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B. Tech  
FEME 6301

**Sixth Semester Examination – 2013**  
**FINITE ELEMENT METHOD**  
**BRANCH : MECHANICAL / MANUFACT / MANUTECH.**  
**QUESTION CODE : A 238**

Full Marks – 70

Time : 3 Hours

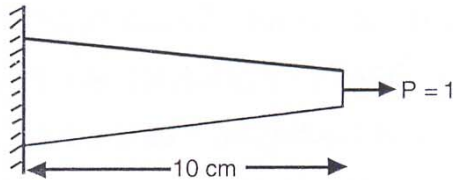
*Answer Question No. 1 which is compulsory and any **five** from the rest.  
The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.*

1. Answer the following questions : 2×10
  - (a) Where Finite element method is used ?
  - (b) What is discretization ?
  - (c) What types of element are used in finite element method ?
  - (d) What is an isoparametric element ? State its importance in finite element method.
  - (e) Give examples of axisymmetric problems.
  - (f) How nodes are selected ?
  - (g) Write down the properties of shape functions.
  - (h) Write down the equation for potential problems.
  - (i) What is post processing in FE analysis ?
  - (j) What are the different commercial FE codes available ?
2. (a) Explain the basic steps involved in FEM. 5  
(b) Write the advantages, disadvantages and limitations of FEM. 5
3. Derive the shape functions and strain displacement matrix for a 2-noded on dimensional element. 10



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4. Find the stress distribution in the tapered bar shown in Figure below using two finite elements under an axial load of  $P = 1$  N. The Cross sectional area at root =  $2 \text{ cm}^2$ , Cross sectional area at end =  $1 \text{ cm}^2$   
 Young's modulus =  $2 \times 10^7 \text{ N/cm}^2$  10



5. (a) Write the stress-strain relation for an isotropic material in solving axisymmetric problem. 4  
 (b) Derive the shape functions for a typical triangular element in solving axisymmetric problem. 6
6. (a) Describe the variation approach used in finite element method. 4  
 (b) Find out the shape functions for a 2-D frame structure. 6
7. A triangular-element has node points located at  $(x_1 = 2, y_1 = 2)$ ,  $(x_2 = 7, y_2 = 2)$  and  $(x_3 = 4, y_3 = 5)$ . The nodal value of the temperature at node 1, node 2 and node 3 are  $30^\circ\text{C}$ ,  $45^\circ\text{C}$  and  $55^\circ\text{C}$  respectively. Use the interpolating function for a three-noded triangular element and compute the value of  $T$  at  $(x = 4, y = 3)$ . 10
8. Write short notes on any **two** : 5×2
- (a) Minimum potential energy principle  
 (b) Plane stress and plain strain problems  
 (c) Galerkin method  
 (d) Constant Strain Triangle elements.