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SCHOOL OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY
DEPARTMENT OF BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING
THIRD YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR
DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING
BCECD 312 FOUNDATION ENGINEERING

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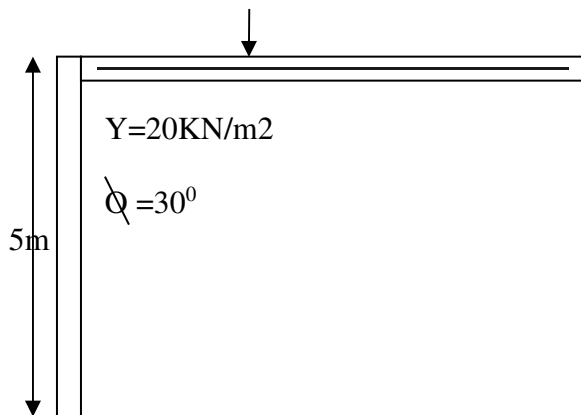
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INSTRUCTIONS

i) Question one is compulsory and carries 30mks

ii) Answer Any other Two questions

1. a) Give the three types of earth pressures (3 marks)
- b) Determine the active earth pressure on the frictionless wall shown. Calculate the resultant force and its location from the base of the wall. Neglect seepage effects (10 marks)



- c) A vertical retaining wall 6.1m high supports a cohesionless fill that weighs 18.4 kN/m^3 . The upper surface of the fill rises above the crest of the wall at an angle of 20° with the horizontal. The angle of internal friction is 28° , and the angle of wall friction is 20° . By the coulomb's method compute the total active earth pressure against the wall. (10 marks)
- d) Describe two types of settlement of foundation (4 marks)
- e) Give three methods used in the determination of ultimate bearing capacity (3 marks)

2. a) Give five assumptions of lateral earth pressure (10 marks)
- b) Calculate the bearing capacity per unit of area of a continuous footing 2.44m wide, supported on a soil which $C=20$ and $O=170$ and $Y=19\text{KN/m}^2$. The load settlement curve resembles C, in Fig. 2. The depth of the foundation is 2m. The water table is at a depth of 5m below the ground surface (10 marks)
3. a) With the aid of diagrams, describe the following earth pressures
- i) Lateral earth pressure
- ii) Active earth pressure
- iii) Passive earth pressure (15 marks)
- b) Give five types of retaining walls (5 marks)
4. a) With the aid of a diagram, show the following mohr's circles for:-
- i) At rest earth pressure
- ii) Active earth pressure
- iii) Passive earth pressure (10 marks)
- b) With the aid of a diagram, illustrate the variation of active, passive and lateral earth pressure with depth (10 marks)
5. A point load of 24KN acts on the earth surface of elastic mass of very great extent. What is the intensity of vertical pressure, due to the load, at a depth of 1m directly below load, at a depth of 2m, at a depth of 5m. What is the intensity of the vertical pressure at the same depths of a horizontal distance of 1m from the line of action of the point load (20 marks)

