

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MESRA, RANCHI  
(END SEMESTER EXAMINATION)**

CLASS: BTECH  
BRANCH: CIVIL

SEMESTER : III  
SESSION : MO/2025

SUBJECT: CE24201 MECHANICS OF SOLIDS

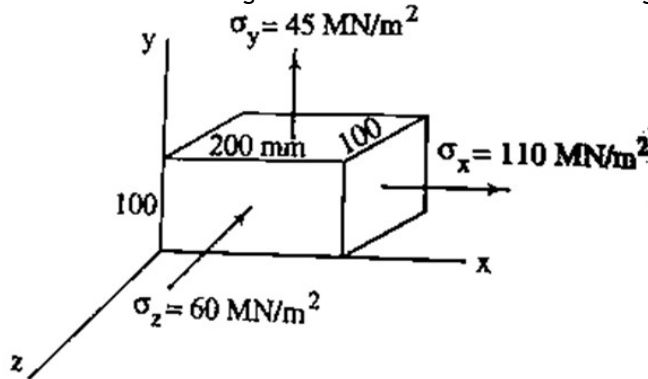
TIME: 3 Hours

FULL MARKS: 50

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. The question paper contains 5 questions each of 10 marks and total 50 marks.
  2. Attempt all questions.
  3. The missing data, if any, may be assumed suitably.
  4. Before attempting the question paper, be sure that you have got the correct question paper.
  5. Tables/Data hand book/Graph paper etc. to be supplied to the candidates in the examination hall.
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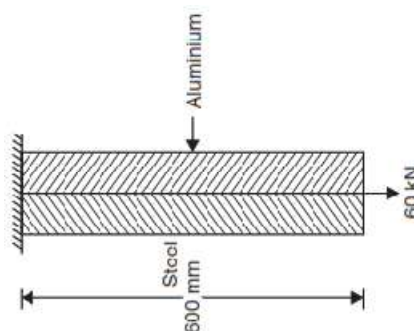
- Q.1(a) A rectangular block of steel of dimensions 100 mm × 100 mm × 200 mm is subjected to stresses of 110 MN/m<sup>2</sup> (tensile), 60 MN/m<sup>2</sup> (compressive), and 45 MN/m<sup>2</sup> (tensile) across three pairs of faces. If the Poisson's ratio is  $\nu = 1/3$ , and the modulus of elasticity is  $E = 213 \text{ GN/m}^2$ , calculate the strain and the change in length in all directions. Also calculate the change in volume of the bar. Refer to Fig. below



- Q.1(b) A compound bar of length  $L = 600 \text{ mm}$  consists of two strips rigidly joined along their length:  
 Aluminium strip: width = 40mm, thickness = 20mm  
 Steel strip: width = 60mm, thickness = 15mm  
 The two strips are rigidly joined at the ends and subjected to an axial tensile force  $P = 60 \text{ kN}$ .  
 The elastic moduli are  $E_a = 1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$  (aluminium) and  $E_s = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$  (steel).

Determine:

- i. The stresses developed in the aluminium and in the steel.
- ii. The extension of the compound bar.

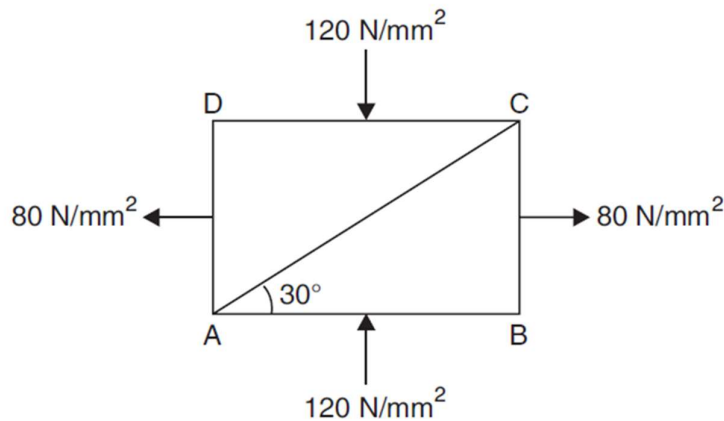


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Q.2(a) The direct stresses at a point in a strained material are  $120 \text{ N/mm}^2$  (compressive) and  $80 \text{ N/mm}^2$  (tensile) in mutually perpendicular directions, as shown in the figure. There is no shear stress on these reference planes. [2] CO2 Apply [2] [1]

Find:

- i. The normal stress on the plane AC.
- ii. The tangential (shear) stress on the plane AC.
- iii. The resultant stress on AC.



Q.2(b) At a point, two mutually perpendicular planes carry normal stresses  $75 \text{ MN/m}^2$  (tensile) and  $45 \text{ MN/m}^2$  (compressive), each accompanied by a shear stress. If the major principal stress is  $105 \text{ MN/m}^2$  (tensile), determine: [2] CO2 Analyze [2] [1]

- i. The shear stress on the two given planes,
- ii. The minor principal stress,
- iii. The maximum shear stress at the point.

Q.3(a) A timber beam  $100 \text{ mm}$  wide  $\times$   $300 \text{ mm}$  deep spans  $6 \text{ m}$ . It is simply supported at A and B and carries a uniformly distributed load  $w$  ( $\text{kN/m}$ ) over the full span. A point load 'P' acts at a point C located  $1.5 \text{ m}$  from B (i.e.,  $4.5 \text{ m}$  from A). The maximum flexural stress is limited to  $8 \text{ N.mm}^2$ . [3] CO3 Evaluate [2]

Determine:

1. The maximum uniform load  $w$  such that the zero shear occurs directly under the point load P.
2. The corresponding value of P.

Q.3(b) A simply supported timber beam with cross-section  $b \times d = 150 \text{ mm} \times 300 \text{ mm}$  spans  $L = 4.5 \text{ m}$  and carries a uniformly distributed load  $w = 8 \text{ kN/m}$ . Compute: [2] CO3 Analyze [1] [2]

1. The shear stress on a layer  $60 \text{ mm}$  above the neutral axis at a section located  $x = 1.5 \text{ m}$  from the left support.
2. The maximum shear stress at that section.
3. The maximum shear stress anywhere in the beam.

Q.4(a) Power  $P = 2250 \text{ kW}$  is to be transmitted at a rotational frequency  $f = 1 \text{ Hz}$ . The permissible shear stress is  $80 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . [3] CO4 Evaluate [2]

1. Determine the necessary diameter of a solid circular shaft.
2. If a hollow circular shaft is used with internal diameter  $d_i = 0.75 d_o$ , determine the saving in mass per metre length of the shaft.

Q.4(b) For the stepped shaft shown (*built-in at both ends*), the data are:

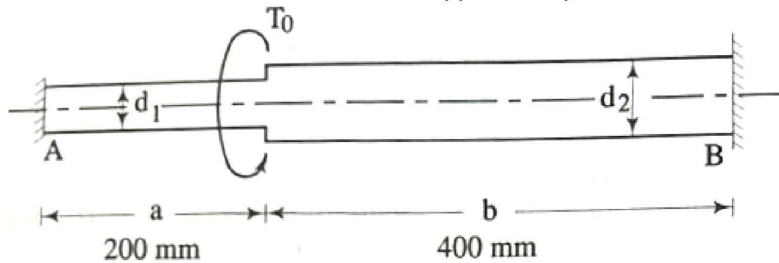
[5] CO4 Evaluate

- Lengths:  $a = 200$  mm,  $b = 400$  mm
- Diameters:  $d_1 = 25$  mm,  $d_2 = 30$  mm

An eccentric torque  $T_0$  is applied at the step between the two segments (see figure).

The allowable working shear stress is  $56$  N/mm<sup>2</sup>.

Task: Calculate the safe value of the applied torque  $T_0$ .



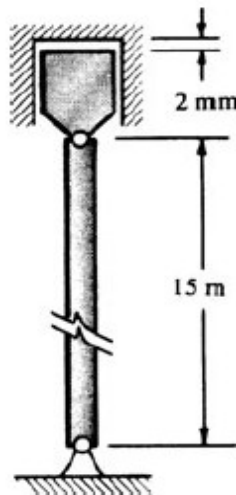
Q.5(a) A steel bar with rectangular cross-section  $40$  mm  $\times$   $50$  mm, pinned at each end, is subjected to axial compression. If the proportional limit of the material is  $230$  MPa and  $E = 200$  GPa, determine the minimum length for which Euler's equation may be used to determine the buckling load.

[5] CO5 Apply

Q.5(b) The column shown in Fig. is pinned at both ends and is free to expand into the opening at the upper end. The bar is steel,  $25$  mm in diameter, and occupies the position shown at  $16$  °C. Determine the temperature to which the column may be heated before it will buckle.

[5] CO5 Analyze

Take thermal expansion coefficient =  $12 \times 10^{-6}$  /°C and Young's modulus =  $200$  GPa. Neglect the weight of the column.



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