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#### INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

*You should have a scientific calculator for this examination.  
This paper consists of **EIGHT** questions.  
Answer **FIVE** questions in the answer booklet provided.  
All questions carry equal marks.  
Maximum marks for each part of a question are as indicated.  
Relevant design tables are attached.  
Candidates should answer the questions in English.*

**This paper consists of 7 printed pages.**

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



1. Using the method of moment distribution, analyze the frame shown in figure 1 and plot the bending moment diagram indicating all the critical values. (20 marks)

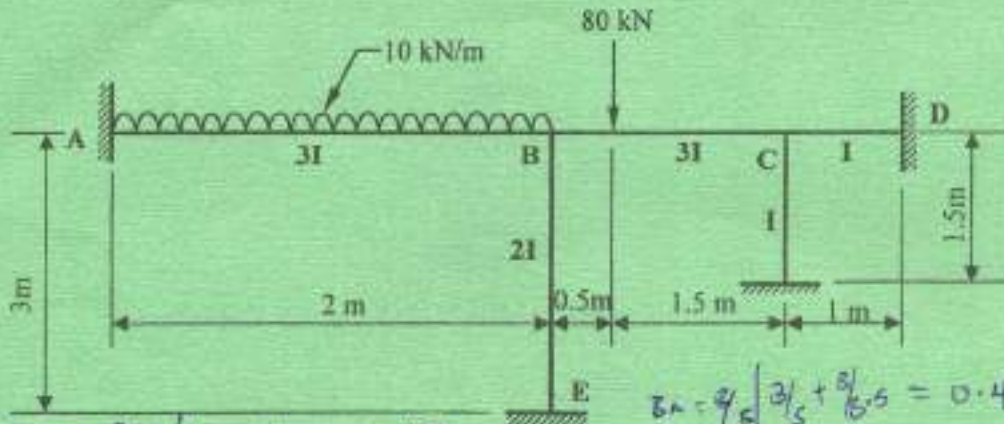
- Fixed end moments

$$M_B = -\frac{wl^2}{12}$$

$$M_A = \frac{wl^2}{12}$$

$$M_C = -\frac{wab^2}{l^2}$$

$$M_D = \frac{wab^2}{l^2}$$



$$C_B = \frac{3}{13.5} \left( \frac{80}{3.5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2.5 \right) = 0.67$$

$$C_D = \frac{1}{2.5} \left( \frac{80}{2.5} + \frac{3}{13.5} \right) = 0.32$$

$$B_A = \frac{4}{5} \left( \frac{3}{13.5} + \frac{1}{13.5} \right) = 0.41$$

$$B_C = \frac{3}{13.5} \left( \frac{3}{13.5} + \frac{1}{13.5} \right) = 0.59$$

Fig. 1

2. Using the three moment theorem, analyze the beam shown in figure 2 and plot the bending moment diagram indicating all the critical values. (20 marks)

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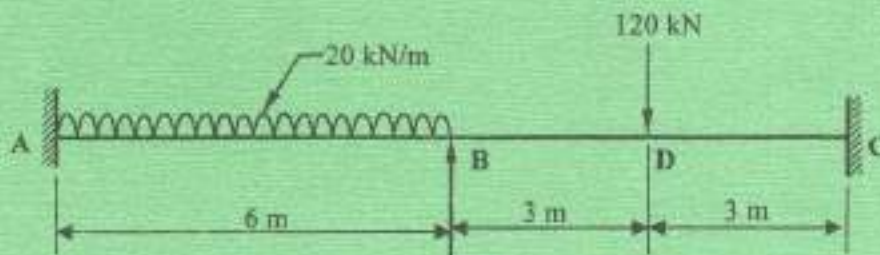


Fig. 2

3. (a) State any five factors that influence load carrying capacity for steel columns. (5 marks)
- (b) Four equal loads of 150 kN each equally spaced at 2 m part followed by a uniformly distributed load of 60 kN/m at a distance of 1.5 m from the last 150 kN load across a girder of 20 m, 2 m from right to left as shown in figure 3. Using influence lines, calculate the shearforce and bending moment at a section C, 8 m from the left hand support when the load of 150 kN is at 5 m from the left hand support. (15 marks)



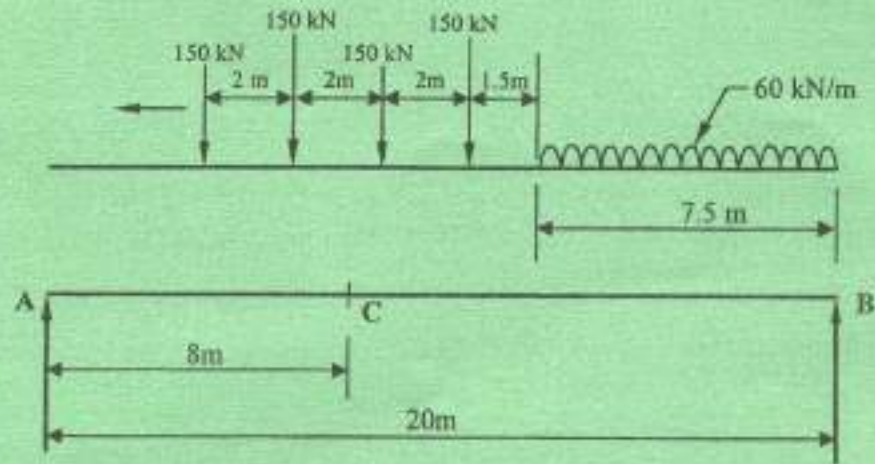


Fig. 3

4. (a) Define the term slenderness ratio. (2 marks)
- (b) State four conditions that a fillet weld should satisfy as far as the design strength of a welded connection is concerned. (6 marks)
- (c) Design a suitable slab base plate for a 203 x 203 x 86 Kg/m UC, supporting an ultimate axial load of 1400 kN, if the foundation is formed from grade 30 concrete. (12 marks)
5. (a) Describe the parameters to be tested during the shear test of timber. (3 marks)
- (b) Explain the meaning of the following symbols as used in timber design,  $-K_2, K_3, K_4, K_5, K_8$  and  $K_{12}$ . (6 marks)
- (c) A 63 mm x 150 mm timber post is to support a medium term total axial load of 12.5 kN restrained in position but not in direction at both ends. The post is 2.75 m in height and the strength class 3 timber is to be used. Determine its adequacy. (11 marks)
6. (a) State five assumptions made when rivets are used in steel connections. (5 marks)
- (b) With the aid of neat sketches describe the following types of timber connectors:
- (i) split ring;
- (ii) toothed plate.

(5 marks)





(c) A straight steel pin-jointed strut is 5 cm in diameter and 1.25 m long, [easytv.com](http://easytv.com)

Calculate:

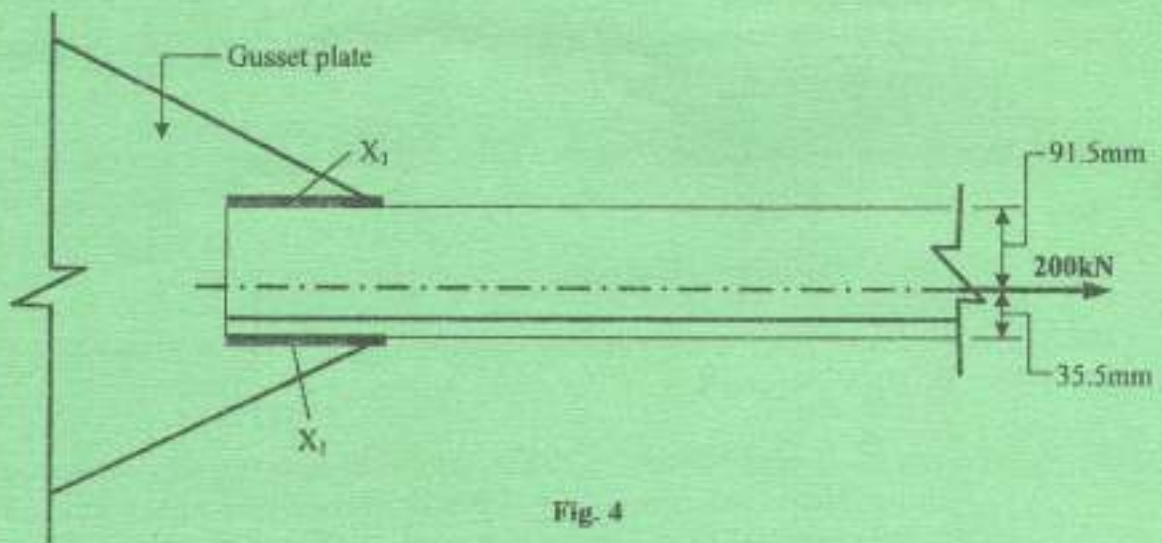
- (i) the Euler crippling load when loaded along the central axis;
- (ii) the eccentricity which will cause failure at 75% of this load if the yield point stress of material is  $270 \text{ N/mm}^2$  and Young's modulus is  $206 \text{ kN/mm}^2$ .

(10 marks)

7. (a) Show that the Rankine's formula in calculations for safe loads on columns is determined by:

$$P_x = \frac{f_c \times A}{1 + a\left(\frac{l}{r}\right)^2}$$

(10 marks)



- (b) Using 6 mm fillet welds determine the length of side fillet welds for the connection shown in figure 4.

Strength of weld =  $483 \text{ N/mm}$

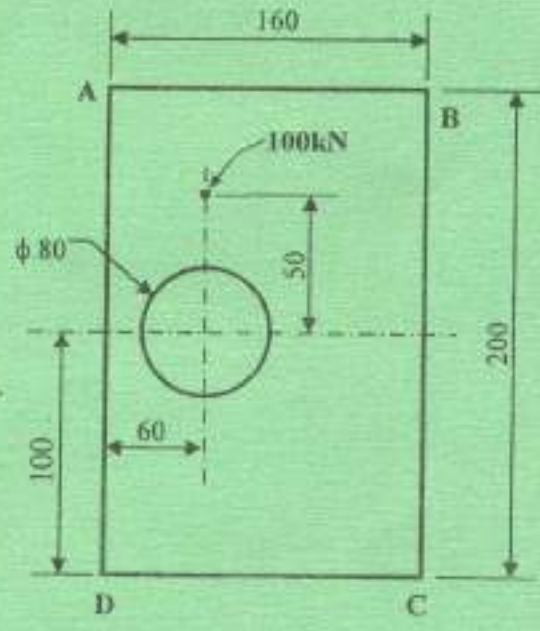
(6 marks)

- (c) State four advantages of cased steel sections.

(4 marks)

8.

A short column has a rectangular section 160 mm x 200 mm with a circular hole of 80 mm diameter as shown in figure 5. It carries an eccentric load of 100 kN, located as shown in figure 5. Determine the values of the stresses at the four corners of the section A, B, C and D. (20 marks)



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Fig. 5



MODIFICATION FACTOR $K_1$ FOR DURATION OF LOADING	
Duration of Loading	Value of $K_1$
Long term (e.g. dead + permanent imposed)	1.00
Medium term (e.g. dead + snow, dead + temporary imposed)	1.25
Short term (e.g. dead + imposed + wind dead + imposed + snow + wind)	1.50
Very short term (e.g. dead + imposed + wind)	1.75

Modification factor  $K_{12}$  for compression members (Table 22, BS 5268)

Value of $K_{12}$																					
$\beta$ $\alpha_{eff}$	Value of slenderness ratio $\lambda$ ( $= L_e/\lambda$ )																				
	<5 5 10 20 30 40 50 60 70 80 90 100 120 140 160 180 200 220 240 250																				
Equivalent $L_e/\lambda$ (for rectangular sections)																					
<1.4 1.4 2.9 5.8 8.7 11.6 14.5 17.3 20.2 23.1 26.0 28.9 34.7 40.5 46.2 52.0 57.8 61.6 68.4 72.1																					
400	1.000	0.975	0.951	0.926	0.827	0.735	0.621	0.506	0.408	0.330	0.271	0.225	0.182	0.121	0.094	0.075	0.061	0.051	0.043	0.040	
500	1.000	0.975	0.951	0.899	0.837	0.759	0.664	0.552	0.466	0.385	0.320	0.269	0.195	0.148	0.115	0.092	0.076	0.063	0.053	0.049	
600	1.000	0.975	0.951	0.901	0.843	0.774	0.692	0.601	0.511	0.430	0.363	0.307	0.226	0.172	0.135	0.109	0.089	0.074	0.063	0.058	
700	1.000	0.975	0.951	0.902	0.848	0.784	0.711	0.629	0.545	0.467	0.399	0.341	0.254	0.195	0.154	0.124	0.102	0.085	0.072	0.067	
800	1.000	0.975	0.952	0.903	0.851	0.792	0.724	0.649	0.572	0.497	0.430	0.371	0.280	0.217	0.172	0.139	0.115	0.096	0.082	0.076	
900	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.904	0.853	0.797	0.734	0.665	0.593	0.522	0.456	0.397	0.304	0.237	0.188	0.153	0.127	0.106	0.091	0.084	
1000	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.904	0.855	0.801	0.742	0.677	0.609	0.542	0.478	0.420	0.325	0.255	0.206	0.167	0.138	0.116	0.099	0.092	
1100	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.905	0.858	0.804	0.748	0.687	0.623	0.559	0.497	0.440	0.344	0.272	0.219	0.179	0.149	0.126	0.107	0.100	
1200	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.905	0.857	0.807	0.753	0.695	0.634	0.573	0.513	0.457	0.362	0.288	0.233	0.192	0.160	0.135	0.116	0.107	
1300	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.905	0.858	0.809	0.757	0.701	0.643	0.584	0.527	0.472	0.378	0.303	0.247	0.203	0.170	0.144	0.125	0.115	
1400	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.906	0.859	0.811	0.760	0.707	0.651	0.595	0.539	0.486	0.392	0.317	0.259	0.214	0.180	0.153	0.131	0.122	
1500	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.906	0.860	0.813	0.763	0.712	0.658	0.603	0.550	0.498	0.405	0.330	0.271	0.225	0.189	0.161	0.138	0.129	
1600	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.906	0.861	0.814	0.766	0.716	0.664	0.611	0.559	0.508	0.417	0.342	0.282	0.235	0.198	0.169	0.145	0.135	
1700	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.906	0.861	0.815	0.768	0.719	0.669	0.618	0.567	0.518	0.428	0.353	0.292	0.245	0.207	0.177	0.152	0.142	
1800	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.906	0.862	0.816	0.770	0.722	0.673	0.624	0.574	0.526	0.438	0.363	0.302	0.254	0.215	0.184	0.159	0.148	
1900	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.907	0.862	0.817	0.772	0.725	0.677	0.629	0.581	0.534	0.447	0.373	0.312	0.262	0.223	0.191	0.165	0.154	
2000	1.000	0.976	0.952	0.907	0.863	0.818	0.773	0.728	0.681	0.634	0.587	0.541	0.455	0.382	0.320	0.271	0.230	0.198	0.172	0.160	



Grade stresses and moduli of elasticity for various strength classes: for service classes 1 and 2

Strength class	Bending parallel to grain $M_{\text{min}}^b$	Tension parallel to grain $N_{\text{min}}^t$	Compression parallel to grain $N_{\text{min}}^c$	Compression perpendicular to grain <sup>a</sup> $N_{\text{min}}^c$	Shear parallel to grain $N_{\text{min}}^s$	Modulus of elasticity		Characteristic density, $\rho_k^b$ $\text{kg/m}^3$	Average density, $\rho_{\text{mean}}^b$ $\text{kg/m}^3$
						Mean $N_{\text{min}}^e$	Minimum $N_{\text{min}}^e$		
C14	4.1	2.5	5.2	2.1	1.6	0.60	6 800	290	350
C16	5.3	3.2	6.5	2.2	1.7	0.67	8 800	310	370
C18	5.8	3.5	7.1	2.2	1.7	0.67	9 100	320	380
C22	6.8	4.1	7.5	2.3	1.7	0.71	9 700	340	410
C24	7.5	4.5	7.9	2.4	1.9	0.71	10 800	350	420
C27	10.0	5.0	8.2	2.5	2.0	1.10	12 300	370	450
C30	11.0	5.5	8.6	2.7	2.2	1.20	12 300	380	460
C35	12.0	7.2	8.7	2.9	2.4	1.30	13 400	400	480
C40	13.0	7.8	8.7	3.0	2.6	1.40	14 500	420	500
D30	9.0	5.4	8.1	2.8	2.2	1.40	9 500	530	640
D35	11.0	6.5	8.5	3.4	2.6	1.70	10 000	550	670
D40	12.6	7.5	12.6	3.9	3.0	2.00	10 800	590	700
D50	16.0	9.5	15.2	4.5	3.5	2.20	15 000	650	780
D60	18.0	10.8	18.0	5.2	4.0	2.40	18 500	700	840
D70	23.0	13.5	23.0	6.0	4.6	2.60	21 000	900	1 080

NOTE: Strength classes C14 to C40 are for softwoods and D30 to D70 are for hardwoods

\* When the specification specifically prohibits waste at bearing areas, the higher values of compression perpendicular to grain stress may be used, otherwise the lower values apply

\* The values of characteristic density given above are for use when designing joints. For the calculation of dead load, the average density should be used.

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