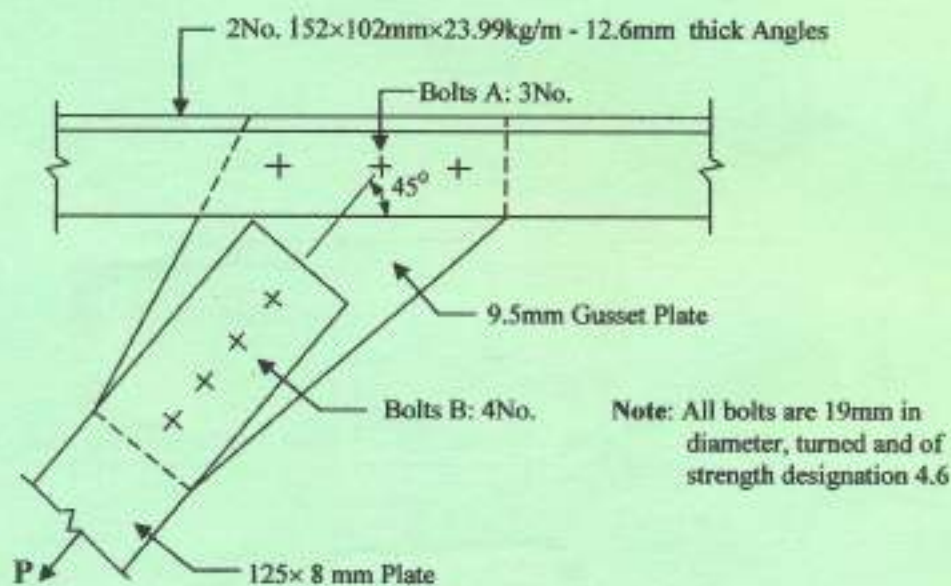


Figure 7

- (c) A steel beam of 8 m effective span carries a uniformly distributed load of 20 kN/m self weight inclusive. If the flange is held against lateral displacement, design the beam in grade 43 steel given the following information:

- Allowable bending stress,  $p_{bc} = 165 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .
- Young's modulus of elasticity,  $E = 210 \text{ kN/mm}^2$ .
- Allowable shear stress,  $f_q = 100 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

(8 marks)

8. (a) State the objective of limit state design and mention **four** serviceability limit states. (3 marks)

- (b) A uniformly distributed load of 5 kN/m, longer than the span, rolls over a simply supported beam of 25 m span. Using influence lines, determine the maximum shear force and bending moment at a section 10 m from the left end support. (7 marks)

- (c) **Figure 8** shows a retaining wall which supports a cohesionless soil having a density of  $1900 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and an angle of shearing resistance of  $30^\circ$ . The density of the wall material is  $2400 \text{ kg/m}^3$ . Examine the stability conditions of the wall with regard to:

- (i) tension in the joints;
- (ii) ground bearing pressure.

(10 marks)

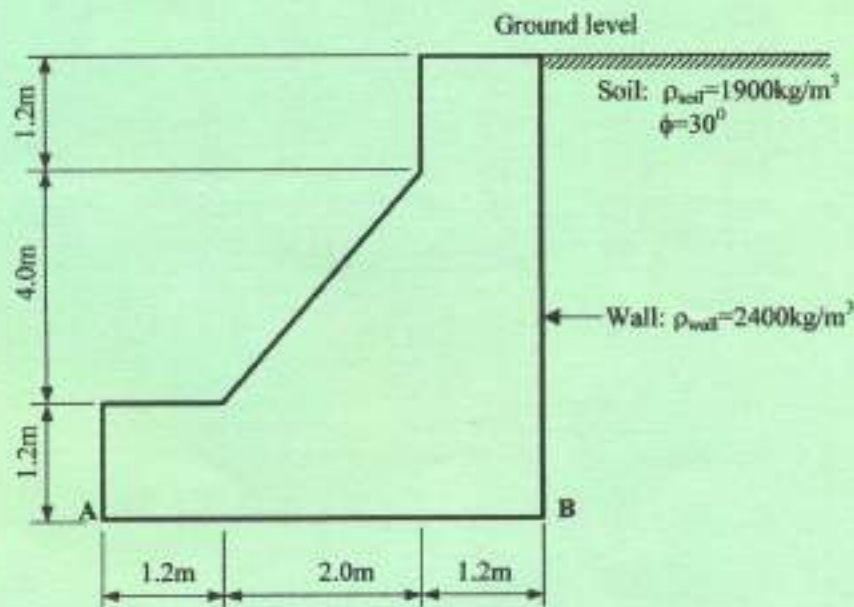


Figure 8

Table 1  
Reinforcement-bar areas ( $\text{mm}^2$ ) per metre width for various bar spacings

Bar Diameter (mm)	Bar spacing (mm)									
	75	100	125	150	175	200	225	250	275	300
6	377	283	226	189	162	142	126	113	103	94
8	671	503	402	335	287	252	223	201	183	168
10	1047	785	628	523	449	393	349	314	286	262
12	1508	1131	905	754	646	566	503	452	411	377
16	2681	2011	1608	1340	1149	1005	894	804	731	670
20	4189	3142	2513	2094	1795	1571	1396	1257	1142	1047
25	6545	4909	3927	3272	2805	2454	2182	1963	1785	1636
32	-	8042	6434	5362	4596	4021	3574	3217	2925	2681
40	-	-	10050	8378	7181	6283	5585	5027	4570	4189

Areas of group of reinforcement bars ( $\text{mm}^2$ )

Bar Diameter (mm)	Number of bars									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	28	57	85	113	141	170	198	226	254	283
8	50	101	151	201	251	302	352	402	452	503
10	79	157	236	314	393	471	550	628	707	785
12	113	226	339	452	565	679	792	905	1017	1131
16	201	402	603	804	1005	1206	1407	1608	1809	2011
20	314	628	942	1257	1571	1885	2199	2513	2827	3142
25	491	982	1473	1963	2454	2945	3436	3927	4418	4909
32	804	1608	2412	3216	4021	4825	5629	6433	7237	8042
40	1256	2513	3769	5026	6283	7539	8796	10050	11310	12570





## UNIVERSAL BEAMS

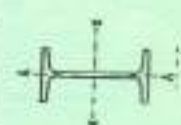
### DIMENSIONS AND PROPERTIES

Serial Size	Mass per metre	Depth of Section D	Width of Section B	Thickness		Rook Radius r	Depth between Flanges d	Area of Section
				Web t	Flange T			
914 x 419	388	920.5	420.8	21.5	36.6	24.1	781.5	403.8
914 x 306	289	911.4	418.6	19.4	32.0	24.1	781.5	436.8
838 x 282	253	928.6	307.8	18.6	27.8	19.1	819.2	388.5
	224	918.6	305.5	17.3	27.8	19.1	819.2	322.5
	201	910.3	304.1	16.5	23.8	19.1	819.2	284.8
	228	903.0	303.4	16.2	20.2	19.1	819.2	256.1
762 x 267	194	890.8	293.6	16.1	26.6	17.8	756.4	298.4
	179	840.7	291.6	14.0	21.7	17.8	756.4	246.9
	197	769.6	288.0	15.5	25.4	17.8	756.4	223.8
	173	762.0	286.7	14.3	21.6	16.5	681.2	250.5
686 x 254	147	753.9	265.3	12.8	17.5	16.5	681.2	220.2
	170	692.9	265.8	14.5	23.7	16.2	610.9	187.8
	152	687.6	254.8	13.2	21.0	16.2	610.9	215.3
	140	683.5	253.7	12.4	19.0	16.2	610.6	193.6
610 x 305	125	677.9	253.0	11.7	16.2	15.2	610.6	178.4
	238	633.0	311.8	18.6	31.4	16.5	631.6	303.5
	178	617.5	307.0	14.1	23.6	16.5	631.6	227.7
	145	609.6	304.8	11.9	19.7	16.5	631.6	189.9
610 x 229	140	617.0	230.1	13.1	22.1	12.7	543.1	176.2
	125	611.8	229.0	11.9	19.5	12.7	543.1	160.4
	113	607.2	228.2	11.2	17.3	12.7	543.1	144.5
	101	602.2	227.6	10.8	14.8	12.7	543.1	129.0
610 x 178	81	602.5	178.4	10.6	16.0	12.7	547.1	115.9
	82	586.2	177.8	10.1	12.8	12.7	547.1	104.4
	212	648.1	333.4	16.7	27.8	16.5	480.1	268.6
	189	638.4	321.7	14.8	25.0	16.5	480.1	241.2
633 x 230	167	633.4	330.2	13.4	22.0	16.5	480.1	212.7
	122	644.6	211.9	12.8	21.3	12.7	472.7	156.6
	106	638.5	210.7	11.8	18.8	12.7	472.7	138.4
	92	633.1	209.3	10.9	17.4	12.7	472.7	128.1
633 x 210	82	628.3	208.7	8.6	13.2	12.7	472.7	104.3
	72	628.8	195.6	8.8	13.5	12.7	472.6	93.0
	66	624.8	185.1	8.8	11.6	12.7	472.6	83.8
	487 x 181	98	487.4	182.8	11.4	18.6	404.4	125.2
487 x 181	88	483.8	182.0	10.6	17.7	10.2	404.4	113.8
	82	480.2	181.3	8.9	16.0	10.2	404.4	104.4
	76	487.2	180.5	8.1	14.5	10.2	404.4	94.8
	67	453.8	188.9	8.5	12.7	10.2	404.4	85.4

## UNIVERSAL BEAMS

### DIMENSIONS AND PROPERTIES

Serial Size	Moment of Inertia				Radius of Gyration			Elastic Modulus		Ref D T
	Axis x-x	Axis y-y	Axis x-x	Axis y-y	Axis x-x	Axis y-y	Axis x-x	Axis y-y		
914 x 419	717325	639177	42481	20281	38.1	9.27	18986	2021	28.2	
914 x 306	623856	585856	20281	14729	37.8	9.11	13881	1733	28.5	
838 x 282	503781	469903	14729	72512	37.0	6.34	10874	961.3	29.0	
	434794	405604	10412	58112	36.8	6.23	9480	819.2	32.9	
	375111	326209	7042	46112	36.3	6.05	8241	686.6	38.1	
	324715	303783	6832	356	35.6	5.81	7111	585.1	44.7	
762 x 267	339130	315153	10861	8384	34.3	6.00	7971	720.9	31.8	
	278833	250625	8384	7111	33.6	5.83	6633	573.6	38.7	
	245417	228867	7111	5851	33.1	5.64	5878	487.6	44.4	
	239484	221138	7399	4376	30.9	6.34	6220	574.6	30.3	
686 x 254	204747	158341	6376	3074	30.6	6.36	4374	476.1	35.3	
	168836	150213	5002	30.0	30.0	5.16	4471	377.1	43.1	
	168843	156106	6226	28.0	28.0	6.36	4902	486.8	29.2	
	160015	147865	6381	27.8	27.8	6.28	4366	423.7	32.7	
610 x 305	138872	125186	4789	27.6	27.6	5.18	3875	317.5	36.0	
	117700	106580	3892	27.2	27.2	5.00	3472	316.5	41.8	
	207252	182203	14979	26.7	26.7	7.02	6548	661.3	20.2	
	181312	145268	10571	25.8	25.8	6.81	4801	686.6	24.2	
610 x 229	124341	115233	9471	24.71	24.71	6.68	4078	666.8	30.9	
	111673	101889	4353	25.0	25.0	4.88	3620	389.0	27.9	
	98408	89675	3678	24.8	24.8	4.60	3217	321.1	31.2	
	87280	79845	2784	24.6	24.6	4.70	2874	278.1	35.1	
610 x 178	75542	69132	2058	24.2	24.2	4.04	2509	233.8	40.7	
	63970	67238	1427	23.5	23.5	3.51	2134	180.0	48.7	
	55778	60078	1203	23.1	23.1	3.39	1886	158.3	48.7	
	441682	121777	14064	22.8	22.8	7.72	8189	963.2	19.6	
633 x 230	428618	107863	14064	22.8	22.8	7.04	6487	849.6	21.6	
	389109	83847	12087	22.6	22.6	7.53	4991	730.3	24.2	
	78078	68718	3208	22.1	22.1	4.54	2794	302.8	25.6	
	68818	60218	2705	21.9	21.9	4.48	2468	281.7	28.7	
633 x 210	61530	56871	2512	21.8	21.8	4.41	2293	30.8	30.8	
	56228	50047	2212	21.7	21.7	4.34	2072	271.3	34.2	
	47363	43062	1826	21.3	21.3	4.18	1783	211.3	34.2	
	40414	35752	1627	20.8	20.8	3.92	1628	175.0	40.0	
487 x 181	38063	31144	883	20.5	20.5	3.21	1337	124.1	45.8	
	45853	40469	2216	19.1	19.1	4.21	1854	228.9	23.9	
	40936	36313	1746	19.0	19.0	4.15	1767	204.7	26.2	
	37038	32889	1547	18.8	18.8	4.05	1630	182.2	28.6	
	33334	28870	1547	18.7	18.7	4.04	1488	162.4	31.9	
	28337	28072	1328	18.5	18.5	3.95	1293	139.8	35.7	

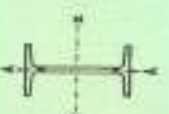




### UNIVERSAL BEAMS

DIMENSIONS AND PROPERTIES

Serial Size	Mass per metre	Depth of Section D	Width of Section B	Thickness		Root Radius r	Depth between Flanges d	Area of Section
				Web t	Flange T			
487 x 182	82	489.1	153.5	10.3	18.9	10.2	404.4	104.4
	74	481.3	152.7	9.5	17.0	10.2	404.4	94.9
	67	481.2	151.9	8.1	15.0	10.2	404.4	85.3
	60	484.7	152.9	8.0	13.3	10.2	407.7	76.8
	52	489.8	152.4	7.6	10.9	10.2	407.7	68.5
408 x 178	74	412.8	129.7	9.7	16.0	10.2	357.4	94.9
	67	408.4	128.8	8.8	14.3	10.2	357.4	85.4
	60	408.4	127.8	7.8	12.8	10.2	357.4	76.1
	54	402.6	127.0	7.6	10.8	10.2	357.4	66.3
	48	418.3	153.7	10.1	18.1	10.2	357.4	94.8
408 x 182	74	412.2	152.9	8.3	16.0	10.2	357.4	85.3
	67	407.9	152.9	8.6	13.9	10.2	357.4	75.8
	60	407.9	152.2	8.6	12.9	10.2	357.4	75.8
	54	402.3	142.4	8.9	11.2	10.2	357.4	58.9
	48	397.3	141.8	8.3	8.6	10.2	357.4	48.3
381 x 182	67	389.5	154.3	9.7	16.3	10.2	333.2	88.4
	60	389.5	153.4	8.7	14.4	10.2	333.2	78.9
	52	381.0	152.4	7.8	12.4	10.2	333.2	68.4
	48	364.0	173.2	8.1	15.7	10.2	309.1	85.3
	45	358.8	172.1	8.0	13.0	10.2	309.1	72.1
358 x 171	61	358.8	171.5	7.3	11.5	10.2	309.1	64.6
	51	358.8	171.5	6.9	11.5	10.2	309.1	58.9
	45	352.0	171.0	6.9	8.7	10.2	309.1	48.3
	38	352.9	126.0	6.5	10.7	10.2	309.1	48.3
	33	349.5	129.4	5.8	8.5	10.2	309.1	41.7
308 x 188	54	310.9	188.8	7.7	13.7	8.9	282.8	88.3
	46	307.1	188.7	6.7	11.8	8.9	282.8	78.8
	40	303.8	188.1	6.1	10.2	8.9	282.8	68.4
	48	310.4	125.2	8.9	14.0	8.9	262.6	60.8
	42	308.0	124.3	8.0	12.1	8.9	262.6	53.1
308 x 127	37	303.8	123.5	7.2	10.7	8.9	262.6	47.4
	33	312.7	102.4	6.8	10.8	7.8	275.3	41.8
	28	308.9	101.9	6.1	8.9	7.8	275.3	36.3
	25	304.8	101.6	5.8	8.8	7.8	275.3	31.4
	23	299.5	147.3	7.2	12.7	7.8	218.2	58.0
284 x 148	37	299.5	148.4	6.4	10.9	7.8	218.2	47.4
	31	295.3	146.1	6.1	8.5	7.8	218.2	39.9
	28	280.4	102.1	6.4	10.0	7.8	224.5	38.2
	25	257.0	101.9	5.1	8.4	7.8	224.5	28.4
	22	284.0	101.6	5.8	8.8	7.8	224.5	28.4
203 x 133	30	206.8	133.8	6.3	8.6	7.8	189.9	38.0
	25	203.2	133.4	5.8	7.9	7.8	189.9	32.3



### UNIVERSAL BEAMS

DIMENSIONS AND PROPERTIES

Serial Size	Moment of Inertia			Radius of Gyration			Elastic Modulus			Ratio D/T
	Axis x-x	Axis y-y	Axis z-z	Axis x-x	Axis y-y	Axis z-z	Axis x-x	Axis y-y	Axis z-z	
487 x 182	38180	32098	10937	18.8	10.6	3.24	1555	142.5	24.8	
	32380	28731	9663	18.0	9.63	3.15	1404	126.1	21.1	
	28952	25342	829	18.3	8.29	3.12	1246	108.1	20.5	
	25464	22613	794	18.3	7.94	3.23	1120	104.0	20.2	
	21345	19034	646	17.9	6.46	3.17	949.0	84.61	41.3	
408 x 178	37279	23981	1446	17.0	10.9	3.81	1322	161.2	25.8	
	34279	21257	1265	16.8	9.85	3.85	1188	141.8	25.6	
	31930	18928	1108	16.8	9.108	3.82	1059	124.7	25.8	
	18578	16388	922	16.5	8.22	3.87	822.8	103.8	25.8	
	28928	23811	1047	16.9	10.47	3.32	1294	136.2	23.0	
408 x 182	33789	21069	908	16.7	9.08	3.20	1195	118.8	23.0	
	20819	18263	758	16.5	7.58	3.18	1071	100.8	23.3	
	18603	13898	590	16.3	5.9	2.87	775.6	70.26	25.8	
	12408	10953	373	15.3	3.73	2.75	624.7	52.61	49.2	
	21276	18817	947	15.8	9.47	3.33	1095	122.7	23.8	
381 x 182	18032	16489	814	15.7	8.14	3.27	969.4	106.2	28.7	
	16046	14229	685	15.5	6.85	3.21	842.3	89.56	30.7	
	19432	12002	1278	15.1	12.78	3.87	1071	147.8	23.2	
	16038	14018	1026	14.8	10.26	3.77	894.3	119.2	22.5	
	14118	12349	885	14.6	8.85	3.71	794.0	103.3	20.9	
308 x 168	12052	10578	750	14.6	7.50	3.58	684.7	85.39	26.3	
	10044	8698	333	14.3	3.33	2.60	570.0	52.87	33.0	
	8167	7099	257	14.0	2.57	2.48	468.7	40.99	41.0	
	11686	10119	988	13.1	9.88	3.80	751.6	116.5	22.7	
	9524	8599	825	13.0	8.25	3.74	645.4	99.54	26.0	
308 x 127	8900	7968	691	12.9	6.91	3.67	599.5	83.71	29.8	
	9455	8137	438	12.5	4.38	2.68	611.1	68.94	22.2	
	8124	6978	367	12.4	3.67	2.63	590.0	58.98	23.2	
	7143	6142	318	12.3	3.18	2.88	470.3	51.11	28.4	
	6463	5792	189	12.6	1.89	2.12	414.8	37.09	39.0	
284 x 148	5415	4885	153	12.2	1.53	2.05	300.7	30.07	34.7	
	4381	3489	116	11.8	1.16	1.92	287.8	22.88	44.8	
	6040	5093	833	10.9	8.33	3.28	604.3	80.97	20.4	
	5244	4814	628	10.8	6.28	3.34	433.1	72.11	23.5	
	4427	3859	406	10.5	4.06	3.19	352.1	55.53	29.2	
254 x 102	4004	3585	174	10.5	1.74	2.19	307.5	34.13	26.0	
	3404	3047	146	10.3	1.46	2.11	264.9	28.33	30.6	
	2863	2572	118	10.0	1.18	2.02	228.4	22.84	37.4	
	2880	2469	354	8.71	3.54	2.95	278.5	52.85	21.8	
	2348	2020	250	8.53	2.50	2.94	231.5	41.92	26.1	