



**UNIVERSITI TUN HUSSEIN ONN MALAYSIA**

**FINAL EXAMINATION  
SEMESTER II  
SESSION 2013/2014**

COURSE NAME : CIVIL ENGINEERING MATERIALS  
COURSE CODE : BFC10502  
PROGRAMME : 1 BFF  
EXAMINATION DATE : JUNE 2014  
DURATION : 2 HOURS  
INSTRUCTIONS : ANSWER **FOUR (4)** QUESTIONS ONLY

THIS QUESTION PAPER CONSISTS OF **THREE (3)** PAGES

- Q1**
- (a) Prepare infographics on cement chemistry and production. (5 marks)
  - (b) Sketch and label the Vicat apparatus, describe method, tabulate materials used and present typical test results with a sketch of graph. (10 marks)
  - (c) Illustrate with a flow chart the development of a biomass silica blended cement for waterproofing applications. (10 marks)
- Q2**
- (a) Estimate the global demand of aggregate based on annual concrete production. (5 marks)
  - (b) Illustrate a field adjustment calculation for concrete with fine aggregate content of  $800 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and water content of  $160 \text{ kg/m}^3$  if the free water on fine aggregate is 5%. (10 marks)
  - (c) Explain the effect of aggregate packing efficiency on the strength of concrete. (10 marks)
- Q3**
- (a) Sketch and label the slump test apparatus to determine concrete workability. (5 marks)
  - (b) Explain briefly the importance of concrete compaction and the advantages of self-compacting concrete. (10 marks)
  - (c) Tabulate mix proportion for grade 60 concrete in accordance with the concept of design for durability. (10 marks)

- Q4** (a) Prepare infographics on the production of lightweight concrete masonry block for affordable home. (5 marks)
- (b) Specify mix proportion to produce 1 m<sup>3</sup> of masonry which comprises 105 pieces of masonry blocks of size 100 mm x 200 mm x 460 mm. (10 marks)
- (c) Specify the engineering properties of the masonry block related to density, strength, shrinkage, water absorption, fire resistance, thermal insulation and sound transmission loss for a budget hotel project. (10 marks)
- Q5** (a) Explain briefly the seasoning of timber. (5 marks)
- (b) Describe briefly the reuse of timber waste in the tropics. (10 marks)
- (c) Explain the structural use of timber for sustainable construction. (10 marks)
- Q6** (a) Sketch stress-strain curve and state values of tensile strength of mild steel, high tensile steel and prestressed tendon. (5 marks)
- (b) Explain briefly the use of steel as system formwork in construction. (10 marks)
- (c) Propose the use of glass fibre reinforced polymer as alternative to steel in prestressed concrete elements for coastal erosion mitigation. (10 marks)

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