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Subject Name: Geosynthetics and reinforced Earth

Time: 02:30 PM to 05:00 PM

Total Marks: 70

Instructions:

1. Attempt all questions.
2. Make suitable assumptions wherever necessary.
3. Figures to the right indicate full marks.

- Q.1** (a) What do you mean by Geosynthetics and geonaturals? What are the basic favorable characteristics of geosynthetics? **07**
(b) Enlist various functions of geosynthetics. Explain any one in detail with neat sketch. **07**

- Q.2** (a) Explain in brief about raw materials used in production of geosynthetics. **07**
(b) What are the tensile tests performed on geotextile? Explain each in short with suitable test. **07**

OR

- (b) In a laboratory constant head in-plane permeability test on a 300-mm length (flow direction) by 200-mm width geotextile specimen, the following parameters were measured: **07**
Nominal thickness = 2.0 mm ,
Flow rate of water in the plane of the geotextile $Q_p = 52 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$,
Head loss in the plane of the geotextile = 200 mm
Calculate the transmissivity and the in-plane coefficient of permeability (k_p) of the geotextile.

- Q.3** (a) Explain how reinforcement is used to control embankment stability resting on soft soils. **07**
(b) List application areas of geosynthetics for filtration and drainage. **07**

OR

- Q.3** (a) Write brief note on erosion control **07**
(b) Write brief note on use of geosynthetics in paved and unpaved roads. **07**

- Q.4** A 10 m high retaining wall with galvanized steel strip reinforcement in a granular back fill has to construct. Given: **14**

Granular backfill: $\Phi_1 = 36^\circ$, $\gamma_1 = 16.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$

Foundation soil: $\Phi_2 = 28^\circ$, $\gamma_2 = 17.3 \text{ kN/m}^3$, $c_2 = 50 \text{ kN/m}^2$

Galvanized steel reinforcement: Width of strip = 75 mm, $S_v = 0.6 \text{ m c/c}$,

$S_H = 1 \text{ m c/c}$, $f_y = 24000 \text{ kN/m}^2$, $\Phi_u = 20^\circ$, $FS_{(B)} = 3$, $FS_{(P)} = 3$

Check the internal and external stability. Assume corrosion rate for strip 0.025mm/year and life span of structure is 50 years.

OR

Q.4 Design a 2.0 m wide strip footing carrying 1000kN/m load, which is placed at 1.0 depth. **14**

Soil properties: $\gamma_b = 17 \text{ kN/m}^3$, $\Phi = 33^\circ$ [$N_q = 26.09$ & $N_\gamma = 26.17$],

$E_s = 3.5 \times 10^4 \text{ kN/m}^2$, $\mu = 0.28$. Take FS = 3 [against shear failure for unreinforced foundation]. Permissible settlement = 25 mm.

Tie detail: width $w = 80 \text{ mm}$, $f_y = 2.5 \times 10^5 \text{ kN/m}^2$, soil-tie interface friction angle $\Phi_\mu = 25^\circ$, $FS(B) = 3$, $FS(P) = 2$, $LDR = w.n = 60\%$, $N = 5$

$u = 0.5 \text{ m}$ = Distance of 1st layer of reinforcement from bottom of the foundation

$h = 0.5 \text{ m}$ = Distance between each layer of reinforcement.

Use following table and relationship:

Layer No.	z (m)	z/B	α	β	δ	X/B	x'/B
1	0.5	0.25	0.35	0.38	0.11	0.98	0.60
2	1.0	0.5	0.33	0.36	0.12	1.40	0.70
3	1.5	0.75	0.31	0.31	0.125	1.75	0.85
4	2.0	1.00	0.30	0.27	0.13	1.85	0.90
5	2.5	1.25	0.29	0.21	0.14	2.30	1.05

Tie force/m at depth z

$$T = \frac{1}{N} \left[q_o \left(\frac{q_R}{q_o} - 1 \right) (\alpha B - \beta h) \right]$$

Frictional resistance against pullout at depth z

$$F_p = 2 \tan \phi_\mu (LDR) \left[\delta B q_o \left(\frac{q_R}{q_o} \right) + \gamma (X - x') (z + D_f) \right]$$

Q.5 (a) A geotextile reinforce retaining wall is 5 m high. For the granular back fill $\Phi_1 = 36^\circ$, $\gamma_1 = 15.7 \text{ kN/m}^3$. For geotextile $T_{ult} = 52.5 \text{ kN/m}$. For the design of wall determine S_v , L and l_t . Use $RF_{id} = 1.2$, $RF_{cr} = 2.5$, $RF_{cbd} = 1.25$ **07**

(b) With reference to BS 8006 discuss the importance of partial factors, design loads and design strength for reinforced earth wall. **07**

OR

Q.5 (a) How does an engineering landfill differ from an open dump of wastes? Write note on use of various geosynthetics in landfills. **07**

(b) Answer the following questions. **07**

(i) Which parameters govern internal stability of reinforced soil?

(ii) Define the failure criteria of reinforced soil wall.

(iii) What are limitations of a flexible reinforcement element?