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**DIPLOMA IN QUANTITY SURVEYING**BUILDING CONSTRUCTION, CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION AND  
DRAWING**3 hours****INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES***Write your name and index number in the spaces provided above.**Sign and write the date of the examination in the spaces provided above.**You should have drawing instruments and drawing paper size A2 for this examination.**This paper consists of EIGHT questions in THREE sections A, B and C.**Answer FIVE questions choosing TWO questions from section A, TWO question from section B and ONE question from section C in the spaces provided in this question paper.**Questions in sections A and B carry 15 marks each while those in section C carry 40 marks each.**Maximum mark for each part of a question are as shown.**Do NOT remove any pages from this booklet.**Candidates should answer the question in English.***For Examiner's Use Only**

Section	Question	Maximum Score	Candidate's Score
A		15	
		15	
B		15	
		15	
C		40	
Total Score			

**This paper consists of 16 printed pages.****Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**



## SECTION A: BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

Answer any **TWO** questions from this section.

1. (a) (i) State **four** primary functions of a floor.  
(ii) Using sketches explain **two** positions for placing a damp proof membrane when constructing solid ground floor (7 marks)
- (b) (i) List **four** types of gypsum plaster boards  
(ii) With aid of sketches explain the fixing and jointing of gypsum plaster boards. (8 marks)
2. (a) (i) State **four** reasons for carrying out soil investigation on a building site.  
(ii) With the aid of a sketch explain the construction of a pad foundation (7 marks)
- (b) (i) List **four** functional requirements of form work.  
(ii) Sketch and label isometric view of beam form work. (8 marks)
3. (a) (i) Sketch the following types of stairs:  
- quarter space landing stairs;  
- dog leg stairs;  
- open newel stairs.  
(ii) Sketch and label double lap tiling details at the ridge. (10 marks)
- (b) State **two** principles of fire place design. (2 marks)
- (c) List **three** factors to be considered when designing a retaining wall. (3 marks)

## SECTION B: CIVIL ENGINEERING CONSTRUCTION

Answer **TWO** questions from this section.

4. (a) (i) State **four** requirements of an ideal rail.  
(ii) With the aid of a labelled sketch explain the construction of the following rail components:  
- chairs;  
- fish plate. (8 marks)
- (b) (i) List **four** factors that influence the choice of a dam site.  
(ii) Using a sketch, explain the construction of a wet intake tower. (7 marks)



5. (a) (i) State **four** reasons for providing joints in rigid pavements. (11 marks)
- (ii) Explain the following defects in flexible pavements stating **two** possible causes for each:
- alligator cracks;
  - rutting;
  - pot holes. (4 marks)
- (b) Using a sketch, explain how sand islands are used for sinking caissons. (6 marks)
6. (a) Describe the following waste stabilization ponds:
- facultative ponds;
  - maturation ponds. (9 marks)
- (b) With the aid of a sketch explain the construction and operation of a septic tank. (6 marks)

### SECTION C: BUILDING AND CIVIL ENGINEERING DRAWING

Answer **ONE** question from this section.

7. (a) To a scale of 1:200 draw a cross-section through an Earth fill dam.

#### DATA

- Top width of the dam = 5.00 m
- Base width of clay core = 10.0 m
- Upstream slopes =  $1\frac{1}{2} : 1$
- Downstream slope = 1:1
- Height of dam = 21.0 m
- Free Board = 2.40 m
- 600 mm thick stone pitching band placed on 400 mm thick compacted gravel sand base on silt and clay upstream.
- Coarse sand and gravel to form support of the dam.

Assume any other relevant information. (20 marks)





(b) To a scale of 1:10 draw the vertical section of a T-shaped retaining wall.

DATA

- Top width of the stem = 200 mm
- Bottom width of the stem = 400 mm
- Height of stem above ground level = 2000 mm
- Height below ground level = 600 mm
- Width of heel slab = 1000 mm
- Thickness of heel slab = 300 mm
- Width of toe slab = 600 mm
- Thickness of toe slab = 300 mm
- Clear concrete cover = 50 mm
- Main reinforcement bars  
15 mm  $\phi$  bar @ 200 c/c
- Distribution bars  
10 mm  $\phi$  @ 120 c/c

Assume any other relevant information.

(20 marks)

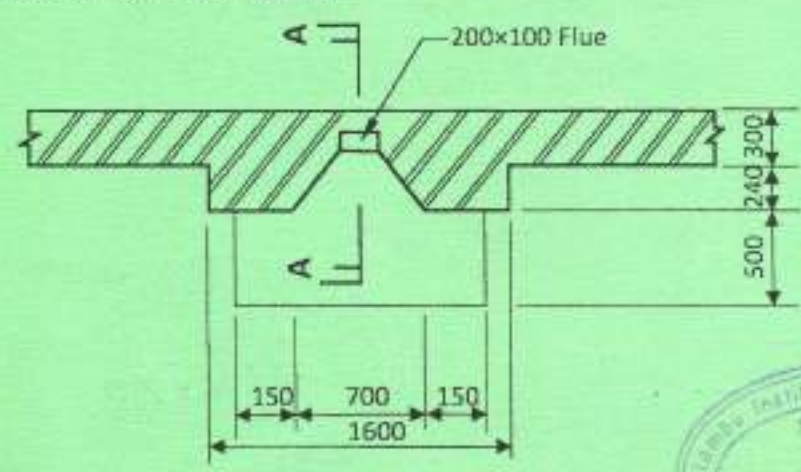
8. Drawing No. 1 shows the plan of a fireplace in a kitchen wall. To a scale of 1:10 draw setion A-A through the chimney stack.

DATA

- 150 mm thick R.C.C flat roof slab and 2.8 m above the kitchen floor.
- 100 mm thick back wall.
- 200 x 100 mm chimney flue
- 20 mm thick rebated flue liner to BS1251
- 100 X 150 mm R.C.C Lintol and 800 mm above kitchen floor
- 350 x 400 mm Chimney stack above roof level
- 80 mm thick chimney cover and 1.2 m above R.C.C. flat roof slab.
- Flue gathering of 60° above R.C.C. Lintol

Assume any other relevant information.

(40 marks)



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