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**B.TECH**  
**PCCI4401**

**7<sup>th</sup> Semester Regular / Back Examination 2016-17**

**FOUNDATION ENGINEERING**

**BRANCH: CIVIL**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max Marks: 70**

**Q.CODE: Y194**

**Answer Question No.1 which is compulsory and any five from the rest.**

**The figures in the right hand margin indicate marks.**

**Q1 Answer the following questions: (2 x 10)**

- a) Distinguish between 'active' and 'passive' earth pressure.
- b) Differentiate between Rankine and Coulomb theories of earth pressure.
- c) What are the criteria for deciding the depth of foundation?
- d) Write down the Vesic's bearing capacity equation defining each of the terms.
- e) Sketch an uplift pile. What is its function?
- f) Write the Seiler-Kinny formula. How is it used?
- g) Write a critical note on 'negative skin friction' in piles.
- h) If N value is 35, what is the corrected N value?
- i) One sampler has an area ratio of 27% while another has 14%; which of these samplers you would prefer and why?
- j) What is a reverse fault? Sketch it.

**Q2 a) A retaining wall with a smooth vertical back is 10 m high and retains a two layer sand backfill with following properties: (5)**

$$0 - 5 \text{ m depth: } c' = 0, \phi' = 32^{\circ}, \gamma = 20.71 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

$$\text{Below 5 m depth: } c' = 0, \phi' = 31^{\circ}, \gamma = 22.54 \text{ kN/m}^3$$

Show the active earth pressure distribution assuming that the water table is at 5 m below the top of the retaining wall. Assume that the top of the backfill is horizontal.

**b) Discuss Culmann's graphical solution for active earth pressure. (5)**

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- Q3 a)** A square footing located at a depth of 1.5 m below the ground surface **(5)**  
has to carry a safe load of 900 kN. Find the size of the footing if the  
desired factor of safety is 3. The soil has the following properties:
- Voids ratio ( $e$ ) = 0.52, degree of saturation = 53%, specific gravity ( $G$ )  
= 2.66, cohesion ( $c$ ) = 7 kPa, angle of internal friction ( $\phi$ ) =  $26^\circ$ . Use  
Terzaghi's analysis.
- b)** Write brief notes on 'Standard Penetration Test' and discuss how you **(5)**  
can obtain the bearing capacity of a soil from a standard penetration  
test.
- Q4 (a)** How is the settlement of footings estimated? **(5)**  
**(b)** What are the general conditions in the choice of foundation type? **(5)**  
Explain various foundation types.
- Q5 a)** Design a square pile group to carry 500 kN in clay with unconfined **(5)**  
compression strength of 65 kPa. The piles are 35 cm diameter and 6  
m long. Adhesion factor may be taken as 0.6.
- b)** Write brief critical note on bearing capacity of piles. How is skin friction **(5)**  
and point resistance of a pile computed?
- Q6 a)** Sketch a well foundation showing all its component parts. How do you **(5)**  
estimate the bearing capacity and depth of a well foundation?  
**b)** Enumerate various geophysical methods of site investigation. Discuss **(5)**  
the seismic refraction method in brief.
- Q7 a)** How would you fix the depth of boring for various civil engineering **(5)**  
constructions? Discuss the IS guidelines.  
**b)** Write a brief critical note on 'vane shear test'. **(5)**
- Q8 Write brief notes on any five (2 x 5)**  
**a)** Various corrections to SPT- N value  
**b)** Bedding planes  
**c)** Batter piles  
**d)** S-Joint  
**e)** RQD  
**f)**  $N_{60}$   
**g)** Sowers and Sowers (1970) guidelines  
**h)** Differential settlement  
**i)** Defects in a rock mass
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