



P.E.S. College of Engineering, Mandya - 571 401

(An Autonomous Institution affiliated to VTU, Belagavi)

Eighth Semester, B.E. - Civil Engineering

Semester End Examination; July - 2023

Ground Improvement Techniques

Time: 3 hrs

Max. Marks: 100

Course Outcomes

The Students will be able to:

CO1: Apply the knowledge of Geology & Geotechnical Engineering in Ground improvement techniques.

CO2: Analyze Mechanical Modification Techniques for soils.

CO3: Investigate chemical modification techniques for soils.

CO4: Select appropriate geo-synthetics and grouting methods for ground Improvements for sustainability.

Note: I) PART - A is compulsory. **Two** marks for each question.

II) PART - B: Answer any **Two** sub questions (from a, b, c) for a Maximum of **18 marks** from each unit.

Q. No.	Questions	Marks	BLs	COs	POs														
I : PART - A		10																	
1 a.	Define any two main objectives of soil improvement.	2	L1	CO1	PO1														
b.	In short define pre-fabricated vertical drain.	2	L1	CO2	PO2														
c.	Name different class of fly ash used for soil stabilization.	2	L1	CO3	PO4														
d.	List the materials used for grouting techniques.	2	L1	CO3	PO4														
e.	Define geo synthetics.	2	L1	CO4	PO7														
II : PART - B		90																	
UNIT - I		18																	
2 a.	Describe important factors to be considered in the selection of the best soil improvement technique.	9	L2	CO1	PO1														
b.	The following are the results of a standard compaction test performed on a sample of soil:																		
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	If the volume of the mould used was 950 cc and specific gravity was 2.65. Make necessary calculations and plot the water content-dry density curve and obtain the optimum water content and maximum dry density along with Z Av line and 80% saturation line.	9	L2	CO1	PO1														
c.	Describe in detail field equipments used for compaction in shallow and deep compaction.	9	L2	CO1	PO1														
UNIT - II		18																	
3 a.	Describe the following:																		
	i) Multi stage well point	9	L2	CO2	PO2,3														
	ii) Vacuum dewatering along with discharge equations																		

- b. Describe preloading technique, vertical drains and sand drains. 9 L2 CO2 PO2,3
- c. With neat sketches, explain electro kinetic dewatering system. 9 L2 CO2 PO2,3

UNIT - III 18

- 4 a. Describe the terms lime and bitumen stabilization and compare both along its merits and demerits. 9 L2 CO3 PO2
- b. Briefly describe the effect of cement stabilization on permeability. 9 L2 CO3 PO2
- c. Describe the suitability, process and criteria for lime stabilization. 9 L2 CO3 PO3

UNIT - IV 18

- 5 a. List the different types of grouting and in detail explain compaction grouting along with its merits and demerits. 9 L2 CO3 PO7
- b. Write a short note on;
 - i) Anchors ii) Rock bolts iii) Soil nailing
 9 L2 CO3 PO7
- c. Explain the construction procedure of soil nailing. 9 L2 CO3 PO7

UNIT - V 18

- 6 a. Name the important engineering properties of Geosynthetics along with that how are Geosynthetics are tested for assessing these properties? 9 L2 CO4 PO2
- b. Describe in detail the necessity and use of Geosynthetics as a reinforcement material in ground improvement techniques. 9 L2 CO4 PO2
- c. Describe the uses of following Geosynthetics:
 - i) Woven Geosynthetics ii) Non-woven Geosynthetics
 - iii) Knitted Geosynthetics iv) Bio-degradable Geosynthetics
 - v) Three dimensional mats
 9 L2 CO4 PO2

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