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SIDDHARTH INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING & TECHNOLOGY:: PUTTUR
(AUTONOMOUS)

B.Tech III Year I Semester Supplementary Examinations August-2021

SOIL MECHANICS

(Agricultural Engineering)

Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 60

PART-A

(Answer all the Questions 5 x 2 = 10 Marks)

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| 1 | a | Define Plasticity index. | 2M |
| | b | Write the formula for falling head permeability test. Explain the terms. | 2M |
| | c | What is relative compaction? | 2M |
| | d | Expansion index. | 2M |
| | e | Write the merits and demerits of vane shear test. | 2M |

PART-B

(Answer all Five Units 5 x 10 = 50 Marks)

UNIT-I

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| 2 | a | Explain the phenomenon of formation and transportation of soils. | 5M |
| | b | Explain with sketches of various types of soil structures. | 5M |

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| 3 | a | Explain the formation of soil by weathering in detail. | 5M |
| | b | Discuss the characteristics and construction of kaolinite and Illite minerals groups. | 5M |

UNIT-II

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| 4 | What are the different methods for determination of coefficient of permeability in a laboratory? Explain any one method. | 10M |
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| 5 | A falling head permeability test was performed on a sample of clean, uniform sand. One minute was required for the initial head of 100cm to fall to 50cm in the stand pipe of cross-sectional area 1.50cm ² . If the sample was 4cm in diameter and 30cm long, calculate the coefficient of permeability of sand. | 10M |
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UNIT-III

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| 6 | Derive an expression for vertical stress at a point due to a point load, using Boussinesq's theory. | 10M |
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| 7 | A concentrated load of 2000kN is applied at the ground surface. Determine the vertical stress at a point p which is 6m directly below the load. Also calculate the vertical stress at a point which is at a depth of 6m but at a horizontal distance of 5m from the axis of the load. | 10M |
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UNIT-IV

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| 8 | Discuss the Terzaghi's theory of consolidation, state the various assumptions and their validity. | 10M |
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| 9 | Obtain the differential equation defining the one-dimensional consolidation as given by Terzaghi listing the various assumptions. | 10M |
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UNIT-V

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| 10 | Describe the direct shear test. What are merits and demerits? | 10M |
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| 11 | Describe the vane shear test with a neat sketch. | 10M |
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