

2023

CONSTRUCTION TECHNOLOGY

Full Marks: 100

Time: Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer any five questions.

1. a) Draw a typical cross section of a road in embankment showing carriage way, formation width, sides slopes, berm, longitudinal drain and right of way. While drawing carriage way, indicate the camber and the typical slope of camber. 6+2=8
- b) Draw typical cross sections of a flexible and a rigid pavement by labelling (i.e., naming) the layers in each type. Name the materials typically used to construct these two types of pavements. 3+3+2=8
- c) How is a WBM road different from a soil and a gravel road? 4
2. a) Describe with sketches the alternate bay and continuous bay methods of constructing a concrete pavement. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of each method. 8+4=12
- b) Draw sketches to show the trench type and feather edge type construction of pavement. 4
- c) Name the different types of naturally available and industrially produced bitumen. 4
3. a) Name two broad categories of mobile machinery used at construction sites. Provide a list of machineries typically used for site clearing and earthwork in excavation. 4+4=8
- b) Write down the difference between any two of the following three: (a) a dozer and a shovel, (b) a grader and an excavator, (c) a dragline and a shovel, based on the operations for which these are employed at construction sites. 4+4=8
- c) What are different types of roller compactor? 4
4. a) What is the distance between the running inner faces of two rails of a broad-gauge railway track? At what slope is the rim of the wheel of a railway vehicle is coned? Why is the flange of railway wheel important? 2+2+2=6
- b) Why are sleepers provided, and what are functions of ballasts in a railway track? Draw a cross section of a railway track. 4+4+4=12

- c) How is the reinforced concrete ballastless track bed for Mumbai-Ahmedabad Bullet Train (as shown on projector in your class) different from a conventional rail track? 2
5. a) Classify bridges according to (i) materials of construction and (ii) structural action. Draw a schematic diagram of a beam bridge and label its different parts. 4+4=8
- b) Referring to the Dhubri-Phulbari bridge (that you visited) and the satellite imagery of the bridges across the Brahmaputra River that was showed in your class, write down the requirements for selecting a good site for a bridge across a river. 4
- c) Draw a labelled sketch to show the different parts of a well foundation of a bridge. Name and provide schematic diagrams of three major types of caissons. 2+6=8
6. a) Describe any two methods of temporary river diversion for constructing a dam. 8
- b) Describe any six criteria for selection of a site for constructing a dam. 6
- c) What are the problems that may occur with the construction of a dam? 6
7. a) Draw sketches of a overflow and a non-overflow section of a gravity dam. Draw liens to show the different levels and name the storages on the reservoir side of any of these two cross-sections. 6+4=10
- b) List the different modes of failure of a concrete gravity dam. What is the middle-third rule for the safety of a concrete gravity dam? 6+2=8
- c) What is the function of a drainage gallery in a concrete gravity dam? 2
8. Describe any four of the following by providing sketches wherever necessary: 4×5=20
- a) Types of earth dams and drawings of their sections
- b) Modes of failure of an embankment dam
- c) The phreatic line and the flow net in an embankment dam
- d) Methods of controlling seepage through the body of an embankment dam.
- e) Methods of controlling seepage through the foundation of an embankment dam
