



CEX6332/CEU4306 - Structural Design

FINAL EXAMINATION - 2005

Time Allowed: Four (04) Hours.

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Time: 0930 - 1330 hrs.

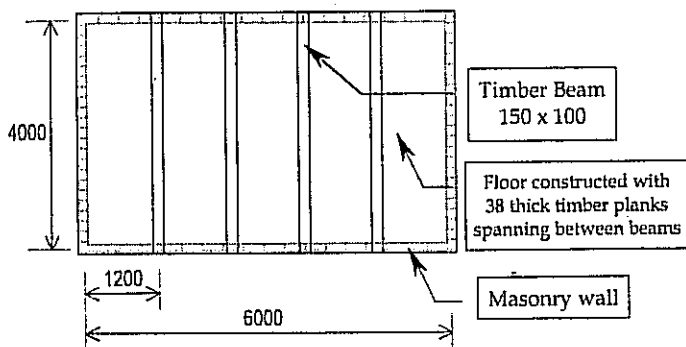
Paper consists of five (05) questions. Answer any four (04) questions.
You may use the booklet named "Extracts From Relevant Standards" provided to you with the course material

You may assume and state reasonable values for any factors not provided.

Q1. Timber Design

Q1 - Part A

An office room is to be constructed over an existing garage in a proposed domestic extension. The garage is an independent rectangular building constructed with 225 thick masonry walls, as shown in the figure. To minimise inconveniences caused during construction, the Engineer advising on this work proposed a timber floor.



Plan of the proposed timber floor

Timber	- Balau
Strength Class	- SC8
Dead loads on the floor:	
Weight of finishes	- 0.3 kN/m ²
Unit weight of planks	- 8.0 kN/m ³
Unit weight of Balau	- 10.8 kN/m ³

Imposed loads on the floor:
under normal service - 1.5 kN/m²

Assume:

- * Exposure condition is wet.
- * lateral support at the ends of the beams due to embedment in the masonry walls.
- * Loads are medium term.
- * Maximum allowable deflection for the beam is 25 mm at mid span.

All dimensions are in 'mm'

- Evaluate the loading on the beam due to live and dead loads. (02 marks)
- Check the proposed beam against lateral stability criteria. (02 marks)
- Compute the applied bending stress at the critical section and check whether this is within the permissible limit. (02 marks)
- Check whether the maximum allowable deflection is within the permissible limit.
You may use the following deflection values at mid span of a simply supported beam loaded with an udl;
Deflection due to Bending = $5wL^4 / (384EI)$
Deflection due to Shear = $3wL^2 / (20GA)$ (03 marks)
- Check whether the beam is safe against failure due to shear. (03 marks)
- Check whether applied bearing stress is within the permissible limit. Assume that wane is permitted at bearing area. (03 marks)



Q1 - Part B

The table given below shows the description of two elements; AB and BE of a cantilevering Timber truss supporting an out-door canopy. The two elements can be assumed to only deflect in the plane of the truss.

Element	Length (m)	Magnitude of force (kN)	Magnitude of Moment (kNm)
AB	2.5	22 (tensile)	3.2
BE	2.8	28 (compressive)	3.8

Timber members of strength class 9 (SC 9) with cross sectional dimensions of 150 mm x 75 mm are proposed for both elements. The frame is subject to wet exposure conditions. All loads acting on the frame are of medium term duration.

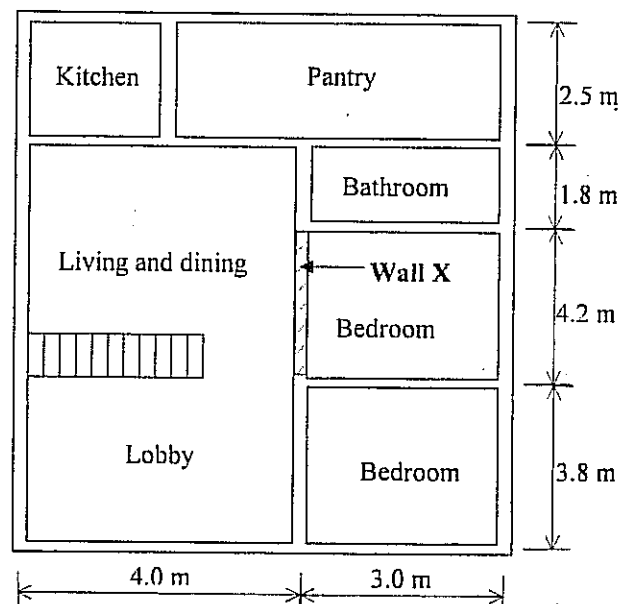
- Determine the adequacy of member AB to carry the combined tensile force and moment. (05 marks)
- Determine the adequacy of member BE to carry the combined compressive force and moment. (05 marks)

Q2. Masonry Design

The diagram below shows the proposed ground plan for a typical two storey house for a real estate developer. To lower the cost of construction, the Structural Engineer who designed the layout wishes to know whether brick walls are suitable as load bearing walls. Using the loads on the wall given to you, design the 3.0 m high Wall A on the ground floor.

dead load by roof structure	= 3.3 kN/m
dead load by ceiling structure	= 1.1 kN/m
dead load by upper floor slab	= 15.0 kN/m
imposed load by roof structure	= 1.5 kN/m
imposed load by ceiling structure	= 0.2 kN/m
imposed load by upper floor slab	= 12.0 kN/m

Compressive strength of local bricks:	
Grade I	- 4.5 N/mm ²
Grade II	- 2.5 N/mm ²
Grade III	- 1.8 N/mm ²
maximum water absorption = 28%	



Typical Floor Plan

You may also use the following data;

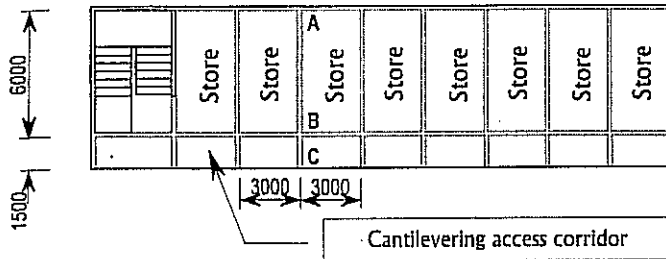
- Normal Manufacturing and Construction controls are applicable
- Assume that the forces due to wind are negligible
- The wall to be plastered on both sides with 15mm thick plaster (weight = 0.3 kN/m²)
- Dimensions of locally available bricks: 215 mm x 102.5 mm x 65 mm and with the 10mm mortar joint size changes to 225 mm x 112.5 mm x 75 mm, structural thickness of the wall is 225 mm, and Density of brickwork is 2300 kg/m³.

- Determine the usability of locally available bricks to construct the Wall A assuming a suitable mortar designation. (20 Marks)
- Compute the magnitude of shear resistance of Wall A in the longitudinal direction. (05 Marks)



Q3. Reinforced Concrete Design

Three storied commercial buildings are needed in congested Colombo city limits to house small retail stores. Design Engineers of CMC has proposed a building layout as depicted by a typical upper floor plan in the sketch below. Reinforced concrete framed structural system is to be adopted with infill walls out of 100 mm thick masonry to separate stores. Beam grid is to be supported on columns at intersections except the 1500 mm cantilevering beam extension supporting the corridor.



Upper Floor Plan of the proposed building

Loads on the structure;
 Dead load of the Roof = 1.5 kN/m²
 Imposed load on the roof = neglect
 Imposed load on floors = 3.0 kN/m²
 ** You may neglect the effects of Wind

Thickness of floor slab = 125 mm
 Storey height (floor to floor) = 3.0 m

Weights of materials
 Unit weight of RC = 24.0 kN/m³
 Unit weight of Masonry = 18.0 kN/m³

Strength of materials;
 Grade of concrete = 30
 Characteristic strength of steel Main r/f = 460 N/mm²
 Shear r/f = 250 N/mm²

Other parameters;
 Condition of exposure = Mild
 Center to center dimensions are given for the grid
 Order of floors – Ground, 1st, 2nd
 Service stress = Design Stress / 1.5 (for footing design)
 Required design charts are provided
 All Dimensions are in 'mm'

Follow the steps below in the design checks and design.

- Identify the different slab panels in the upper floor slab (except in the stairwell area) and check the adequacy of 125 mm thickness for each of these panels based on the **deflection criterion** only. You **need not** do any modifications. (You may assume that the slabs are continuous with the supporting beams & a suitable value for M/bd^2 for the expected loading). (05 marks)
- Identify the most critical slab panel for a upper floor slab and design it using the approach given in BS8110. In the design process you should check for satisfying the Ultimate Limit State of Flexure and Serviceability Limit States of Durability, Fire resistance, Cracking and Deflection. (05 marks)
- Evaluate the Characteristic and Design loads and tabulate Design Bending moments and Shear forces at Critical sections of the reinforced concrete transverse beam ABC (450 x 300 mm). (You may assume that beam is simply supported at A & B with a cantilevered end at C and the loads transferred to the beam are uniformly distributed along its span. (05 marks)
- Design reinforcement for the two spans of the above beam at critical sections to resist bending and shear forces. (Assume 20 mm bars for main reinforcement and 6 mm MS bars for shear reinforcement). Curtail the beam reinforcement using simplified rules and sketch elevation and necessary cross sections in compliance with the standard method of detailing. (05 marks)
- Assuming the column at B (250 x 250), is unbraced and **no** bending moments are transferred from beams framing in to the column, evaluate the slenderness condition, the Design axial load and generated Bending moments (if any), and design reinforcement for the column segment between 1st floor and 2nd floor. Sketch elevation and required cross sections using the standard method of detailing. (05 marks)



Q4. Steel Design

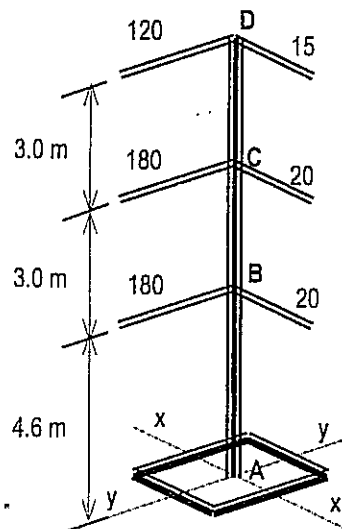
A corner column of a three-storey building is shown in the figure below. The design loads indicated in kN on each beam are the end reactions from beams. Beams are connected to the column with eccentric pin-joints.

Assuming a grade 43 steel Universal Column (UC) section (H – section) 203 x 203 of adequate weight, determine the bending moments in the column with respect to major axis x-x and minor axis y-y, just above and just below the first floor level (connection B).

(10 marks)

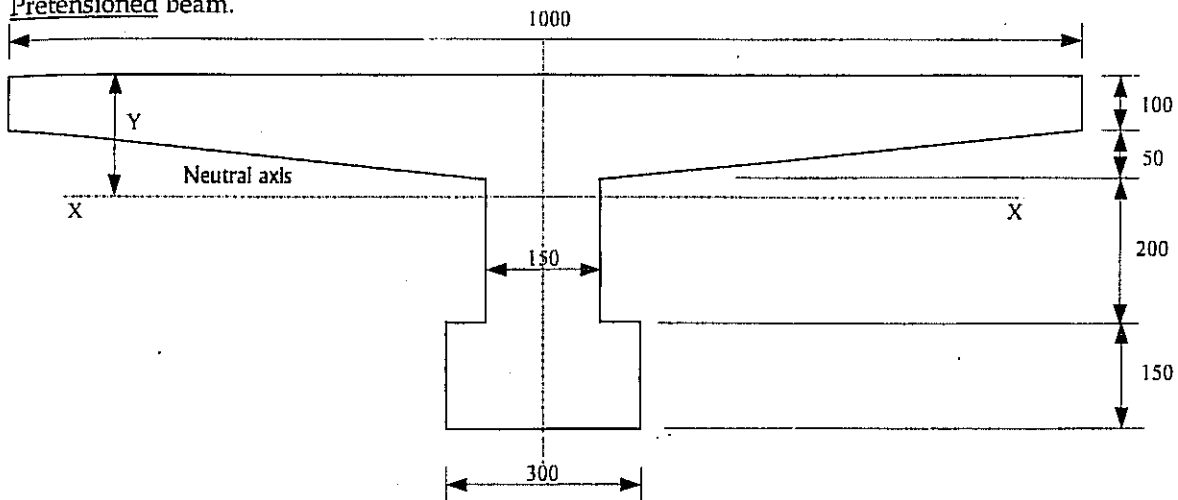
Using simplified approach check whether the assumed column section AB can withstand the applied loads. If not, design a suitable section. (Section properties for standard sizes of H sections are provided at the end of the paper)

(15 marks)



Q5. Prestressed Concrete Design

Wide flanged "T" sections are generally used for lightly loaded bridge beams and large span building floor beams. Such sectioned prestressed beam was proposed by the Chief Design Engineer of concrete precast element production unit of the SEC. Cross section of the proposed beam is shown in the diagram below. There is a demand in the market for such beam/slab elements in the range of 15.0 m simply supported span. Based on the structural and economic considerations the beam is to be a Class 2 Pretensioned beam.



By preliminary calculations the section for the prestressed beam, material properties and the probable loading on the slab are taken as follows;

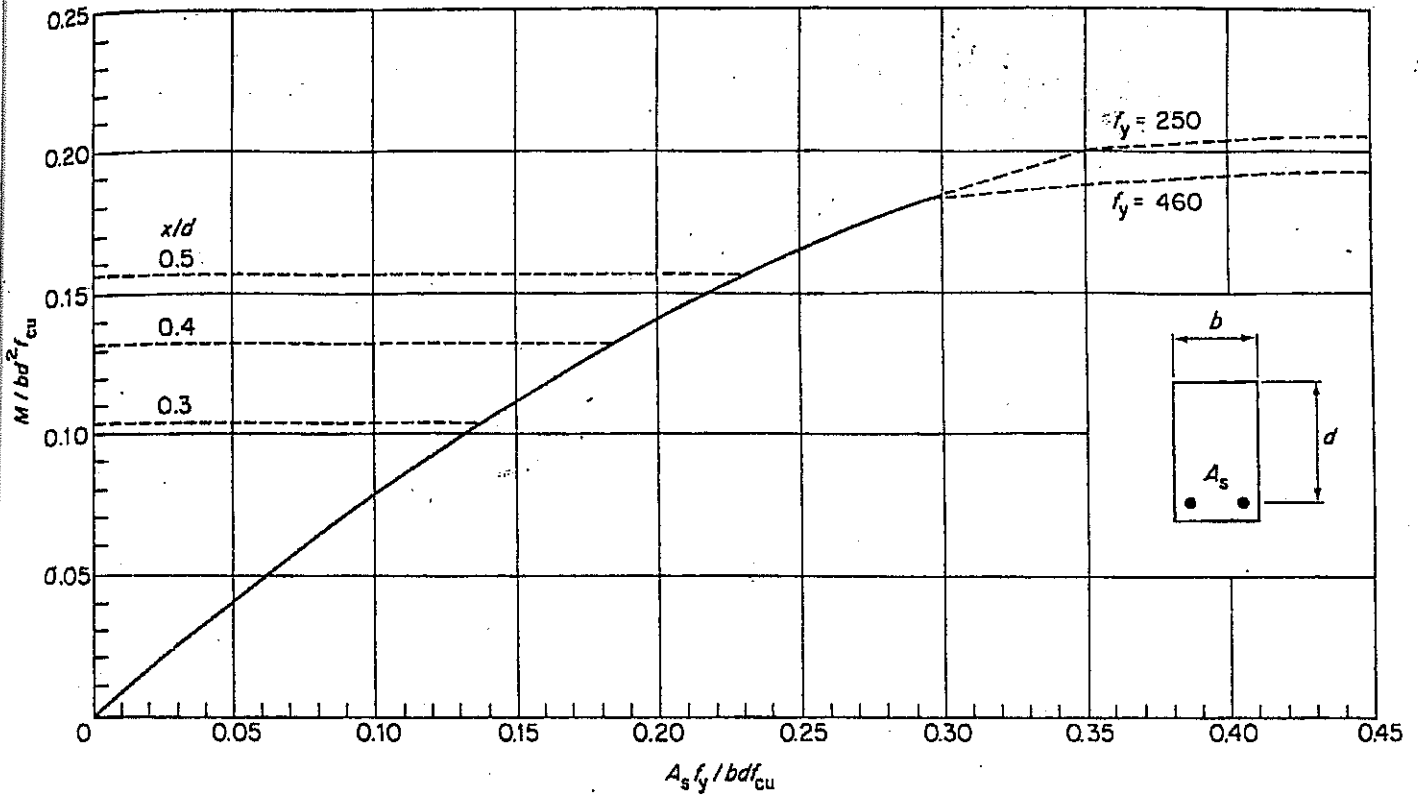
<p>Strengths</p> <p>f_{cu} at 28 days = 50 MPa</p> <p>f_{ct} at 7 days (transfer) = 35 MPa</p> <p>Transfer is 7 day after casting</p> <p>f_{pu} Super strand 11.3 mm dia. tendons (Area 75 mm²) = 1860 MPa</p> <p>Allowable concrete stresses for class 2 members</p> <p>at transfer;</p> <p>f'_{max} = 17.5 MPa</p> <p>f'_{min} = - 2.7 MPa</p> <p>at service;</p> <p>f_{max} = 16.7 MPa</p> <p>f_{min} = - 3.2 MPa</p>	<p>Loads</p> <p>Weight of concrete = 24 kN/m³</p> <p>Imposed load = 4.0 kN/m² (loads are distributed evenly.)</p> <p>Loss of prestress</p> <p>at transfer = 07 %</p> <p>at service = 22 %</p> <p>Concrete section properties</p> <p>$A_c = 204 \times 10^3 \text{ mm}^2$</p> <p>$I_{xx} = 4.9 \times 10^9 \text{ mm}^4$</p> <p>$y_{na} = 172 \text{ mm}$</p>	<p>You may use following inequalities (in standard notation)</p> <p>$Z_t \geq (\alpha M_s - \beta M_i) / (\alpha f'_{max} - \beta f'_{min})$</p> <p>$Z_b \geq (\alpha M_s - \beta M_i) / (\beta f'_{max} - \alpha f'_{min})$</p> <p>$P_i \geq (Z_t f'_{min} - M_i) / \alpha (Z_t / A_c - e)$</p> <p>$P_i \leq (Z_b f'_{max} + M_i) / \alpha (Z_b / A_c + e)$</p> <p>$P_i \leq (Z_t f'_{max} - M_s) / \beta (Z_t / A_c - e)$</p> <p>$P_i \geq (Z_b f'_{min} + M_s) / \beta (Z_b / A_c + e)$</p>
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Using above data, design the beam along the following steps;

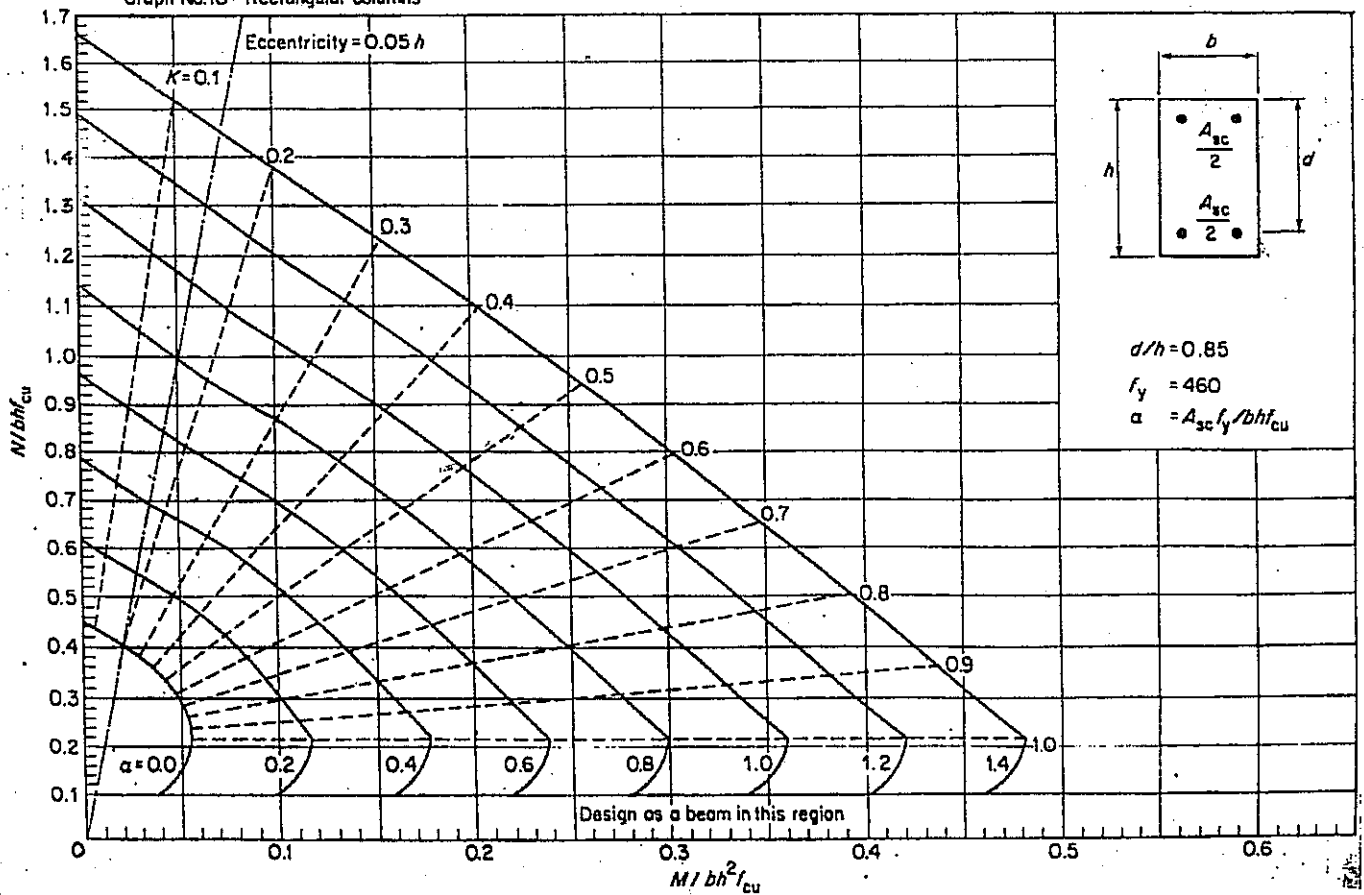
- Evaluate the section properties (A , I , Z_t & Z_b) of the beam and check against the given values where applicable. (03 marks)
- Evaluate the dead and imposed loads on the beam at transfer and in service and calculate the critical bending moments at the two instances. (Assume that the beam is kept in the same orientation at casting and in service.) (03 marks)
- Check the adequacy of the section in carrying the stresses at transfer and in service. (03 marks)
- Determine the range of prestress force required at the mid span of the beam, assuming that tendons are to be placed at an eccentricity of 217 mm below neutral axis. (08 marks)
- Suggest the minimum possible number of tendons (and corresponding initial prestress force) and sketch a suitable physical arrangement for them (Assume $f_{pi} = 0.7 f_{pu}$). (03 marks)
- Check whether the prestress force calculated above allows for same location of tendon centroid at the supports of the beam (In other words check whether straight tendons could be used without de-bonding). If de-bonding has to be carried out, evaluate how many tendons should be de-bonded at the supports of the slab segments so that straight tendons could be used. (05 marks)

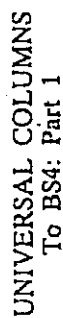


Graph No.1 Singly reinforced beams



Graph No.10: Rectangular columns



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