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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]

<b>11</b>	A cantilever retaining wall of 7mts height retains sand. The properties of sand are $e=0.5, \phi=30^\circ$ and $G=2.7m$ . Using Rankine's 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]
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**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**

<b>1</b>	<b>a</b>	Write short notes on piles.	[L1][CO4]	[2M]
	<b>b</b>	Define negative skin friction.	[L1][CO4]	[2M]
	<b>c</b>	Write short notes on (a) Displacement piles (b) Non Displacement piles	[L1][CO4]	[2M]
	<b>d</b>	What are under reamed piles?	[L1][CO4]	[2M]
	<b>e</b>	Define allowable load.	[L1][CO4]	[2M]
<b>2</b>	Define pile foundation? Detail about necessity of pile foundation?		[L1][CO4]	[10M]
<b>3</b>	List out various classifications of pile foundations. Discuss different methods for installation of piles		[L2][CO4]	[10M]
<b>4</b>	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]
<b>5</b>	How would you estimate the load carrying capacity of a pile by using dynamic formulae?		[L2][CO4]	[10M]
<b>6</b>	Explain in detail In-situ penetration tests for pile capacity.		[L1][CO4]	[10M]
<b>7</b>	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]
<b>8</b>	How would you estimate the group action of piles in (a) sand (b) clay?		[L2][CO4]	[10M]
<b>9</b>	Describe how the pile load test is conducted with a neat sketch?		[L2][CO4]	[10M]
<b>10</b>	Explain settlement of pile groups in (a) cohesion less soils (b) cohesive soils.		[L2][CO4]	[10M]
<b>11</b>	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. (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.		[L3][CO4]	[10M]

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

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

**UNIT –V**  
**MACHINE FOUNDATIONS**

1	a	Write short notes on Machine foundations.	[L1][CO6]	[2M]
	b	Define (i)Free vibration (ii) Forced vibration	[L1][CO6]	[2M]
	c	Write short notes on Frequency.	[L1][CO6]	[2M]
	d	Write short notes weight of foundation.	[L1][CO6]	[2M]
	e	Write short notes on Degree of freedom.	[L1][CO6]	[2M]
2	Define Machine Foundation and types of machine foundations with neat sketch and list its suitability.		[L1][CO6]	[10M]
3	Explain general criteria for design of machine foundations.		[L2][CO6]	[10M]
4	Explain design criteria of foundation in case of free undamped vibrations.		[L3][CO6]	[10M]
5	Explain in detail vibration analysis of machine foundation and determine mass (m) parameter.		[L2][CO6]	[10M]
6	Derive various methods used to determine spring stiffness(k) parameter in vibration analysis of machine foundation		[L2][CO6]	[10M]
7	Explain in detail the determination of natural frequency by using theory of vibrations.		[L2][CO6]	[10M]
8	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 $m_s=0.2mf$ .The base area is $2.5\text{m}^2$ .Take $D=0$ .		[L3][CO6]	[5M]
9	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]
10	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 $3.0 \sin (30t)$ 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]
11	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]