

**DIPLOMA EXAMINATION IN ENGINEERING/TECHNOLOGY/
MANAGEMENT/COMMERCIAL PRACTICE, NOVEMBER - 2023**

GROUND IMPROVEMENT TECHNIQUES

[Maximum Marks:75]

[Time: 3 Hours]

PART - A

I. Answer all the following questions in one word or one sentence. Each question carries 'one' marks.

(9 x 1 = 9 Marks)

| | | Module Outcome | Cognitive level |
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| 1 |is the equipment commonly used for ground improvement by deep mixing. | M1.01 | R |
| 2 | is a method of dewatering in which electric current is passed through a saturated soil and water is removed at cathode. | M1.04 | R |
| 3 | Cement and soil blended material is referred to as | M2.02 | R |
| 4 | Write any one function of grout. | M2.03 | R |
| 5 | is the property of the grout, that exhibits a reversible change in viscosity under shear stress. | M2.03 | R |
| 6 | The type of stress resisted by the reinforcing element in the soil is | M3.01 | R |
| 7 | are the shapes of reinforcing elements driven into an existing soil mass as per a pre-determined pattern. | M3.02 | R |
| 8 | The consolidation test is performed in the consolidation test apparatus, known as the | M4.02 | R |
| 9 | Write two common types of vertical drains. | M4.04 | R |

PART - B

II. Answer *any eight* questions from the following. Each question carries 'Three' marks.

(8 x 3 = 24 Marks)

| | | Module Outcome | Cognitive level |
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| 1 | Define optimum moisture content (OMC). | M1.02 | R |
| 2 | Describe the features of sheep foot roller used for surface compaction of soil. | M1.02 | R |

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| 3 | List any three methods of dewatering construction site. | M1.03 | R |
| 4 | Briefly explain the purpose of dewatering work site. | M1.03 | R |
| 5 | Define soil stabilization. | M2.01 | R |
| 6 | Explain the concept of mechanical stabilization of soil. | M2.01 | R |
| 7 | Explain any three properties of grout. | M2.03 | R |
| 8 | Define reinforced earth wall. List its components. | M3.03 | R |
| 9 | Predict the capability of geosynthetic for reduction of seepage of water through a water retaining embankment. | M3.04 | A |
| 10 | Briefly explain the process of consolidation. | M4.01 | R |

PART - C

Answer all the questions from the following. Each question carries 'seven' marks.

(6 x 7 = 42 Marks)

Module Outcome Cognitive level

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| III. | Briefly explain the classification of ground modification techniques. OR | M1.01 | U |
| IV. | Illustrate the use of well point system for dewatering shallow excavations. | M1.04 | A |
| V. | Compare cement and bitumen method of soil stabilization. OR | M2.02 | U |
| VI. | Provide the reasons for reduced pore water pressures beneath the downstream of the dam after grouting. | M2.04 | A |
| VII. | Explain the factors that govern the effectiveness of a reinforcing element embedded in soil. OR | M3.02 | U |
| VIII. | Explain different types of reinforcing elements that can be installed in soil. | M3.02 | U |
| IX. | Explain construction sequence of a reinforced earth wall. OR | M3.03 | U |
| X. | Explain how to use geosynthetic in soil for surface erosion control. | M3.04 | A |
| XI. | Differentiate between compaction and consolidation. OR | M4.01 | U |
| XII. | Discuss spring analogy for primary consolidation. | M4.02 | U |
| XII.I | Explain how to plot consolidation test results. OR | M4.03 | U |
| XIV. | Explain the general principle of installation of vertical drains. | M4.04 | U |
