

**B.Tech. Civil (Construction Management) /
B.Tech. Civil (Water Resources Engineering)**

Term-End Examination

December, 2014

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ET-501(A) : SOIL MECHANICS

Time : 3 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

Note : Answer any **five** questions. Assume any missing data suitably. Use of scientific calculator is permitted.

1. (a) Derive :

$$n = \frac{e}{1 + e} \quad 7$$

(b) Explain the application of Hydrometer analysis in Soil Mechanics. 7

2. (a) How can you measure the permeability of soil in the field ? 7

(b) Explain the procedure of determining shrinkage limit for a soil. 7

3. (a) Explain the Standard Proctor test. 7

(b) Explain the control of compaction of soil in the field. 7

4. (a) Write the definition and explain the interpretation of stream function. 7
- (b) What is a Flownet ? Write its characteristics and uses. 7
5. (a) Explain the use of influence charts for vertical stress. 7
- (b) Explain a mechanical analogy for consolidation. 7
6. (a) Write a short note on sand drains. 7
- (b) Explain unconfined compression test in brief. 7
7. (a) What are the different types of slopes ? Discuss briefly. 7
- (b) What are the various factors causing instability of slopes ? 7
8. (a) Find the water content of the soil if
 $S = 1.0$, $G = 2.7$, $e = 0.70$ 7
- (b) Find the value of e if
 $G = 2.70$ and $i_{cr} = 1.0$. 7

The terms have their usual meanings.
