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EB 2212 - THEORY OF STRUCTURES II

TIME: 2 HOURS

Instructions to Candidates

You should have the following:

- Answer booklet
- Scientific calculation

This paper consists of **FIVE** Questions in Section **A** and **B**.
Answer Question **ONE** in Section **A** and choose any other **TWO** from Section **B**.
Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown.

Question ONE

- (a). Define the following as applied to loaded beams;
- (i). Shear force at a point
 - (ii). Bending moment at a point
- (3 Marks)**
- (b). Fig. 1 shows a loaded beam. Sketch shear force and bending moment diagrams indicating values at all critical points. **(17 Marks)**
- (c). Determine points of inflection from supports. **(10 Marks)**

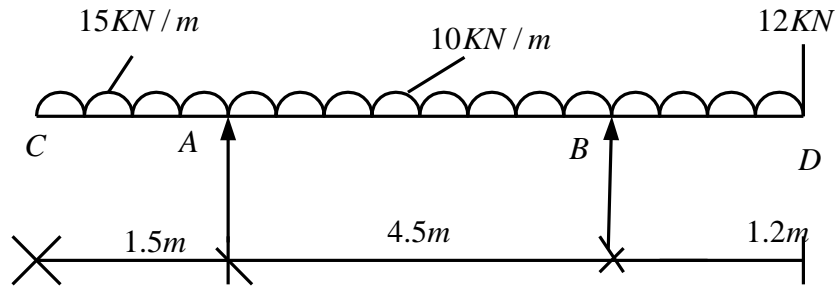


Fig. 1

Question TWO

- (a). Fig. 2 shows a composite beam in steel and timber subjected to a bending moment of 30 kN/m. Determine the maximum bending stresses in steel and in timber given the following information.
- $E_{steel} = 210 \text{ kN/mm}^2$ $E_{timber} = 10.5 \text{ kN/mm}^2$ **(12 Marks)**

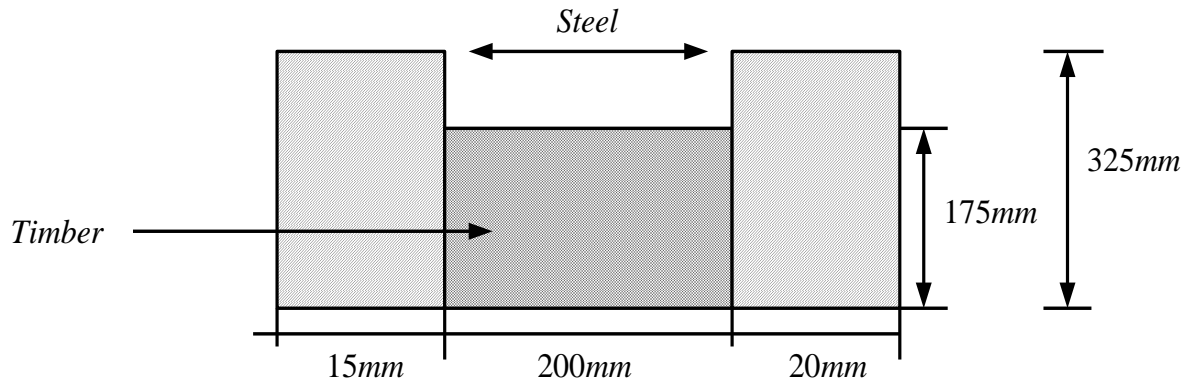


Fig. 2

- (b). Sketch the shear stress distribution diagram for the beam section shown in Fig.3 if subjected to a maximum shear force of 20 kN. **(8 Marks)**

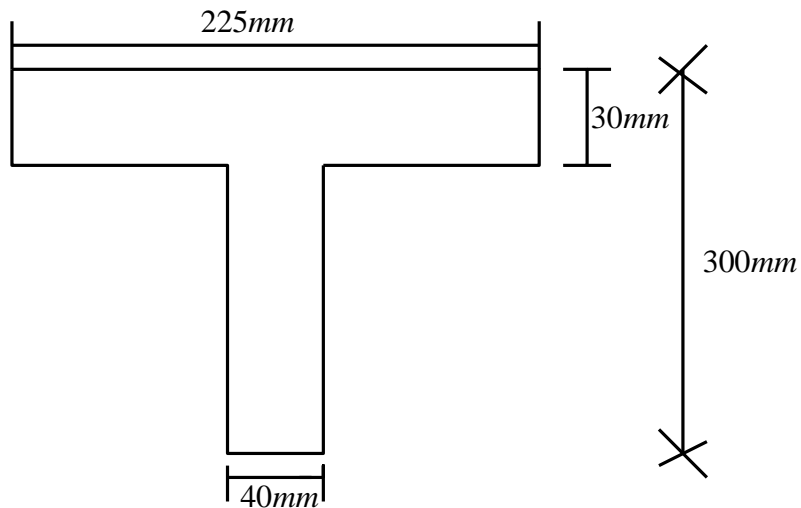


Fig. 3

Question THREE

(a). Define the following as applied to structural frames;

- (i). Tie
- (ii). Strut

(3 Marks)

(b). Determine the nature and magnitude of the member forces of the frame shown in fig.4 using the method of joint resolution. **(17 Marks)**

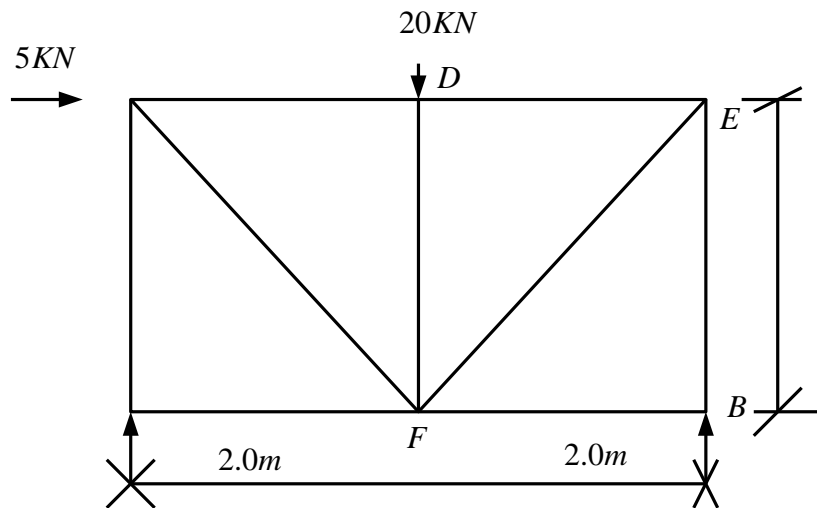


Fig. 4

Question FOUR

Fig. 5 shows a concrete retaining wall containing a non-cohesive soil. Using the data below, determine the stability of the wall for;

- (a). Overturning
- (b). Sliding
- (c). Tension cracks occurring in the base
- (d). Actual stresses at the base.

(20 Marks)

Data:

- Density of soil = 18KN/m³
- Density of concrete = 24KN/m³
- Angle of shearing resistance, ϕ = 30°
- Coefficient of friction, μ = 0.3
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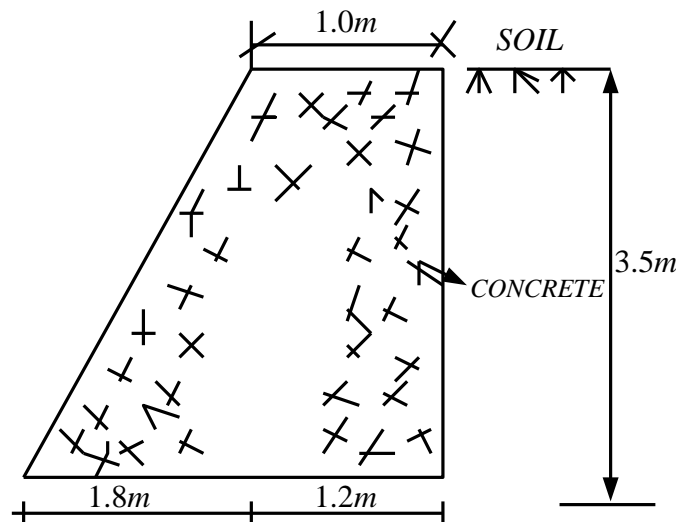


Fig. 5

Question FIVE

- (a). State Mohr's Theorems on slope and deflection. **(4 Marks)**
- (b). Derive the expressions for maximum slope and deflection for a simply supported beam. Covering a uniformly distributed load over the entire span. Use Mohr's mount-area method. **(10 Marks)**
- (c). A timber beam 50mm wide by 100mm deep is required to support a uniformly distributed load, over a span of 3.0m. Determine the safe local the beam would carry over its entire span if maximum deflection is limited to $\frac{\text{Span}}{300}$. Take: $E_{\text{timber}} = 10.5\text{KN} / \text{mm}^2$ **(6 Marks)**