

**FOUNDATION ENGINEERING**  
**UNIT III : FOOTINGS AND RAFTS**

Part A

- 1 State the types of shallow foundations
- 2 Define spread or Isolated footing
- 3 Define Combined footing and Raft footing.
- 4 Define Strap (or) Cantilever footing.
- 5 Define Raft or mat foundation
- 6 Define Eccentric loading.
- 7 What are the circumstances necessitating combined footing?
- 8 Under what circumstances a rectangular and trapezoidal combined footings are adopted
- 9 Under what circumstances a strap footing is adopted
- 10 Where the Raft or Mat Foundation would be used?
- 11 What is the condition for selecting the critical section for bending moment of a spread or isolated footing?
- 12 What is the condition for selecting the critical section for checking diagonal shear and punching shear of a spread (or) isolated footing?
- 13 How the overall depth of an isolated footings are determined
- 14 What are assumptions made in the design of strap footing
- 15 What are the two methods of design of raft foundation as per IS
- 16 What are assumptions made in the conventional method of design of raft foundation
- 17 State the criteria for selecting P.C.C. and R.C.C. strip footings
- 18 Define differential settlement
- 19 Define Tilt or angular distortion
- 20 Define contact pressure.
- 21 What is modulus of sub grade reaction (Ks)

Part B

- 1 State the Principles of proportioning of footings.
- 2 Explain the general procedure for designing the footing
- 3 Explain the Procedure for designing the P.C.C. strip footings
- 4 Explain the Procedure for designing the R.C.C. strip footings.
- 5 Explain the procedure for the Design of spread or Isolated footings.
- 6 Explain the Procedure for proportioning and designing of the rectangular combined footings.
- 7 Explain the Procedure for proportioning and designing of the Trapezoidal combined footings.
- 8 Design a trapezoidal Footing for the two columns shown in fig. Take allowable soil pressure as  $200\text{kN/m}^2$
- 9 Explain the Procedure for proportioning and designing of the strap footings.
- 10 Design a strap footings for the two columns shows in fig
- 11 Explain the Procedure of conventional design of the raft footings.  
The plan of a mat foundation with 9 column down in fig. assuming that the mat is rigid,  
12 determine the soil pressure distribution. All the columns are of size  $0.6\text{m} \times 0.6\text{m}$
- 13 What are the Causes for the settlement of foundation
- 14 Define Differential settlement and enumerate its causes
- 15 What are the Effects of differential settlement
- 16 Enumerate the Remedial measures against harmful settlements.  
Explain the different modes of contact pressure distribution for different nature of  
17 foundation soil. A footing foundation of

## **UNIT II**

### **SHALLOW FOUNDATION**

- 1 What is shallow foundation?

- 2 What are the factors to be consider while designing the foundation.
- 3 Define Bearing capacity and Ultimate bearing capacity.
- 4 Define Net ultimate bearing capacity and Net safe bearing capacity.
- 5 Define Safe bearing capacity and Allowable bearing pressure.
- 6 6. Explain ultimate bearing capacity with the help of load settlement curve.
- 7 State the different modes of shear failure.
- 8 In what way the local shear failure differs from General shear failure.
- 9 How the effective dimensions can be calculated in an eccentrically loaded footing?
- 10 What are the Assumptions made in Terzahi's Analysis?
- 11 State the Limitations of Terzahi's Analysis.
- 12 State the factors affecting Bearing capacity.
- 13 What is the correlation between C.P.T. and S.P.T. values?
- 14 Define Settlement
- 15 What are components of settlement
- 16 Define Co-efficient of settlement
- 17 Define Immediate Settlement ( $S_i$ )
- 18 Define primary consolidation
- 19 Define Secondary compression settlement
- 20 Define seat of settlement.
- 21 State the corrections to be made for the Settlement due to Consolidation
- 22 State the corrections made for the observed SPT values.
- 23 State the factors affecting Bearing capacity.
- 24 State Permissible Settlement as per IS code.

## Part B

- 1 What are the IS code recommendations for the location and depth of foundation?
- 2 Explain the different modes of failure of foundation soil.
- 3 Explain the corrections made for the observed SPT values.
- 4 Explain the method of carrying out Plate Load Test
- 5 Explain the Application SPT values
- 6 Explain the Application of CPT values
- 7 Explain the components of Settlement?

- 8 Explain the Empirical Equations to determine the Allowable bearing pressure.

Calculate the ultimate bearing capacity per unit area of

- (1) a strip footing 1 m wide
- (2) a square footing 3m x 3m, and
- (3) a circular footing of 3m diameter.

- 9 Given:

Unit weight of the soil  $1.8 \text{ t/m}^3$ , cohesion =  $2 \text{ t/m}^2$

And  $\Phi = 20^\circ$

$N_c = 17.5$ ,  $N_q = 7.5$  and  $N_\gamma = 5$ .

- 10 A strip footing 2 m wide carries a load intensity of  $400 \text{ kN/m}^2$  at a depth of 1.2 m in sand. The saturated unit weight of sand is  $19.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$  and unit weight above water table is  $16.8 \text{ kN/m}^3$ . The shear strength parameters are  $c = 0$  and  $\Phi = 35^\circ$ . Determine the factor of safety with respect to shear failure for the following cases of location of water table.

- 11 Determine the ultimate bearing capacity of the footing in Ex. 15.1 if the ground water table is located (a) at a depth of 0.5 m below the ground surface, (b) at a depth of 0.5m below the base of the footing.  $\gamma_{\text{sat}} = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$ . Use Terzaghi theory.

- 12 An R.C. Column footing square in the shape is to rest 1.5 m below level. The total ground level. The total load to be transmitted including the frequent flooding, the friction of the foot along the sides is to be neglected and a factor of safety 2.4 gm/c.c. angle of internal friction  $33^\circ$  and value of  $N_\gamma = 33$  and  $N_q = 32$  find a suitable a size of the footing for the above condition.

- 13 In a plate bearing test on pure clayey soil failure occurred at a load of 12.2 tones. The size of the plate was 45 cm x 45 cm and the test was one at a depth of 1.0 m below ground level. Find out the ultimate bearing capacity for a 1.5 m wide continuous wall footing with its base at a depth of 2m below ground level. The unit wt. of clay may be taken as 1.9 gm/ c.c. and  $N_c = 5.7$ ,  $N_q = 1$  and  $N_\gamma = 0$ .

- 14 A square footing located at a depth of 1.5 m below the ground surface in cohesionless soil carries a column load of 1280 kN. The soil is submerged having an effective unit weight of  $11.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$  and an angle of shearing resistane of  $30^\circ$ . Find the size of the following for  $F_s = 3$  by Terzaghi's theory of general shear failure

- 15 Determine the net bearing pressure for a 2X2 m footing at a depth of 1.5 m in a medium dense sand so that the total settlement does not exceed 25 mm. The average SPT blows below the footing are 20 per 30 cm. The average moist unit weight of soil is  $17 \text{ kN/m}^3$ . The water table is at 5 m below the ground level

- 16 If a deposit happens to be silty clay (saturated with a value of  $q_c = 88 \text{ kg/cm}^2$ , determine the unconfined compressive strength of clay as per Use  $p_0 = 127 \text{ kN/m}^2$ .

- 17 A footing foundation of 3m X 3m is to be constructed at a site at a depth of 1.5 m below ground level. The water table is at the base level of foundation. The average static cone penetration resistance obtained at the site is 20 Kg/m<sup>2</sup>.

The soil is cohesive determine the safe bearing capacity for a settlement of 40mm.

- 18 A 30 cm square bearing plate settles by 1.5 cm in a plate loading test on a cohesion less soil when the intensity of loading is 2 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>. What will be the settlement of a prototype footing 1m square under the same intensity of loading.

- 19 Two plate load test s were conducted at the level of a prototype foundation in cohesionless soil close to each other. The following data are given.

Size of plate	Load applied	Settlement recorded
0.3m X 0.3m	30 KN	25 mm
0.6m X0.6m	90 KN	25 mm

If the footing is to carry a load of 100KN, determine the size of the footing for the same settlement of 25 mm.

- 20 Soil investigation at a site gave the following information. Top soil up to a depth of 10.6 m is fine sand, and below this lies soft clay layer of 7.60 m thick. The water table is at 4.60 m below the ground surface. The submerged unit weight of sand is 10KN/m<sup>2</sup>

and unit weight above water table is 17.6 KN/m<sup>3</sup>. The water content of the normally consolidated clay  $w_n = 40\%$  its liquid limit,  $w_l = 45\%$ , and specific gravity of the solid particle is 2.78. The proposed construction will transmit a net stress of 120 KN/m<sup>2</sup> Find the average settlement of clay layer.

## UNIT IV PILES

### Part A

- 1 Where the deep foundations are employed?
- 2 What are the General forms of deep foundation?

- 3 What are the different types of piles according to Material of construction?
- 4 Draw the failure pattern of pile foundation
- 5 What are the different types of piles according to its function
- 6 What are the different types of piles according to its method of Installation?
- 7 What are the different types of piles according to its Shape
- 8 Draw the various patterns of pile arrangements
- 9 State the methods of pile driving.
- 10 State the Types of piles with patent rights
- 11 Define cased pile and uncased (or) shell – less pile
- 12 Explain the Protection of pile during driving
- 13 What are the precautions should be to avoid heaving of soil while driving the pile?
- 14 What are the methods for estimating the load –carrying capacity of a single pile?
- 15 Define Pile load test
- 16 What are the Reasons for conducting initial tests on piles?
- 17 What are the preparations should be made for pile load test
- 18 Define Negative skin friction (or) down drag
- 19 Define Group action of piles
- 20 Give the importance of spacing of piles in group action
- 21 Give the minimum spacing of piles
- 22 State the procedure for driving the piles as a group.
- 23 Define Pile group efficiency
- 24 What are the factors affecting group efficiency?
- 25 What are the reasons for the settlement of pile groups

## Part B

- 1 Explain the method of Hammer driving
- 2 Explain the method of vibration driving and jetting
- 3 What are the effects of Effects of pile driving?

- 4 Explain the Static method for Estimating the load carrying capacity of a single pile driven in cohesion less soil (Sand)
- 5 Explain the Static method for Estimating the load carrying capacity of a single pile driven in cohesive soil (Clay)
- 6 Explain the in- situ penetration tests for Estimating the load carrying capacity of a single driven pile
- 7 Explain the Dynamic formulae for Estimating the load carrying capacity of a single driven pile
- 8 Explain Vertical load test on piles (compression)
- 9 Explain Vertical cyclic loading test (compression)
- 10 Explain how the Group capacity can be found by different methods
- 11 How the settlement of a group of piles can be determined
- A concrete pile 30 cm diameter is driven into a medium dense sand ( $\phi = 35^\circ$ ,  $r = 21 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ),  $k = 1.0$ ,  $\tan \delta = 0.7$ ,  $N_q = 60$ ). For a depth of 8m. estimate the safe load, taking a factors safely of 2.5 (ii) if the water table rises to 2 m below the ground surface take  $r_w = 10 \text{ kN/m}^2$ .
- 13 a 30 cm diameter concrete pile is driven into a homogenous consolidated clay deposit ( $C_u = 40 \text{ kN/m}^2$ ,  $\alpha = 0.7$ ) if the embedded length is 10m, estimate the safe load. (F.S = 2.5)
- A square concrete pile (30cm side) 10 m long is driven into coarse sand having  $r = 18.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$  &  $N = 20$ . Determine the allowable load (F.S = 3.0)
- 14 a precast concrete pile is driven by a single acting steam hammer. Estimate the allowable load using
- 15 a. ENR formula (F.S = 6)  
b. Hiley formula  
c. Danish formula
- a pile group consists of 9 friction piles of 30cm diameter and 10m length driven in clay ( $C_u = 100 \text{ kN/m}^2$ ,  $r = 20 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ) as shown in the figure. Determine the safe load for the group (F.S = 3,  $\alpha = 0.6$ )
- 16 Design a square pile group to carry 400kN in clay with an unconfined compressive strength of  $60 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . the piles are 30 cm diameter and 6 m long. Adhesion may be taken as 0.6
- 17 as 0.6
- 18 A 16 pile group has to be arranged in the form of a square in soft clay with uniform spacing. Neglecting end bearing, determine the optimum value of the spacing of the piles in terms of the pile assuming a shear mobilization factor of 0.6

## UNIT V RETAINING WALLS

### Part A

- 1 Define Active Earth pressure.
- 2 Define Passive Earth pressure.
- 3 Define coefficient of earth pressure

- 4 Enumerate the assumptions made in Rankine's theory.
- 5 What is the critical height of an unsupported vertical cut in cohesive soil
- 6 Enumerate the assumptions made in Coulomb's Wedge theory.
- 7 Give the criteria for the design of gravity retaining wall.
- 8 Sketch the variation of earth pressure and coefficient of earth pressure with the movement of the wall
- 9 What are the stability conditions should be checked for the retaining wall
- 10 Give the minimum factor of safety for the stability of a retaining wall.
- 11 Draw the various Drainage provisions in Retaining wall
- 12 If a retaining wall of 5 m high is restrained from yielding, what will be the total earth pressure at rest per metre length of wall? Given: the back fill is cohesion less soil having  $\phi = 30^\circ$  and  $\gamma = 18 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .  
A cantilever retaining wall of 7 metre height retains sand. The properties of the sand are  $\gamma_d = 17.66 \text{ kN/m}^3$  and  $\gamma_{\text{sat}} = 29.92 \text{ kN/m}^3$   $\phi = 30^\circ$ . using Rankine's theory determine active earth pressure at the base when the backfill is (i) Dry, (ii) Saturated and (iii) Submerged.
- 13 A rigid retaining wall of 6 m high, has a saturated backfill of soft clay soil. The properties of the clay soil are  $\gamma_{\text{sat}} = 17.56 \text{ kN/m}^3$ , unit cohesion  $c_u = 18 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . Determine the expected depth of tensile crack in the soil
- 14 A retaining wall of 6 m high has a saturated backfill of soft clay soil. The properties of the clay soil are  $\gamma_{\text{sat}} = 17.56 \text{ kN/m}^3$ , unit cohesion  $c_u = 18 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . Determine (a) the expected depth of tensile crack in the soil (b) the active earth pressure before the occurrence of tensile crack, and (c) the active pressure after the occurrence of tensile crack

#### Part B

- 1 Explain Rankine's Active earth pressure theory for cohesion less soil
- 2 Explain Rankine's Active earth pressure theory for cohesive soil
- 3 Explain Rankine's Passive earth pressure theory for cohesion less and cohesive soil
- 4 Explain coulomb's wedge theory
- 5 Explain Culmann's construction for active pressure of cohesion less soil
- 6 Explain the Rehmann's Graphical method for active pressure of cohesion less soil
- 7 Explain the Effect of line load on retaining wall
- 8 Determine the coulomb active force on the retaining wall shown in fig.
- 9 A gravity retaining wall retains 12 m of a back fill,  $r = 17.7 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ,  $r_{\text{sub}} = 10 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .  $\phi = 25^\circ$



- with a uniform horizontal surface. Assume the wall interface to be vertical, determine the magnitude and point of application of the total active pressure.
- 10 For an earth retaining structure shown in Fig. Construct earth pressure diagram for active state find the total thrust per unit length of the wall.
  - 11 A wall of 8 m height retains sand having a density of 1.936 Mg/m<sup>3</sup> and angle of internal friction of 34°. If the surface of the backfill slopes upwards at 15° to the horizontal, find the active thrust per unit length of the wall. Use Rankine's conditions.
  - 12 A counter fort wall of 10 m height retains non – cohesive backfill. The void ratio and angle of internal friction of the backfill respectively are 0.70 and 30° in the loose state and they are 0.40 and 40° in the dense state. Calculate and compare active and passive earth pressures in both the cases. Take specific gravity of soil grains.
  - 13 A retaining wall has a vertical back and is 7.32 m high. The soil is sandy loam of unit weight 17.3kN/m<sup>3</sup>. it shows a cohesion of 12 kN/m<sup>2</sup> and  $\phi = 20^\circ$ . Neglecting wall friction, determine the thrust on the wall. The upper surface of the fill is horizontal
  - 14 A rigid retaining wall of 6 m height (fig) has two layers of back fill. The top layer up to depth of 1.5 m is sandy clay having  $\phi = 30^\circ$ ,  $c = 0$ , and  $\gamma = 17.25 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .
  - 15 A smooth rigid retaining wall of 6 m high carries a uniform surcharge load of 12 kN/m<sup>2</sup>. The backfill is clayey sand possessing the following properties.  $\gamma = 16.0 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ,  $\phi = 25^\circ$ , and  $c = 6.5 \text{ kN/m}^2$
  - 16 for a retaining wall system, the following data were available: (i) Height of wall = 7 m. (ii) Properties of backfill:  $\gamma_d = 16 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ,  $\phi = 35^\circ$  (iii) Angle of wall friction,  $\delta = 20^\circ$  (iv) Back of wall is inclined at 20° to the vertical (positive batter) (v) Backfill surface is sloping at 1:10

#### UNIT – 1: Site Investigation and selection of foundation.

##### PART A

1. List the various methods of soil exploration techniques.
2. Write short notes on Augur boring.
3. Define standard penetration number.
4. List the various corrections to be carried out in SPT test.

5. What are the uses of soil exploration?
6. What is soil exploration?
7. List the different types of samplers.
8. List the various parameters affecting the sampling disturbance.
9. Write the advantages of SCPT over SPT.
10. Write short notes on spacing of bore holes.

#### PART B

- 1.** Write a detailed note on various samplers.
- 2.** Write a detailed on various types of boring.
- 3.** Explain SPT test in detail.
- 4.** Explain the various parameters which affect the sampling in detail.
- 5.** Explain the Geophysical methods.