

NATIONAL EXAMS – May 2014

07-Str-A5, Advanced Structural Design

3 Hours Duration

NOTES:

1. If doubt exists as to the interpretation of any question, the candidate is urged to submit with the answer paper, a clear statement of any assumptions made.
2. This is a “CLOSED BOOK” examination. Handbooks and textbooks are permitted. **NO notes on Handbooks, textbooks or loose sheets are allowed.** Candidates may use one of two calculators, the Casio or Sharp approved models.
3. Any five questions constitute a complete paper. Only the first five questions as they appear in your answer will be marked.
4. All questions are of equal value.
5. **All loads shown are unfactored.**

USE THE FOLLOWING DESIGN DATA

Design in SI

Concrete $f_c = 30 \text{ MPa}$
Structural Steel $f_y = 350 \text{ MPa}$
Rebar $f_y = 400 \text{ MPa}$

Prestressed $f_c \text{ (at transfer)} = 35 \text{ MPa}$
Concrete $f_c = 50 \text{ MPa}$
 $n = 6$
 $f_{ult.} = 1750 \text{ MPa}$
 $f_y = 1450 \text{ MPa}$
 $f_{initial} = 1200 \text{ MPa}$
 Losses in prestress = 240 MPa

Marks

- Question 1: (12 + 8)
Question 2: (14 + 6)
Question 3: (12 + 6 + 2)
Question 4: (12 + 6 + 2)
Question 5: (14 + 6)
Question 6: (14 + 6)
Question 7: (15 + 5)

1. The steel rigid frame, shown loaded in Fig. 1 has variable plastic moment capacities, M_p . The frame is fixed at the bases A and D.
 - (a) Design sections for members BC and CD to satisfy flexure, using the plastic method of design.
 - (b) Design a welded connection at C.

[Assume adequate lateral support at all joints and load points. Neglect the effect of axial and shear deformations.]

2. For the loaded steel rigid frame in Fig. 1:
 - (a) Check whether the section chosen for member CD in Question 1 is adequate to perform as a beam-column.
 - (b) Assuming a value for the soil bearing capacity of 400 kPa, design a reinforced concrete footing at D.

[Assume adequate lateral support at joints A, B, C and D.]

3. Design the prestressed concrete beam, shown in Fig. 2, using a rectangular cross-section and prestressing steel strands. Determine:
 - (a) The appropriate dimensions of the cross-section.
 - (b) The area and profile of the steel strands, and
 - (c) The long-term deflection at mid-span.

[Use the gross-section in calculating the moment of inertia.]

4. A two-span continuous welded steel plate-girder, is shown loaded in Fig. 3. Using a stiffened web design:
 - (a) Determine an adequate cross-section for flexure.
 - (b) Design the stiffened web.
 - (c) Check the moment-shear interaction.

[Assume adequate size for the load bearing plates.]

5. The rigid frame in Fig. 4 is to be designed in reinforced concrete construction. Using the Limit States Design Method, design member AC for:
 - (a) Flexure; and
 - (b) Shear.

Assume the same stiffness for all members.

[Assume lateral support is provided at all joints and load points.]

6. For the reinforced concrete rigid frame in Fig. 4:
- (a) Design member CDE as a beam-column; and
 - (b) Estimate the long-term deflection at mid-span of AC.

[Assume the frame is braced at joints A, B, C, D and E.]

7. The composite steel-reinforced concrete cross-section of a pedestrian bridge is shown in Fig. 5. The bridge is simply-supported with a span of 18 m. Using unshored construction and a design live load = 15 kPa:

- (a) Design the cross-section for flexure, assuming 100% interaction between the steel beams and the concrete deck slab.
- (b) Determine the required number of stud shear connectors.

[Assume the steel beams are adequately braced.]

