

Faculty of Engineering

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RA3CO23 Strength of Materials for Mechanical Engineers

Programme	:	B.Tech.	Branch/Specialisation	:	RA
Duration	:	3 hours	Maximum Marks	:	60

Note: All questions are compulsory. Internal choices, if any, are indicated. Assume suitable data if necessary.
 Notations and symbols have their usual meaning.

Section 1 (Answer all question(s))

Q1. What does Poisson's ratio represent?	Marks CO BL		
	1	1	1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> The ratio of lateral strain to axial strain. <input type="radio"/> The ratio of stress to strain.			
<input type="radio"/> The ratio of axial strain to lateral strain. <input checked="" type="radio"/> The ratio of shear stress to shear strain.			
Q2. What are the stresses acting on a plane that is inclined to the direction of the applied stress?	1	1	1
<input type="radio"/> Only normal stress <input checked="" type="radio"/> Both normal and shear stress			
<input type="radio"/> Only shear stress <input type="radio"/> Neither normal nor shear stress			
Q3. What is the relationship between bending stress and the distance from the neutral axis?	1	2	1
<input type="radio"/> Bending stress is constant <input checked="" type="radio"/> Bending stress is inversely proportional to the distance from the neutral axis			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Bending stress is directly proportional to the distance from the neutral axis <input type="radio"/> Bending stress is independent of the distance from the neutral axis			
Q4. What is the internal resistance to sliding along a plane in a beam called?	1	2	1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Shear force <input type="radio"/> Axial force			
<input type="radio"/> Bending moment <input checked="" type="radio"/> Torsional moment			
Q5. What is the relationship between the angle of twist (θ), torque (T), length (L), modulus of rigidity (G), and polar moment of inertia (J) in a solid circular shaft?	1	3	1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> $\theta = (T * L) / (G * J)$ <input type="radio"/> $\theta = (T * G) / (L * J)$			
<input type="radio"/> $\theta = (G * J) / (T * L)$ <input type="radio"/> $\theta = (J * L) / (T * G)$			
Q6. What is the primary stress state induced in a carriage spring subjected to an axial load?	1	3	1
<input type="radio"/> Normal stress <input checked="" type="radio"/> Bending stress			
<input type="radio"/> Shear stress <input type="radio"/> Both shear and bending stress			
Q7. The Macaulay's method is based on which concept?	1	4	1
<input type="radio"/> Area moment theorem <input type="radio"/> Dirac delta function			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Superposition principle <input type="radio"/> Unit load method			
Q8. In the conjugate beam method, the length of the conjugate beam is:	1	4	1
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Equal to the actual beam <input type="radio"/> Half the actual beam			
<input type="radio"/> Twice the actual beam <input type="radio"/> Depends on the support conditions			
Q9. In a thin cylindrical shell subjected to internal pressure, the hoop (circumferential) stress acts:	1	5	1
<input type="radio"/> Along the axis of the cylinder <input type="radio"/> Radially outward			
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Along the circumference of the cylinder <input type="radio"/> None of the above			

Q10. The radial stress at the outer surface of a thick-walled cylinder subjected to internal pressure only is:

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- Equal to internal pressure
- Zero
- Half of the internal pressure
- Equal to the hoop stress

Section 2 (Answer all question(s))

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Q11. A circular rod of diameter 16 mm and 500 mm long is subjected to a tensile force 40kN. The modulus of elasticity for steel may be taken as 200kN/mm². Find stress, strain and elongation of the bar due to applied load.

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Rubric	Marks
Calculate stress	1
Calculate strain	1
Calculate elongation of the bar	1

Q12. (a) A bar of brass 20 mm is enclosed in a steel tube of 40 mm external diameter and 20 mm internal diameter. The bar and the tubes are initially 1.2 m long and are rigidly fastened at both ends using 20 mm diameter pins. If the temperature is raised by 60°C, find the stresses induced in the bar, tube and pins.

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Rubric	Marks
Draw diagram - 1 mark	1
Calculate stress in steel - 2 marks	2
Calculate stress in brass - 2 marks	2
Shear stress in pin - 2 marks	2

(OR)

(b) An elemental cube is subjected to tensile stresses of 30 N/mm² and 10 N/mm² acting on two mutually perpendicular planes and a shear stress of 10 N/mm² on these planes. Draw the Mohr's circle of stresses and hence or otherwise determine the magnitudes and directions of principal stresses and also the maximum shear stress.

Marks CO BL

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Rubric	Marks
Explain and draw Mohr's circle - 4 marks	4
Calculate principal stresses - 2 marks	2
Calculate maximum shear stress. - 1 marks	1

Section 3 (Answer all question(s))

Q13. Define and explain the following terms:

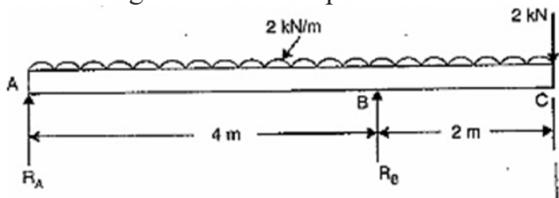
- (i) Shear force
- (ii) Bending moment
- (iii) Bending moment diagram.

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Rubric	Marks
Explain Shear force - 1 mark	1
Explain bending moment - 1 mark	1
Explain bending moment diagram - 1 mark	1

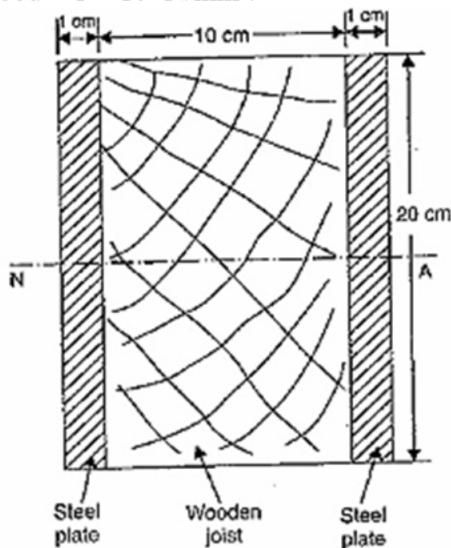
- Q14.(a)** Draw the S.F. (Shear Force) and B.M. (Bending Moment) diagrams for the overhanging beam carrying a uniformly distributed load of 2 kN/m over the entire length and a point load of 2 kN as shown in figure. Locate the point of contraflexure.



Rubric	Marks
Calculate reaction at support - 1 mark	1
Calculate Shear force at different point and draw SFD - 3 mark	3
Calculate Bending Moment at different point and draw BMD - 3 mark	3

(OR)

- (b)** A flitched beam consists of a wooden joist 10 cm wide and 20 cm deep strengthened by two steel plates 10 mm thick and 20 cm deep as shown in figure. If the maximum stress in the wooden joist is 7 N/mm², find the corresponding maximum stress attained in steel. Find also the moment of resistance of the composite section. Take Young's modulus for steel = 2×10^5 N/mm² and for wood = 1×10^4 N/mm².



Rubric	Marks
Calculate Moment of Inertia of wooden joist - 1 mark	1
Calculate Moment of Inertia of two steel plate - 1 mark	1
Calculate modular ratio - 1 marks	1
Calculate equivalent Moment of Inertia - 1 mark	1
Calculate moment of resistance of composite section -1 mark	1
Calculate maximum stress in wooden joist and steel plate - 2 marks	2

Section 4 (Answer all question(s))

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Q15. Define the terms:

- (i) Torsion
- (ii) Torsional Rigidity
- (iii) Polar moment of inertia

Rubric	Marks
Define Torsion	1
Define Torsional Rigidity	1
Define Polar moment of inertia	1

Q16. (a) A solid cylindrical shaft is to transmit 300 kW power at 100 r.p.m.

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(i) If the shear stress is not to exceed 80 N/mm^2 , finds its diameter.

(ii) What percent saving of weight would be obtained if this shaft is replaced by a hollow one whose internal diameter equals to 0.6 of the external diameter, the length, the material and maximum shear stress being the same?

Rubric	Marks
Calculate Torsion	1
Calculate Diameter of shaft	1
Calculate outer and inner diameter of shaft	3
Calculate percentage saving in weight	2

(OR)

(b) A closely coiled helical spring made of 10 mm diameter steel wire has 15 coils of 100 mm mean diameter. The spring is subjected to an axial load of 100 N. Calculate:

- (i) The maximum shear stress induced,
- (ii) The deflection, and
- (iii) Stiffness of the spring.

Take modulus of rigidity, $C = 8.16 \times 10^4 \text{ N/mm}^2$.

Rubric	Marks
Calculate maximum shear stress	2
Calculate deflection	3
Calculate stiffness of the spring	2

Section 5 (Answer all question(s))

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Q17. (i) Define Mohr's theorems.

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(ii) Define conjugate beam.

Rubric	Marks
Define Mohr's theorems.	2
Define conjugate beam	2

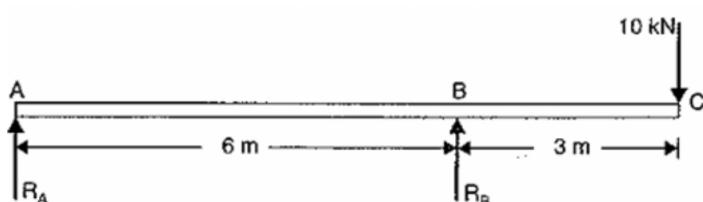
Q18. (a) Determine:

- Slope at the left support,
 - Deflection under the load, and
 - Maximum deflection of a simply supported beam of length 5 m, which is carrying a point load of 5 kN at a distance of 3 m from the left end.
- Take $E = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ and $I = 1 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4$.

Rubric	Marks
Calculate Slope at the left support	2
Calculate Deflection under the load	2
Calculate Maximum deflection	2

(OR)

- (b)** An overhanging beam ABC is loaded as shown in figure. Find the slopes over each support and at the right end. Find also the maximum upward deflection between the supports and the deflection at the right end. (Use Moment area method)
 Take $E = 1 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ and $I = 5 \times 10^8 \text{ mm}^4$



Rubric	Marks
Calculate Slope slopes over each support and at the right end	3
Calculate maximum upward deflection between the supports and the deflection at the right end	3

Section 6 (Answer any 2 question(s))

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- Q19.** Derive the expressions for hoop stress and longitudinal stress in a thin cylinder with ends closed by rigid flanges and subjected to an internal fluid pressure p . Take the internal diameter and shell thickness of the cylinder to be ' d ' and ' t ' respectively.

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Rubric	Marks
Neat and clean diagram	2
derivation of hoop and longitudinal stress	3

- Q20.** A spherical shell of internal diameter 0.9 m and of thickness 10 mm is subjected to an internal pressure of 1.4 N/mm^2 . Determine the increase in diameter and increase in volume. Take $E = 2 \times 10^5 \text{ N/mm}^2$ and $\mu = 1/3$.

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Rubric	Marks
Calculate increase in diameter	2
Calculate increase in volume	3

- Q21.** What do you mean by Lame's equations? How will you derive these equations?

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Rubric	Marks
Explain Lame's equation.	1
Derive equation	4
