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FINAL EXAMINATION
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COURSE NAME	:	SOIL MECHANICS
COURSE CODE	:	BPD 14402
PROGRAMME CODE	:	BPC
EXAMINATION DATE	:	JUNE / JULY 2019
DURATION	:	2 HOURS
INSTRUCTION	:	ANSWER **ALL** QUESTIONS

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Q1 Shear strength of a material is the load per unit area or pressure that it can withstand before undergoing shearing failure.

Explain with examples, **FIVE (5)** conditions why shear strength is required to be assessed.
(25 marks)

Q2 Soils are stable if the stress level is maintained or water content remains constant. However, when stresses applied in soil mass are changed, it deforms and causes settlement in some instances.

(a) Define settlement and consolidation.
(5 marks)

(b) Differentiate between Casagrande method and Taylor method using information as provided in **APPENDIX 2** . Please use the provided form in **Figure Q2** in **APPENDIX 3**.
(20 marks)

Q3 Well-designed pile foundations are required to safely transfer loads from buildings to the soil without failure.

(a) Discuss the classifications of pile foundation.
(5 marks)

(b) Analyze the characteristics of soil that requires the use of pile foundation.
(20 marks)

Q4 Disturbed and undisturbed samples are collected through many sampling methods including test pits, thin walled sampler, Mazier sampler, soil penetration test, and cone penetration test.

Differentiate the process of the above mentioned methods.
(25 marks)

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APPENDIX 1

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Sample information:

Sample no: 1A
Location: Batu Pahat, Johor, Malaysia
Coordinate: 1.8500° N, 102.9300° E
Depth: 5 meter
Type of soil: Clay
Unit weight: 18 kN/m^3

Table Q2 Oedometer test result

Effective stress (kN/m^2)	25	50	100	200	400	800	200	50
Void ratio (e)	0.85	0.82	0.71	0.57	0.43	0.3	0.4	0.5

APPENDIX 2

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Equation for m_v:

$$m_v = \frac{\Delta e}{\Delta \sigma'} \quad \frac{1}{1+e_{avg}}$$

Where, $e_{avg} = \frac{e_1 + e_2}{2}$

$$\text{Gradient of the curve} = \frac{\Delta e}{\Delta \sigma'}$$

Therefore, m_v = Gradient of the curve X $\left[\frac{1}{1 + \left[\frac{e_1 + e_2}{2} \right]} \right]$

Equation for C_c:

$$C_c = \frac{e_1 - e_2}{\sigma'_1 - \sigma'_2}$$

Equation for σ'_o:

$$\sigma'_o = \frac{(\gamma sat - \gamma w)\, H}{2}$$

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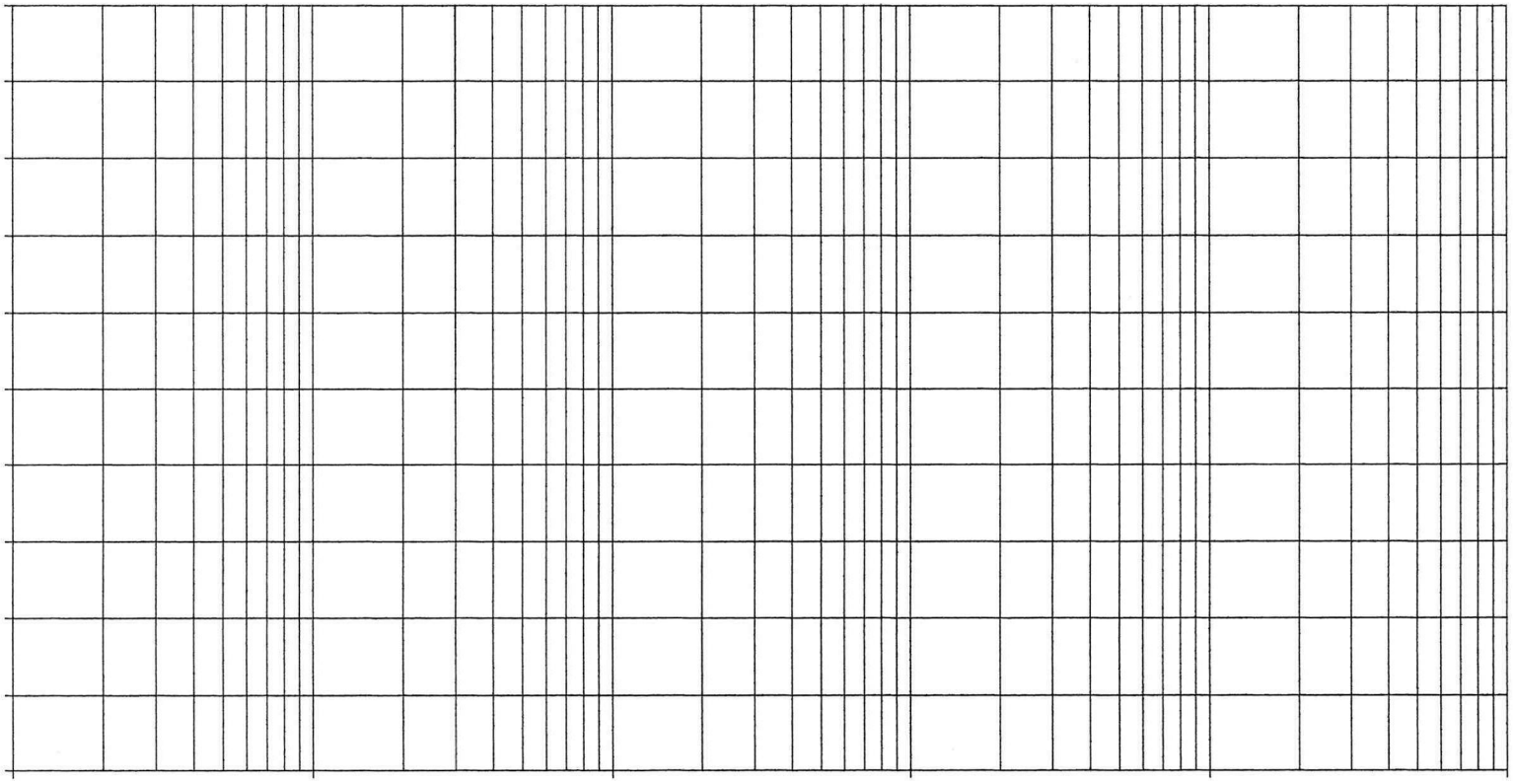

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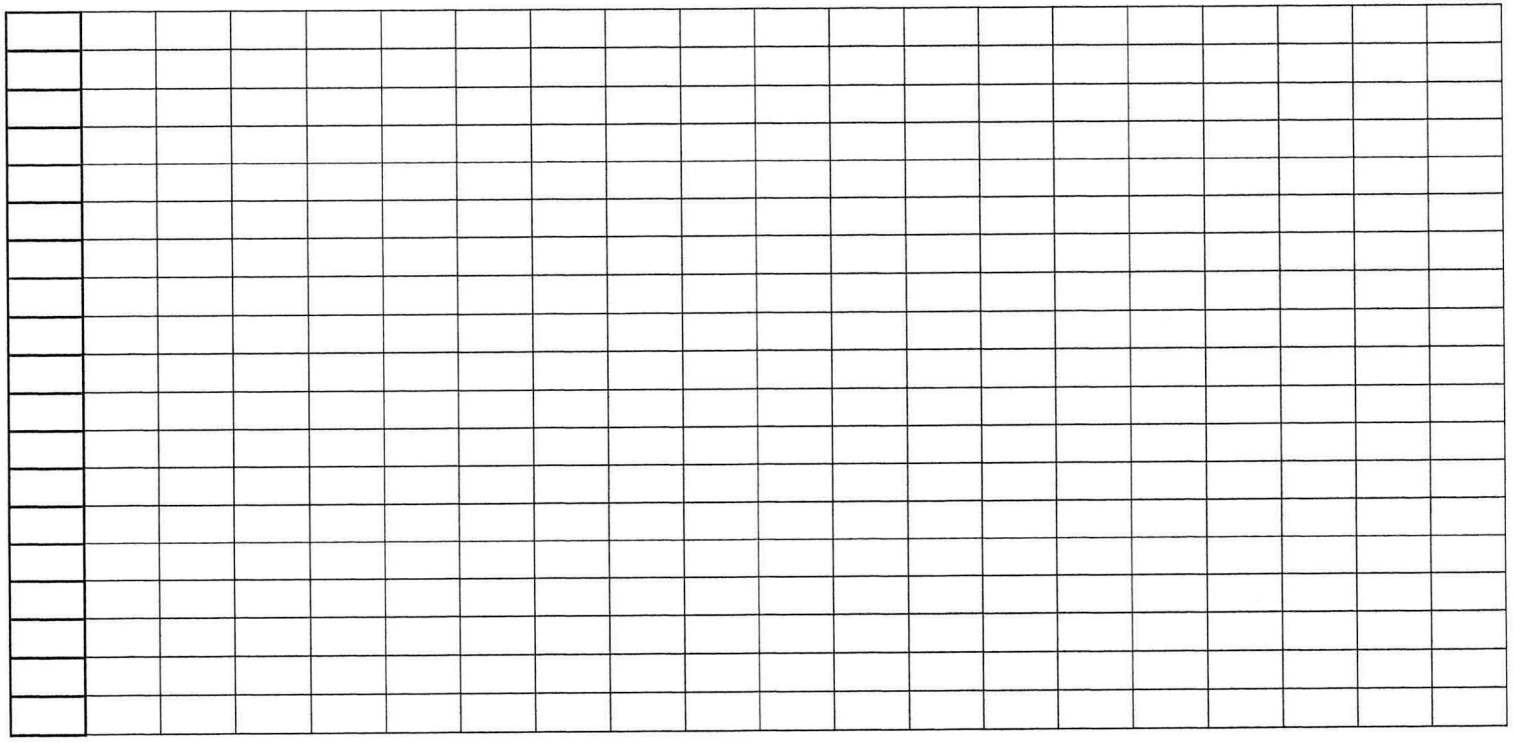

Figure Q2