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Date: 28/9/2016

Subject Name: Soil Mechanics

Sem: 5TH

Time: 10:00 TO 10:50

Total Marks: 20

Instructions:

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

QUE.1 (A) Define: (1) Compaction (2) consolidation (3) shear strength of soil. **3**

(B) Describe the phenomenon of consolidation by spring analogy. **3**

QUE.2 (A) List out factor affecting compaction and describe any two. **3**

(B) An earthen embankment is compacted at a water content of 17%.the bulk density is 4 19.5KN/m^3 . Determine the void ratio and degree of saturation of the compacted soil if the specific gravity of soil is 2.72.What would be the theoretical maximum dry unit weight?

OR

(B) Explain direct shear test with its merits and demerits. **4**

QUE.3 (A) 30mm thick sample of clay consolidated 50% during the laboratory test in 30 minutes with 3 double drainage. How much time it will take for a 6 meter thick layer of same clay to consolidated 50%?

(B) Describe vane shear test. Write its merits and demerits. **4**

OR

(A) A vane 10.4 cm long and 8 cm in diameter was lowered into soft clay at the bottom of bore 3 hole. Torque was applied and value of failure was 50 N-m. Determine the shear strength of clay in the natural state.

(B) Describe method of compaction used in a field. **4**

*****ALL THE BEST*****