



Minor Test I  
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CEL 610 - Foundation Engineering  
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(Answer all the questions)

1. Figure 1 gives the grain-size distribution of two soils *A* and *B*. Determine the group symbols and group names of soil *A* and *B* according to the Unified Soil Classification System. The liquid and plastic limits of minus No. 40 sieve fraction of the soil are as follows:

|               | Soil <i>A</i> | Soil <i>B</i> |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Liquid limit  | 30            | 26            |
| Plastic limit | 22            | 20            |

[2 + 2]

2. If in the Figure 2, soil *X* has a permeability of  $4 \times 10^{-3}$  cm/s and the head loss in soil *Y* is 9 times the head loss in soil *X*,

(a) What is the permeability of soil *Y* in cm/s?

(b) What is the quantity of flow in  $\text{cm}^3/\text{s}$ ?

(c) To what elevation would water rise in a piezometer inserted in soil *Y* at Elevation 5 cm?

[2 + 1 + 2]

3. Derive the expression of the hydraulic gradient of quicksand condition for upward seepage condition

[3]

4. A 8 m depth of sand overlies a 6 m layer of clay, below which is an impermeable stratum (Figure 3); the water table is 2 m below the surface of the sand. A 3 m depth of fill of unit weight  $20 \text{ kN/m}^3$  is placed on the surface over an extensive area. The saturated unit weight of the sand is  $19 \text{ kN/m}^3$  and that of the clay is  $20 \text{ kN/m}^3$ ; above the water table the unit weight of the sand is  $17 \text{ kN/m}^3$ . For the clay, the relationship between void ratio and effective stress (units  $\text{kN/m}^2$ ) can be represented by the equation:

$$e = 0.88 - 0.32 \log \left( \frac{\sigma'}{100} \right)$$

Given: For clay, Coefficient of consolidation =  $1.26 \text{ m}^2/\text{year}$  and Compression index = 0.32.

(a) Calculate the final settlement of the area due to consolidation of the clay.

(b) Calculate the settlement after a period of 2.5 years after the fill placement.

[3 + 2]

5. Derive the relationship between the principal stresses at failure as per the Mohr-Coulomb failure criterion for given material properties  $c'$  and  $\phi'$ .

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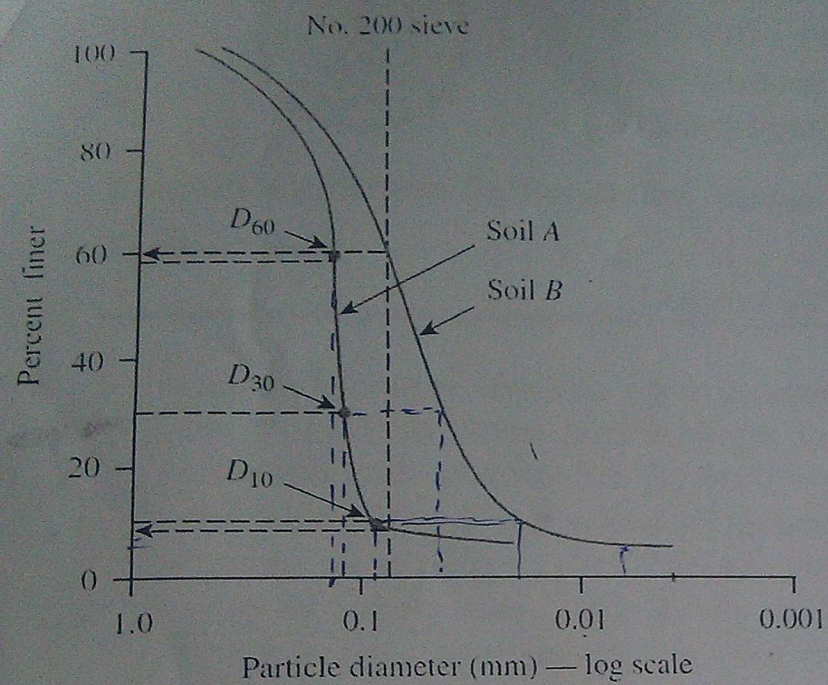


Figure 1

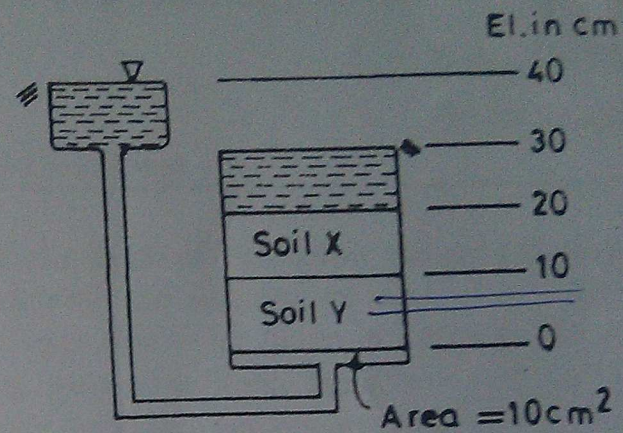


Figure 2

