



MACHAKOS UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF MECHANICAL AND MANUFACTURING ENGINEERING

FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR DIPLOMA IN MECHANICAL
ENGINEERING

STRENGTH OF MATERIALS II

DATE: 3/8/2018

TIME: 8:30 – 10:30 AM

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer all questions in Section A and any other TWO questions in Section B

SECTION A: (COMPULSORY)

1.
 - a) Derive the simple bending theory equation. (10 marks)
 - b) State and prove the Macaulay's formula for deflection and slope in beams. (10 marks)
 - c) Show from 1st principles, that for a bar of cross-sectional area A, length L and subjected to tensile force P, resilience is given by the expression:

$$\text{Resilience} = \frac{1}{2} \text{strain} \times \text{stress} \quad (10 \text{ marks})$$

SECTION B: ANSWER ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS

2. A beam of length 8m is simply supported at its ends and carries two concentrated loads of 20kN and 40kN respectively 2m and 6m from the left-hand end together with a uniformly distributed load of 15kN/m on the 4m between the concentrated loads. Calculate the deflection at the center and also the position and magnitude of the maximum deflection. $E = 200\text{GN/m}^2$ and $I = 0.18 \times 10^{-3}\text{m}^4$. (20 marks)

3. a) The working conditions to be satisfied by a shaft transmitting power are: - (i) that the shaft must not twist more than 1° on a length of 15 diameters, and (ii) the shear stress must not exceed 55N/mm^2 . If $G = 80,000\text{N/mm}^2$, what is the actual working stress, and the diameter of the shaft to transmit 1MW at 240 r.p.m.? (10 marks)
- b) A solid steel rod 1m long has a diameter of 25mm except for the Centre portion 300mm long where diameter has been turned down to 15mm. determine the strain energy stored in the rod when a tensile load of 50kN is gradually applied. Determine also the diameter required for a brass rod of the same length and of constant diameter which will have the same proof resilience as the steel rod. $E_{\text{steel}} = 210\text{kN/mm}^2$, $E_{\text{brass}} = 85\text{kN/mm}^2$, yield stress: steel = 220N/mm^2 , brass 140N/mm^2 (10 marks)
4. A built-in beam of span 12m carries a uniformly distributed load of 10kN/m over its whole length together with concentrated loads of 20kN at 3m and 30kN at 8m from the left end. If the bending stress is limited to 100N/mm^2 , calculate the section modulus required and sketch the bending moment diagram. (20 marks)
5. A beam of symmetrical I-section has the following dimensions: flange 150mm wide, 30mm thick, web 30mm thick; total depth of beam 200mm. Calculate the second moment of area of the beam about an axis through the centroid parallel to the flange face.
- If the beam is simply supported over a span of 2 metres and carries a uniformly distributed load of 6 tonnes per metre run, calculate the maximum bending stress in the beam. (20 marks)