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**SECTION A: COMPULSORY**  
**SEME II**

**QUESTION ONE**

- (a) A cantilever of length 3000 mm is carrying a point load of 25000N at the free end.  
If the moment of the beam is  $10^8 \text{ mm}^4$  and the young's modulus E, is  $2.1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ .

Determine

- i. Slope of the cantilever at the free end
- ii. Deflection at the free end

[3 marks]

- (b) A cantilever of length 2500 mm carries a uniformly distributed load of 16400N per meter length over the entire length. Take the moment of inertia of the beam (I) to be  $7.95 \times 10^7 \text{ mm}^4$  and the young's modulus, E, to be  $2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . Find the deflection at the free end.

[2 marks]

(c) A simply supported beam of length 5000 mm, carrying a point load of 5000N at a distance of 3000 mm from the left end. Take young's modulus to be,  $E, 2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$  and M.O.I, (I), as  $1 \times 10^4 \text{ mm}^4$

Find;

- i. Slope at the left support
- ii. Deflection under the load
- iii. Maximum deflection

[6 marks]

(d) (1) Define the following terms

- i. Resilience
- ii. Proof resilience
- iii. Modulus of resilience

[1½ marks]

(d)(2) Tensile load of 60,000N is gradually applied to a circular bar of 40mm diameter and 5000mm long. Take  $E$  as  $2.0 \times 10^5 \text{ Nmm}^2$

Find;

- i. Stretch in the rod
- ii. Stress in the rod
- iii. Strain energy absorbed

[1½ marks]

(d)(3) Calculate instantaneous stress produced in a bar  $100 \text{ mm}^2$  in area and 3000mm long by sudden application of a tensile load of unknown magnitude, if the extension of the bar due to suddenly applied load is 1.5mm Find the suddenly applied load, take  $E$ , to be  $2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$

[3 marks]

(d)(4) (a) Define the term spring\

(b) Outline TWO objectives of spring

(c) State and briefly explain three commonly used spring materials

(d) Design a helical compression spring to support an axial load of 3000N.

The deflection under load is limited to 60mm. the spring index is 6. The spring is made of chrome vanadium steel and factor of safety is 2

(9 marks)

**SECTION B**  
**ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION TWO**

(a) A cantilever 120mm wide and 200mm deep is 2500mm long . Determine the uniformly distributed load which the beam can carry in order to produce a deflection of 5mm at the free end. Take E to be  $200 \times 10^9 \text{ N/mm}^2$

[10 marks]

(b) A beam 6000mm long, simply supported at its ends, is carrying a point load of 50000 N at its centre. The a moment of inertial of the beam I is given as  $78 \times 10^6 \text{ mm}^4$ .

Take E for material of the beam as  $2.1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$  determine;

- i. Deflection at the center of the beam
- ii. Slope at the supports

[10 marks]

**QUESTION THREE**

3. (i) State the functions of LEAF Spring

(ii) A leaf of spring carries a central load of 3000N. The leaf spring is to be made of 10 steel plates 50 mm wide and 6 mm thick. If the bending stress is limiting to  $150 \text{ N/mm}^2$  determine

- i. Length of the spring
- ii. Deflection at the centre of the spring.  
Take  $E = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$

[10 marks]

b. (i) What is a helical spring

(ii) A closely coiled helical spring is to carry a load of 500N. Its mean coil diameter is to be 10 times that of the wire diameter. Calculate these diameters if the maximum shear stress in the material of the spring is to be  $80 \text{ N/mm}^2$

[10 marks]

**QUESTION FOUR**

A tension bar 5000 mm is made up of TWO parts, 3000 mm of its length has a cross-sectional area of  $10 \text{ cm}^2$  while the remaining 2000 mm has a cross-sectional area of  $20 \text{ cm}^2$ . An axial load of 80 KN is gradually applied. Determine the total strain energy produced in the bar and compare this value with that obtained in a uniform bar of the same length and having the same volume when under the same load. Take E to be  $2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$

[20 marks]