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**SCHOOL OF CIVIL ENGINEERING  
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WINTER SEMESTER 2023-2024**

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1. Figure 1 shows the flow net for a concrete weir which retains water up to 18m above ground level. The foundation soil consists of a 24m thick sand stratum. With reference to Figure 1 determine: 10
- Determine the seepage beneath the weir, if the co-efficient of permeability is  $6.5 \times 10^{-3}$  cm/s.
  - Piezometric heads at the points A, B and C.

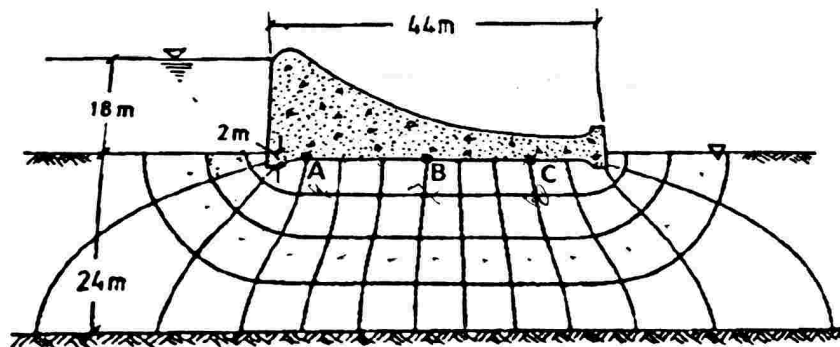


Figure 1

2. A soil sample of height 60mm and area of cross section of  $10000\text{mm}^2$  was subjected to falling head permeability test. In a time interval of 5 minutes, the head dropped from 600mm to 200mm. If the cross sectional area of the stand pipe is  $200\text{mm}^2$  10
- Compute the coefficient of permeability of the soil sample.
  - If the same sample is subjected to a constant head of 180mm, calculate the quantity of water collected in one hour after flowing through the sample.
3. Find the vertical stress increase below point A at a depth of 4m due to the loaded area as shown in Figure 2. 10



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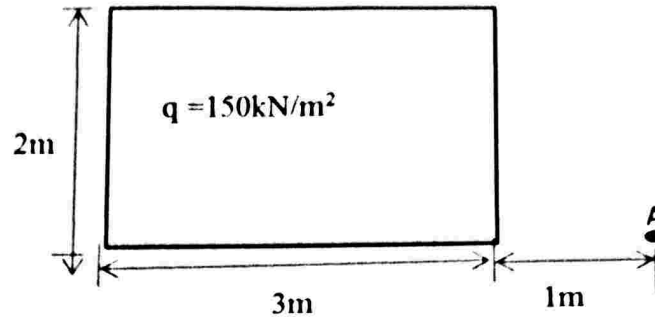


Figure 2

4. Point loads of magnitude 9 kN, 18 kN and 27 kN act at A, B and C respectively as shown in Figure 3. Determine the increase in vertical stress at a depth of 3m below point D. 10

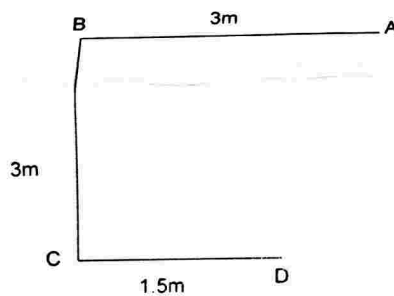


Figure 3

5. A saturated soil has a compression index of 0.36 and coefficient of permeability of  $4 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mm/s}$ . If its voids ratio at an effective pressure of 100kPa is 1.7, find its voids ratio when the pressure is increased to 200kPa. Also find the settlement of the stratum if it is 5m thick and coefficient of consolidation for this pressure range 10