

**DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING
(DCLEVI / DELVI)**

00453 **Term-End Examination**

December, 2016

BICEE-006 : EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING

Time : 2 hours

Maximum Marks : 70

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

1. (a) Explain the plate tectonic theory in brief. 7
(b) What is meant by the focus and epicentre of an earthquake ? Briefly discuss with the help of a neat sketch. 7
2. (a) What are the various types of dynamic loads ? State any two characteristics of a dynamic load. 7
(b) What are the non-structural members of a building ? How do they affect the overall behaviour of the building during earthquakes ? 7
3. Describe the various earthquake-resisting features that can be introduced in a masonry building to make it earthquake-resistant. Draw neat sketches to supplement your answer. 14

4. Derive the equation of motion for a SDOF system for an undamped free vibration case. 14
5. Describe the characteristics of various types of seismic waves. Draw neat sketches to indicate their movement in a medium. 14
6. Explain the various types of losses which may happen due to an earthquake in an area. What precautions may be taken so that the losses are restricted to a minimum extent ? 14
7. Write short notes on any **four** of the following : $4 \times 3 \frac{1}{2} = 14$
- (a) Critical Damping
 - (b) Yielding
 - (c) Response Spectrum
 - (d) Box Action of Walls
 - (e) Energy Dissipation Devices
 - (f) Jacketing of RC Columns
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