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**UNIT –I**

**EARTH PRESSURE THEORIES & RETAINING WALLS**

1	a	Write short notes on plastic equilibrium in soils.	[L1][CO1]	[2M]
	b	Write short notes on variation of pressure with neat sketch.	[L1][CO1]	[2M]
	c	List out various assumptions of coulomb's wedge theory.	[L1][CO1]	[2M]
	d	Write short notes on Rehmann's construction for active pressure.	[L1][CO1]	[2M]
	e	Write short notes on Retaining walls.	[L1][CO2]	[2M]
2		Define earth pressure theory and various types of lateral earth pressure with neat sketch.	[L2][CO1]	[10M]
3		Determine the lateral earth pressure at rest per unit length of wall as shown in fig. Also determine the resultant earth pressure. Take $K_0=1-\sin\phi'$ , $\gamma_w=10\text{kN/m}^3$ .	[L3][CO1]	[10M]
4		What are the assumptions of earth pressure theory and derive an expression for Rankines Earth pressure in cohesive soils.	[L2][CO1]	[10M]
5		Derive expression for coulomb's wedge theory for active pressure with neat sketch.	[L3][CO1]	[10M]
6		Discuss culmann's method for the determination of active earth pressure.	[L3][CO1]	[10M]
7		Determine the active pressure on the retaining wall as shown in fig. Take $\gamma_w=10\text{kN/m}^3$ .	[L3][CO1]	[10M]
8		Explain various types of retaining walls with neat sketch.	[L2][CO2]	[10M]
9		With the help of neat sketch explain design of gravity retaining walls.	[L2][CO2]	[10M]
10		Explain various requirements of stability analysis of Gravity retaining walls.	[L2][CO2]	[10M]
11		A cantilever retaining wall of 7mts height retains sand. The properties of sand are $e=0.5$ , $\phi=30^\circ$ and $G=2.7$ . Using Rankines theory Determine the active earth pressure at the base when the backfill is (i) dry (ii) saturated (iii) submerged and also the resultant active force in each case.	[L3][CO1]	[10M]

**UNIT –II**  
**SHALLOW FOUNDATIONS & SETTLEMENTS**

<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	Define Net ultimate bearing capacity	[L1][CO3]	[2M]
	<b>b</b>	Write short notes on limitations of plate load test.	[L1][CO3]	[2M]
	<b>c</b>	Define Safe bearing capacity	[L1][CO3]	[2M]
	<b>d</b>	Write short notes on Tolerable settlement.	[L1][CO3]	[2M]
	<b>e</b>	Define Net allowable bearing pressure	[L1][CO3]	[2M]
<b>2</b>		What are different types of shallow foundations? Explain with the help of neat sketches.	[L2][CO3]	[10M]
<b>3</b>		(a) With neat sketches explain different types of shear failures.	[L2][CO3]	[5M]
		(b) Determine the ultimate bearing capacity of a strip footing, 1.20 m wide, and having the depth of foundation of 1.0 m. use Terzaghi's theory and assume general shear failure. Take $\phi = 35^\circ$ , $\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$ , and $C' = 15 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . Take ( $N_c=57.8$ , $N_\gamma=42.4$ , $N_q=41.4$ )	[L3][CO3]	[5M]
<b>4</b>		Discuss effect of water table on the bearing capacity of the soil with neat sketch?	[L2][CO3]	[10M]
<b>5</b>	a)	List out various parameters for choice of type of foundation.	[L1][CO3]	[5M]
	b)	Write various points to consider for fixing depth of foundation.	[L1][CO3]	[5M]
<b>6</b>		A strip footing of 2m width is founded at a depth of 4m below the ground surface. Determine the net ultimate bearing capacity, using a) Terzaghi's equation ( $N_c=5.7$ , $N_\gamma=1.0$ , $N_q=0.0$ ) b) Skempton's equation c) IS Code ( $N_c=5.14$ ). The soil is clay ( $\phi=0^\circ$ , $C=10 \text{ kN/m}^2$ ). The unit weight of soil is $20 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .	[L3][CO3]	[10M]
<b>7</b>		Describe how the plate load test is conducted with a neat sketch?	[L2][CO3]	[10M]
<b>8</b>		What are different types of settlements that occur in a foundation?	[L2][CO3]	[10M]
<b>9</b>		Discuss the various methods of determination of allowable soil pressure in cohesion less soils?	[L2][CO3]	[10M]
<b>10</b>		Discuss the various methods of determination of allowable soil pressure in cohesion soils?	[L2][CO3]	[10M]
<b>11</b>		(a) Determine the ultimate bearing capacity of a square footing, resting on the surface of saturated clay of unconfined compressive strength of $98 \text{ kN/m}^2$ .	[L3][CO3]	[5M]
		(b) A rectangular footing (3 m X 2 m) exerts a pressure of $100 \text{ kN/m}^2$ on a cohesive soil ( $E_s = 5 \times 10^4$ and $\mu=0.50$ ). Determine the immediate settlement at the centre, assuming a) Footing is flexible b) Footing is rigid.	[L3][CO3]	[5M]

### UNIT –III

#### PILE FOUNDATIONS

1	a	Write short notes on piles.	[L1][CO4]	[2M]	
	b	Define negative skin friction.	[L1][CO4]	[2M]	
	c	Write short notes on (a) Displacement piles (b) Non Displacement piles	[L1][CO4]	[2M]	
	d	What are under reamed piles?	[L1][CO4]	[2M]	
	e	Define allowable load.	[L1][CO4]	[2M]	
2	Define pile foundation? Detail about necessity of pile foundation?		[L1][CO4]	[10M]	
3	List out various classifications of pile foundations. Discuss different methods for installation of piles		[L2][CO4]	[10M]	
4	How would you estimate the load carrying capacity of a pile in (a) cohesion less soils (b) cohesive soils by using static methods?		[L2][CO4]	[10M]	
5	How would you estimate the load carrying capacity of a pile by using dynamic formulae?		[L2][CO4]	[10M]	
6	Explain in detail In-situ penetration tests for pile capacity.		[L1][CO4]	[10M]	
7	a) A 30cm diameter concrete pile is driven into a homogeneous consolidated clay deposit ( $c_u=40\text{kN/m}^2$ , $\alpha=0.7$ ).If the embedded length is 10m, estimate the safe load (F.S. =2.5).		[L3][CO4]	[5M]	
	b) A square concrete pile (30cm side) 10 m long is driven into coarse sand ( $\gamma=18.5\text{ kN/m}^3$ , $N=2.0$ ). Determine the allowable load (F.S. =3.0).		[L2][CO4]	[5M]	
8	How would you estimate the group action of piles in (a) sand (b) clay?		[L2][CO4]	[10M]	
9	Describe how the pile load test is conducted with a neat sketch?		[L2][CO4]	[10M]	
10	Explain settlement of pile groups in (a) cohesion less soils (b) cohesive soils.		[L2][CO4]	[10M]	
11	A precast concrete pile (35cm x 35cm) is driven by a single –acting steam hammer. Estimate the allowable load using (a) Engineering News Record Formula (F.S.=6) (b)Hiley Formula (F.S.=4) and (c) Danish Formula (F.S. =4). Use the following data.		[L3][CO4]	[10M]	
	(i)	Maximum rated Energy			= 3500kN-m
	(ii)	Weight of hammer			= 35kN
	(iii)	Length of pile			= 15m
	(iv)	Efficiency of hammer			= 0.8
	(v)	Coefficient of resititution			= 0.5
	(vi)	Weight of pile cap			= 3kN
	(vii)	No of blows for last 2.54mm			= 6
	(viii)	Modulus of elasticity of concrete			= $2 \times 10^7\text{ kN/m}^2$
	(ix)	Assume any other data, if required. Take the weight of pile as 73.5kN.			

**UNIT –IV**  
**WELL FOUNDATIONS & CAISSON FOUNDATION**

<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	Write short notes on Well foundation.	[L1][CO5]	<b>[2M]</b>
	<b>b</b>	Write short notes on Grip Length.	[L1][CO5]	<b>[2M]</b>
	<b>c</b>	List out various components of Well foundations.	[L1][CO5]	<b>[2M]</b>
	<b>d</b>	Write short notes on caisson foundation.	[L1][CO5]	<b>[2M]</b>
	<b>e</b>	List out various types of Caisson.	[L1][CO5]	<b>[2M]</b>
<b>2</b>		Explain different shapes of wells with neat sketch.	[L1][CO5]	<b>[10M]</b>
<b>3</b>		Discuss various forces acting on well foundation.	[L1][CO5]	<b>[10M]</b>
<b>4</b>		What are the various components of well foundations? What are its uses?	[L1][CO5]	<b>[10M]</b>
<b>5</b>		Explain various steps involved in sinking operation of wells with neat sketch.	[L2][CO5]	<b>[10M]</b>
<b>6</b>		Explain various measures for rectification of Tilts and Shifts with neat sketch.	[L2][CO5]	<b>[10M]</b>
<b>7</b>		Explain the construction of open caisson with the help of neat sketch.	[L2][CO5]	<b>[10M]</b>
<b>8</b>		Describe the various components of pneumatic caisson with the help of neat sketch.	[L2][CO5]	<b>[10M]</b>
<b>9</b>		Explain the construction of Floating caisson with the help of neat sketch.	[L2][CO5]	<b>[10M]</b>
<b>10</b>		What are the advantages and disadvantages of pneumatic caisson over open caisson?	[L1][CO5]	<b>[10M]</b>
<b>11</b>		What are the advantages and disadvantages of Floating caisson and discuss stability of floating caisson during flotation?	[L1][CO5]	<b>[10M]</b>

**UNIT –V**  
**MACHINE FOUNDATIONS**

<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	Write short notes on Machine foundations.	[L1][CO6]	[2M]
	<b>b</b>	Define (i) Free vibration (ii) Forced vibration	[L1][CO6]	[2M]
	<b>c</b>	Write short notes on Frequency.	[L1][CO6]	[2M]
	<b>d</b>	Write short notes weight of foundation.	[L1][CO6]	[2M]
	<b>e</b>	Write short notes on Degree of freedom.	[L1][CO6]	[2M]
<b>2</b>		Define Machine Foundation and types of machine foundations with neat sketch and list its suitability.	[L1][CO6]	[10M]
<b>3</b>		Explain general criteria for design of machine foundations.	[L2][CO6]	[10M]
<b>4</b>		Explain design criteria of foundation in case of free undamped vibrations.	[L3][CO6]	[10M]
<b>5</b>		Explain in detail vibration analysis of machine foundation and determine mass (m) parameter.	[L2][CO6]	[10M]
<b>6</b>		Derive various methods used to determine spring stiffness(k) parameter in vibration analysis of machine foundation	[L2][CO6]	[10M]
<b>7</b>		Explain in detail the determination of natural frequency by using theory of vibrations.	[L2][CO6]	[10M]
<b>8</b>	a)	The exciting force of a machine is 100kN. Determine the transmitted force if the natural frequency of the machine foundation is 3.0Hz. Take $D=0.40$ and the operating frequency as 5Hz.	[L3][CO6]	[5M]
	b)	A 2.50Mg vertical compressor foundation system is operated at 40Hz. The soil at the site is medium stiff clay ( $C_u=4 \times 10^4 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ). Determine the natural frequency and the magnification factor, assuming $m_s=0.2m_f$ . The base area is $2.5\text{m}^2$ . Take $D=0$ .	[L3][CO6]	[5M]
<b>9</b>	a)	Determine the natural frequency of a machine foundation having a base area $2\text{m} \times 2\text{m}$ and a mass of 15Mg, including the mass of the machine. Taking $C_u=4 \times 10^4 \text{ kN/m}^2$ .	[L3][CO6]	[5M]
	b)	The natural frequency of a machine foundation is 4 hertz. Determine its magnification at the operating frequency of 8 hertz. Take damping factor (D) as 0.30.	[L3][CO6]	[5M]
<b>10</b>		A foundation block of weight 30kN rests on a soil for which the stiffness may be assumed as 25000kN/m. The machine is vibrated vertically by an exciting force of $3.0 \sin(30t) \text{ kN}$ . Find the natural frequency, natural period, natural circular frequency and the amplitude of vertical displacement. The damping factor is 0.50.	[L3][CO6]	[10M]
<b>11</b>	a)	Explain reinforcement and construction details of machine foundations.	[L2][CO6]	[5M]
	b)	List out various measures adopted for vibration isolation and control.	[L1][CO6]	[5M]

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