

2025
(MAY)

FOUNDATION ENGINEERING

Full Marks: 100

Time: Three hours

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

Answer all five questions.

		Question body	Marks
1.		Write short notes a) Negative skin friction b) Split spoon sampler c) Borehole log d) Grouting e) Lime stabilization	5x4=20
2	a)	Define soils samplers. Explain the design features of soil samplers with neat diagram	2+8=10
	b)	A rectangular footing with dimensions 2mX3m has to carry a uniformly distributed load of 150 kN/m ² . Plot the distribution of vertical stress intensity due to this load on a horizontal plane at a depth of 2m below the base of the footing.	10
3	a)	Describe the plate load test with neat diagram	10
	b)	A strip footing of width 2m is founded at a depth of 2m below the ground surface in a c-φ soil having cohesion= 30 kN/m ² and angle of shearing resistance φ=35°. The water table is at a depth of 8m below GL. The bulk unit weight of soil above water table is 17.25 kN/m ³ . Determine (a) the ultimate bearing capacity of soil (b) the net ultimate bearing capacity. Consider FOS=3, use general shear failure theory of Terzaghi, for φ=35°, N _c =57.8, N _q =41.4 and N _γ =42.4	10
4	a)	Define the bearing capacity failures with neat diagram	10
	b)	Design a friction pile group to carry a load of 2500 kN including the weight of pile cap at a site where the soil is uniform clay to a depth of 18m, underlain by rock. Average UCS of clay is 70 kN/m ² . The clay may be assumed to be of normal sensitivity and normally loaded with liquid limit 60%. A FOS of 3 is required against shear failure, m=1.0	10
5	a)	Draw the vertical stress distribution diagram for a concentrated load with explanation (i) on a horizontal plane (ii) on a vertical plane	5x2=10
	b)	A plate load test was performed in a uniform deposit of sand on a 60 cm X 60 cm plate the following data were obtained. i) Plot load settlement curve ii) Determine the load that a footing 1.5 m X 1.5m can safely carry if its allowable settlement is 1.5 cm. Bikash chattopadhy/Pg 241	10

		Load (kg/cm ²)	0.5	1	2	3	4	5	
		Settlement (mm)	0.75	1.25	2.0	3.5	5.375	7.75	10.75

