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**FINAL EXAMINATION  
SEMESTER I  
SESSION 2023/2024**

- COURSE NAME : REINFORCED CONCRETE DESIGN
- COURSE CODE : BFC 34803
- PROGRAMME CODE : BFF
- EXAMINATION DATE : JANUARY / FEBRUARY 2024
- DURATION : 3 HOURS
- INSTRUCTIONS :
1. ANSWER **FOUR** QUESTIONS ONLY.
  2. THIS FINAL EXAMINATION IS CONDUCTED VIA
    - Open book
    - Closed book
  3. STUDENTS ARE **ALLOWED** TO CONSULT THEIR OWN EUROCODE AND APPROVED SUMMARY ATTACHMENT MATERIAL RESOURCES DURING THE EXAMINATION CONDUCTED VIA OPEN BOOK

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**Q1** Figure Q1.1 shows a second floor layout plan of a reinforced concrete shopping area in general retail building near Batu Pahat area. The floor and staircase must be designed with a maximum characteristic variable action of 4 kN/m<sup>2</sup>. The finishes, ceiling, and services are 1.5 kN/m<sup>2</sup> and the staircase flight is supported by a reinforced concrete landing. Given the following specification:

Characteristic strength of concrete, $f_{ck}$	=	25 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Characteristic strength of steel, $f_{yk}$	=	500 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Nominal concrete cover, $C_{nom}$	=	25 mm
Unit weight of concrete	=	25 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
Beam size	=	250 x 500 mm
Slab thickness	=	150 mm
Depth of landing and waist	=	160 mm
Width of landing	=	1500 mm
Width of going	=	260 mm
Height of riser	=	175 mm

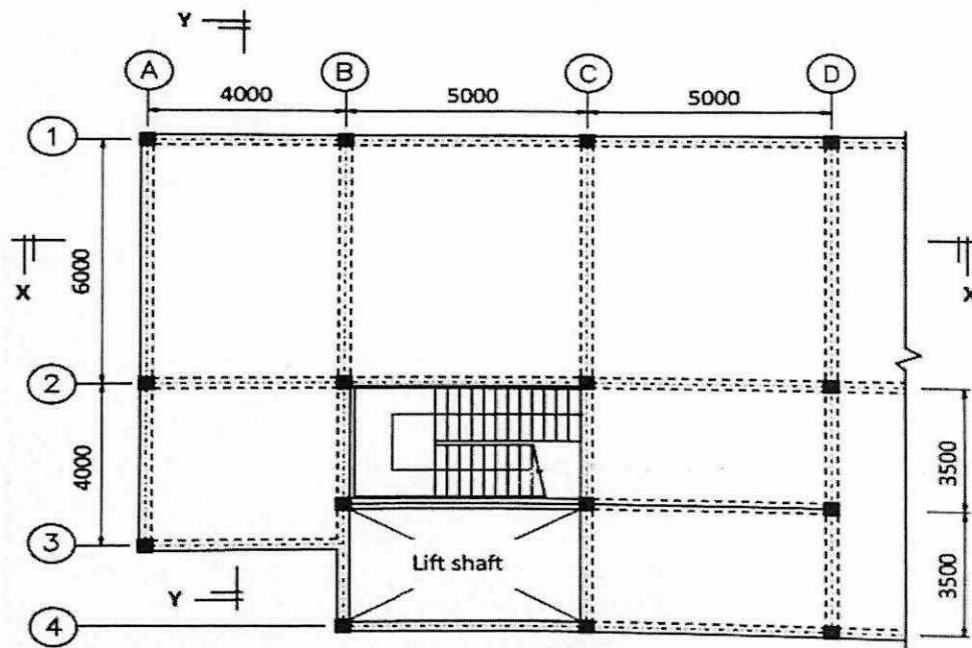


Figure Q1.1

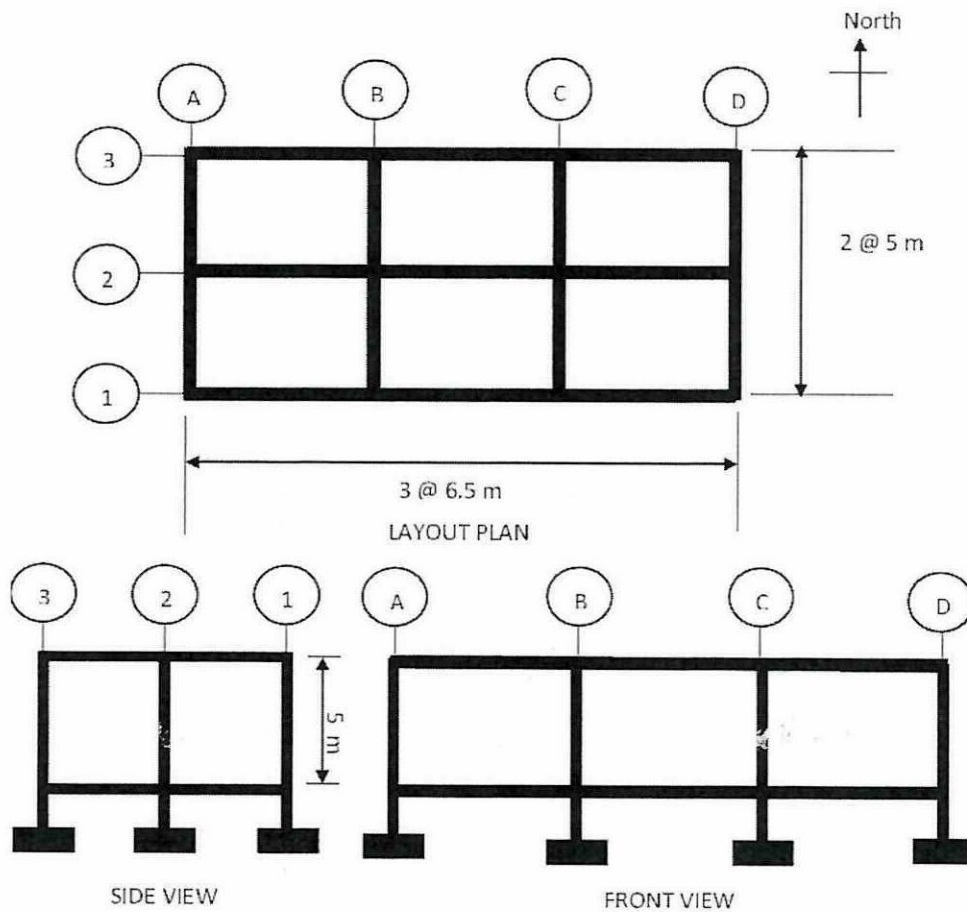
- (a) Calculate the bending moments and shear forces for restrained slab panel A-B/2-3. (10 marks)
- (b) Determine the effective length and maximum bending moment for staircase supported by landing in x-x direction. (8 marks)

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- (c) H10-150 mm is used as the main and secondary reinforcements for staircase. Verify whether this reinforcement is satisfactory.

(7 marks)

- Q2** Figure Q2.1 shows a single-storey building that will be constructed on top of a hill in Cameron Highland. The height of the building is 5 meters with a length of 19.5 meters and a width of 10 meters. The roof is flat and inaccessible. The building is exposed to a total wind pressure of  $6.0 \text{ kN/m}^2$  from the west.



**Figure Q2.1**

- a) Analyse the bending moments and shear forces of the roof beams 2/A-D and columns due to wind action. (19 marks)
- b) Draw the bending moments and shear forces diagrams analysed from Q2(a). (6 marks)

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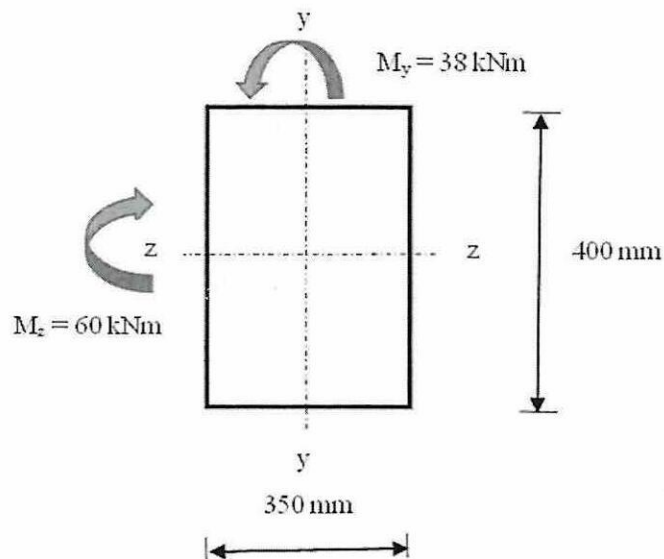


**Q3** (a) Columns may be classified into slender and non-slender columns. Clearly state the differences between these two types of column categories.

(4 marks)

(b) A short braced column in a five storey office building will be designed to resist an axial load and bending moment as shown in **Figure Q3.1**. The size of the column is 350 x 400 mm. Given the following data,

Axial load, $N_{Ed}$	=	2350 kN
Effective length of column, $L_{oz}$	=	3.8 m
Effective length of column, $L_{oy}$	=	3.3 m
Slenderness ratio, $\lambda_z$	=	26.5
Slenderness ratio, $\lambda_y$	=	33.5
Characteristic strength of concrete, $f_{ck}$	=	35 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Characteristic strength of steel, $f_{yk}$	=	500 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Diameter of main bar	=	25 mm
Diameter of links	=	8 mm
$h'$	=	350 mm
$b'$	=	300 mm
$d_2/h$	=	0.15



**Figure Q3.1**

(i) Calculate the design moment of the column including the effect of imperfection.

(4 marks)

(ii) Check the necessity for biaxial bending of the column.

(5 marks)

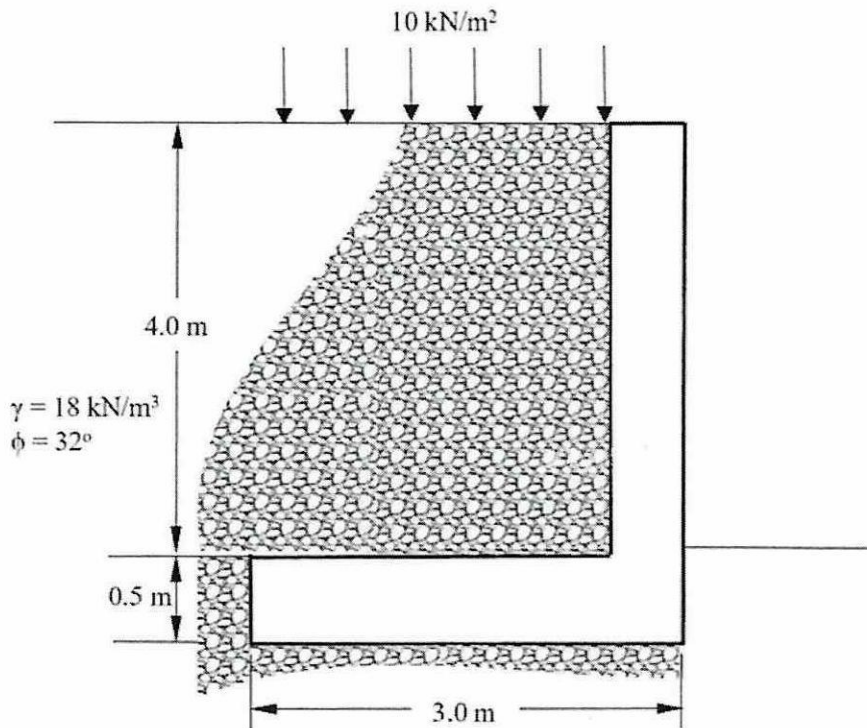
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- (iii) By using the Column Design Chart, design the longitudinal and transverse reinforcement of the column.

(12 marks)

**Q4** Figure Q4.1 shows the cross-section of cantilever retaining wall that will be constructed for a housing development at Batu Pahat with 0.4 m wall thickness. The backfill soil is a granular fill soil having a cohesion,  $c$  is 0 with height of 4.0 m. Given the following data:

Characteristic strength of concrete, $f_{ck}$	=	30 MPa
Characteristic strength of steel reinforcement, $f_{yk}$	=	500 MPa
Coefficient of friction, $u$	=	0.5
Concrete cover	=	40 mm
Diameter of reinforcement	=	16 mm
Unit weight of reinforced concrete	=	25 kN/m <sup>3</sup>
Factor of safety refer to <b>APPENDIX A</b>		



**Figure Q4.1**

- (a) Determine the active pressure along the depth of the retaining wall.

(3 marks)

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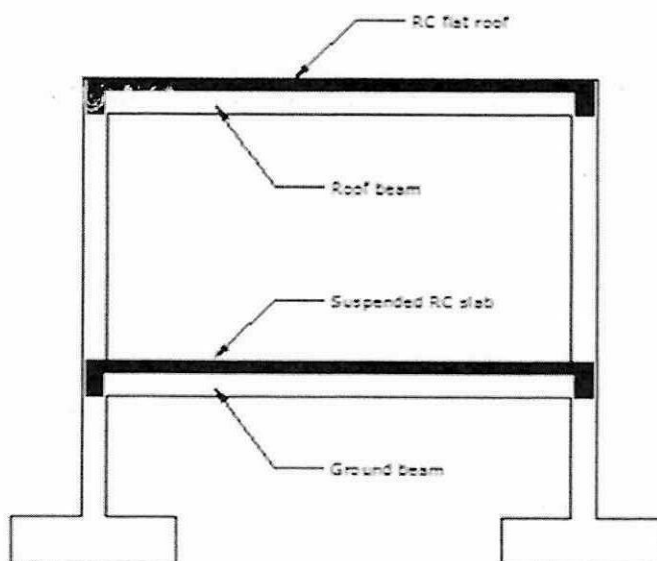
- (b) Analyse the positive and negative moments as well as the vertical and horizontal loads that may occur in the retaining wall. (10 marks)
- (c) Check stability of the retaining wall against overturning and sliding. (6 marks)
- (d) If the unfactored moment at base structure is 200 kNm, design the possible main reinforcement of the base structure. (6 marks)

- Q5** (a) Explain the load transmission method of the following types of foundation:
- (i) Shallow foundation
  - (ii) Deep foundation

(2 marks)

- (b) **Figure Q5.1** shows an elevation view of single storey building. Sketch and show the load transfer mechanism from superstructures to the foundation.

(3 marks)



**Figure Q5.1**

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- (c) **Figure Q5.2** shows a part of ground floor key plan of a three-storey bungalow house. For economical design purposes, the footings under column 2B and 2C will be designed as a combined footing. Based the following design data:

Column size;

Column 2B = 300 mm x 300 mm

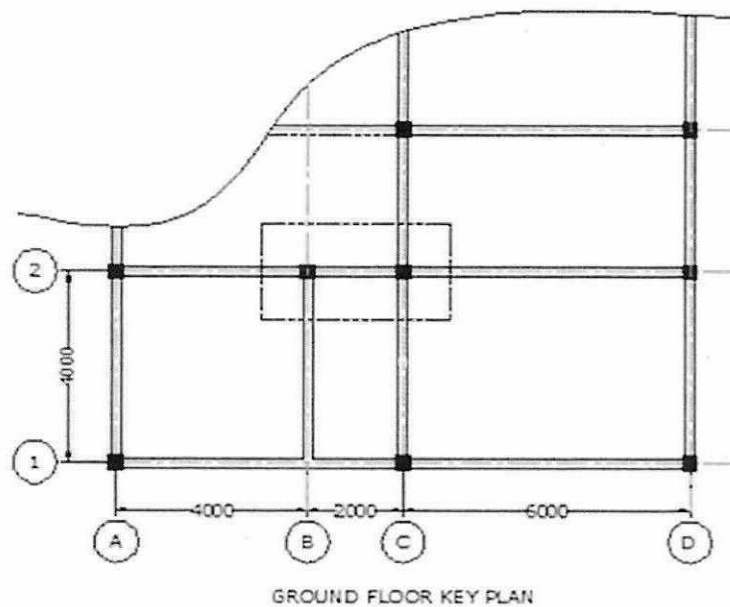
Column 2C = 300 mm x 300 mm

Axial load;

Column 2B = 850 kN (Ultimate)

Column 2C = 1050 kN (Ultimate)

Soil bearing capacity	=	150 kN/m <sup>2</sup>
Characteristic strength of concrete, $f_{ck}$	=	35 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Characteristic strength of steel, $f_{yk}$	=	500 N/mm <sup>2</sup>
Nominal cover, $c_{nom}$	=	35 mm
Safety factor	=	1.4
Assumed $\phi$ bar	=	12 mm



**Figure Q5.2**

- (i) Propose the suitable size of combined footing if the width and the depth of the footing is limited to 2.10 m and 0.50 m respectively. (4 marks)
- (ii) Calculate and sketch the shear force and bending moment diagrams of the footing in longitudinal direction. (8 marks)

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- (iii) Design the longitudinal reinforcement required for the footing.

(8 marks)

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**APPENDIX A**

Factory of safety against overturning moment		
Permanent action		Variable action
1.1		1.5
Factory of safety against restraining moment		
Permanent action		Variable action
0.9		0
Stability against sliding factor of safety		
Permanent action		Variable action
1.35		1.5
Friction factor = 0.5		

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