

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

**Term-End Examination**

**December, 2017**

00702

**BICEE-006 : EARTHQUAKE ENGINEERING**

*Time : 2 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 70*

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**Note :** Attempt any **five** questions. No IS code is allowed.  
*Use of scientific calculator is allowed.*

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1. (a) Discuss in detail, Magnitude and Intensity of an earthquake. 10  
(b) At a recording station, a difference in time of arrival between P-waves and S-waves was observed to be 1.5 seconds. What is the approximate distance from the station at which the event occurred ? Assume P-wave velocity as 4 km/sec and S-wave velocity as 2 km/sec. 4
  
2. Give reasons for the following :  
(a) The depth D of the flexural member shall preferably be more than  $\frac{1}{4}$ <sup>th</sup> of the clear span. 4

(b) Maximum steel ratio on any face at any section shall not exceed 0.025 (2.5%). 4

(c) Explain Elastic Rebound Theory. 6

3. Derive the equation of motion for a free vibration damped single degree of freedom system. 14

4. A mass  $m$  is connected with base through five springs as shown in Figure 1. Determine the natural period of the system with the given parameters : 14

$$k_1 = 1000 \text{ N/cm}, k_2 = 800 \text{ N/cm},$$

$$k_3 = 500 \text{ N/cm}, k_4 = 900 \text{ N/cm},$$

$$k_5 = 600 \text{ N/cm}, m = 2000 \text{ kg}.$$

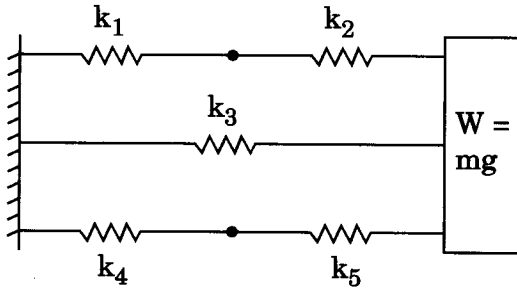
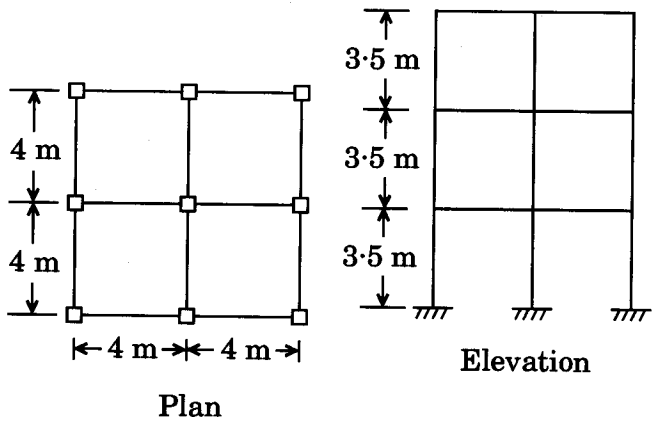


Figure 1

5. (a) Simplicity and symmetry are the keys of making a building earthquake resistant. Explain the concept with the help of examples. 4

- (b) The plan and elevation of a three-storey RCC school building is located in zone V with  $z = 0.36$ ,  $I = 1.5$ ,  $S_a/g = 2.5$  and  $R = 3$ . The intensity of dead load is  $10 \text{ kN/m}^2$  and the floors are to cater to an imposed load of  $3 \text{ kN/m}^2$ . Determine the design seismic loads on the structure by equivalent lateral load method. 10



*Figure 2*

6. (a) What is retrofitting of structure and what are the aims of seismic strengthening of buildings? 7
- (b) In an experiment of free vibration, it is found that the maximum amplitudes have reduced to 0.4 times its value in 3 complete cycles. Determine the damping in the system. 7

7. Explain the following :

$2 \times 7 = 14$

- (a) Seismic waves
- (b) Strong ground motion parameters

8. (a) Discuss the precautions to be taken in the construction of masonry buildings to make them earthquake resistant buildings. 7

(b) Discuss in detail, any **two** of the following :

$2 \times 3 \frac{1}{2} = 7$

- (i) Divergent Plate Boundaries
  - (ii) Convergent Plate Boundaries
  - (iii) Transformed Plate Boundaries
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