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Time	: 0930hrs – 1230hrs
Duration	: 3 hours

**General instructions**

1. Read all instructions carefully before answering the questions.
2. This question paper consists of **Eight (8)** questions in **Six (6)** pages.
3. Answer any **Five (5)** questions only. All questions carry equal marks.
4. Answer for each question should commence from a new page.
5. This is an Open Book Test (OBT) / Closed Book Test (CBT).
7. Answers should be in clear hand writing.
8. Do not use red colour pen.

**Question No.01:**

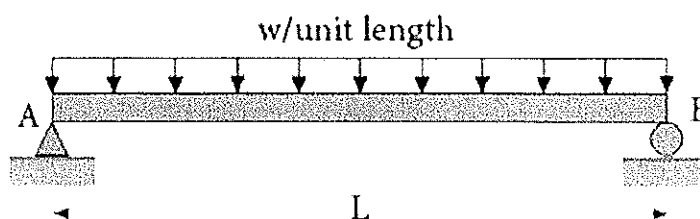


Fig.Q1

A simply supported beam AB shown in Fig.Q1 is subjected to a uniformly distributed load of  $w$  per unit length. Modulus of flexural rigidity ( $EI$ ) is constant throughout the beam,

- a) Draw the free body diagram for the above loading system

- b) Find the equation of elastic curve, and hence determine
- the maximum slope of the beam and
  - the maximum deflection of the beam

**Question No.02:**

- a) State the simple torsion formula with usual notations. Explain the meaning of each symbol in the formula with their relevant units.
- b)

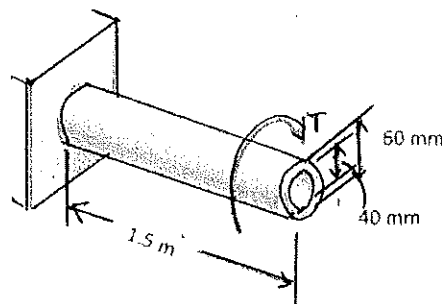


Fig.Q2

Fig.Q2 shows a hollow cylindrical steel shaft 1.5m long and has inner and outer diameters 40 mm and 60 mm respectively.

- What is the largest torque that can be applied to the shaft if the shearing stress is not to exceed 120 MPa?
- What is the corresponding minimum value of the shearing stress in the shaft?

**Question No.03:**

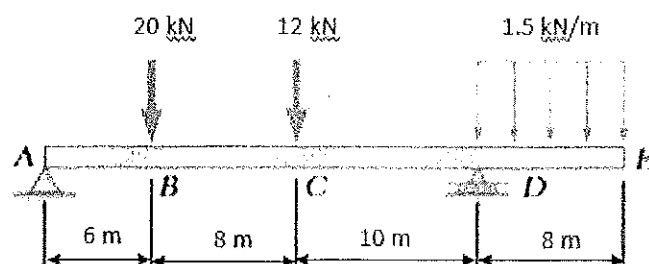


Fig.Q3

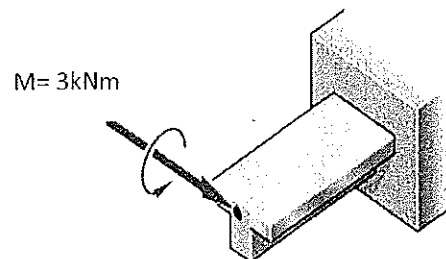
A beam AE, simply supported at A and D, is subjected to 20 kN and 12 kN loads at B and C respectively and a 1.5 kN/m uniformly distributed load over DE as shown in Fig.Q3.

- a) Draw the shear force and bending moment diagram for the beam AE
- b) Hence find the magnitudes of maximum shear force and maximum bending moment, and their locations on the beam.

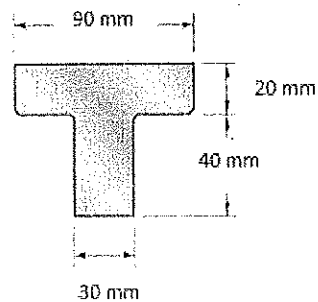
**Question No.04:**

- a) State the simple bending formula with usual notations. Explain the meaning of each symbol in the formula with their relevant units.

b)



(a)



(b)

Fig.Q4

Fig.Q4(a) shows a cast-iron machine part, which is acted upon by a 3 kN-m couple and Fig.Q4(b) shows the cross-sectional dimensions of the beam. Knowing  $E = 165 \text{ GPa}$  and neglecting the effects of fillets, determine

- i) the maximum tensile and compressive stresses and
- ii) the radius of curvature of the beam.

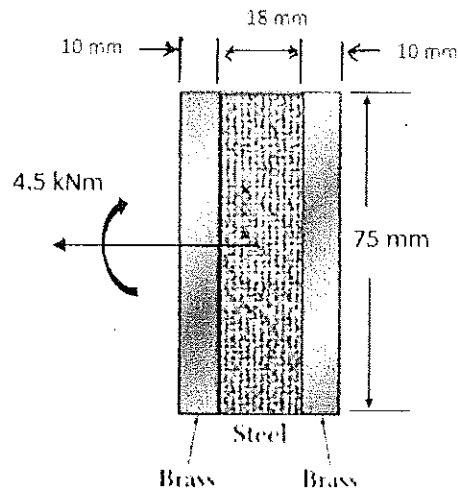
**Question No.05:**

Fig.Q5

Fig Q5 shows a cross-section of a composite bar, which is made of bonded pieces of steel having the modulus of elasticity ( $E_s$ ), 200 GPa and two pieces of brass having modulus of elasticity of ( $E_b$ ) 100 GPa and applied 4.5 kNm moment on it.

- Transform the bar to an equivalent cross section made entirely of brass.
- Evaluate the cross-sectional properties of the transformed section.
- Calculate the maximum stress in the transformed section.
- Determine the maximum stress in the steel and brass when a moment of 4.5 KNm is applied.

**Question No.06:**

- Show that the Euler formula for buckling of struts with both ends are hinged can be written as

$$\text{Euler crippling load, } P_e = \frac{\pi^2 EI}{4l^2}$$

Where  $P_e$  - Critical load,  $l$  - Length of the strut,  $E$  - Modulus of elasticity,  
 $I$  - Second moment area of the section of the column

b)

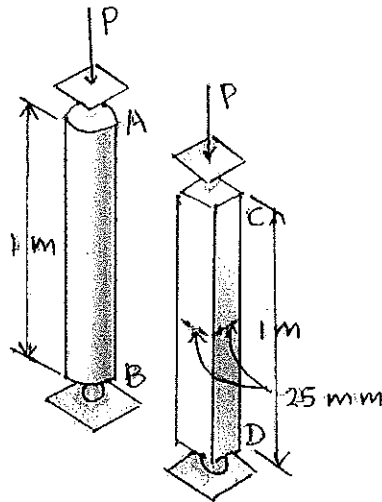


Fig.Q6

Fig.Q6 shows two struts made of same material and same length 1 m, having cross-sections of one is circular and the other square with an area of (25mm x 25mm). Both struts are subjected to a compressive load,  $P$  as shown in Fig. Q6 and the modulus of elasticity of the material  $E$  is 200GPa.

Determine,

- the radius of the cross section of the circular strut so that the both circular and square struts have the same cross-sectional area and
- the critical load for each strut.

**Question No.07:**

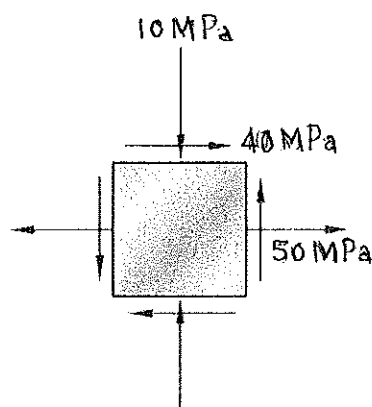


Fig.Q7

- a) For the state of plane stress shown in Fig. Q7, construct Mohr's circle.
- b) Hence determine,
- the principal planes,
  - the principal stresses,
  - the maximum shear stress and the corresponding normal stress.

**Question No.08:**

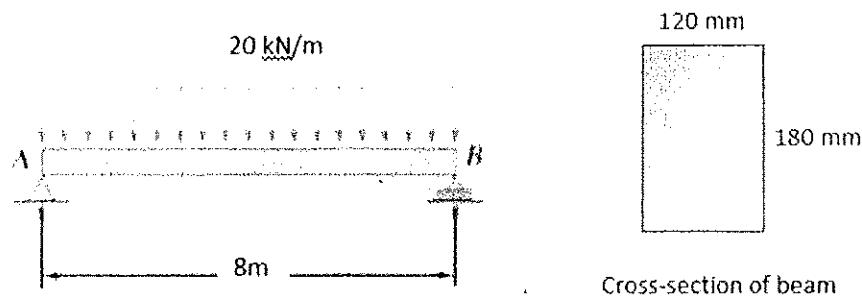


Fig.Q8

A stainless-steel beam (AB) of span 8 m, simply supported at A and B carries a UDL of 20 kN/m over its entire span. The cross-section of the beam is a rectangle with dimensions 120 mm x 180 mm as shown in the Fig. Q8.

- Find the reactions at supports A and B
- Determine the shear stresses at planes 30 mm, 60 mm and 90 mm from the top plane.
- Draw the shear stress distribution at the section 1 m from the left support, by considering horizontal planes 30 mm apart from top to bottom in the cross section.

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