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**Instructions to candidates:**

**Arahan kepada calon:**

1. Ensure that this paper contains **THIRTEEN (13)** printed pages included attachment.  
*Sila pastikan kertas peperiksaan ini mengandungi TIGA BELAS (13) muka surat bercetak termasuk lampiran sebelum anda memulakan peperiksaan ini.*
2. This paper contains **FIVE (5)** questions. Answer **FOUR (4)** questions only. Marks will be given to the **FIRST FOUR (4)** questions put in order on the answer script and **NOT** the **BEST FOUR (4)**  
*Kertas ini mengandungi LIMA (5) soalan. Jawab EMPAT (4) soalan sahaja. Markah hanya akan dikira bagi EMPAT (4) jawapan PERTAMA yang dimasukkan di dalam buku mengikut susunan dan bukannya EMPAT (4) jawapan terbaik.*
3. All questions **CAN BE** answered in English or Bahasa Malaysia or combination of both languages.  
*Semua soalan boleh dijawab dalam Bahasa Inggeris atau Bahasa Malaysia ataupun kombinasi kedua-dua bahasa.*
4. All question **MUST BE** answered on a new sheet.  
*Semua jawapan MESTILAH dijawab pada muka surat yang baru.*
5. Write the answered question numbers on the cover sheet of the answer script.  
*Tuliskan nombor soalan yang dijawab di luar kulit buku jawapan anda.*

1. (a) Dengan berbantuan graf yang sesuai, jelaskan peranan empat komposisi sebatian utama simen terhadap kekuatan.

(a) *With the aid of an appropriate graph, explain the role of the four main compound compositions of cement towards strength.*

(8 markah)

**Jadual 1.0 - Komposisi Oksida Simen Portland**

Komposisi Oksida, (%)	
CaO	63
SiO <sub>2</sub>	20
Al <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.5
Fe <sub>2</sub> O <sub>3</sub>	3.8
MgO	1.5
SO <sub>3</sub>	2
K <sub>2</sub> O, Na <sub>2</sub> O}	1
Others	1
Loss on ignition	2
Insoluble residue	0.5

- (b) Dengan menggunakan data di Jadual 1.0, dan persamaan-persamaan Bogue di bawah, tentukan komposisi sebatian bagi simen Portland di atas. Berdasarkan komposisi sebatian yang anda dapati, nyatakan kemungkinan jenis simen Portland di atas; berikan justifikasi yang sesuai.

(b) *Using the data in Table 1.0, and the Bouge's equations below, calculate the compound compositions of the Portland cement. Based on the compound compositions obtained, state the probable type of the above Portland cement; give your justification.*

$$C_3S = 4.07(CaO) - 7.60(SiO_2) - 6.72(Al_2O_3) - 1.43(Fe_2O_3) - 2.85(SO_3)$$

$$C_2S = 2.87(SiO_2) - 0.754(3CaO.SiO_2)$$

$$C_3A = 2.65(Al_2O_3) - 1.69(Fe_2O_3)$$

$$C_4AF = 3.04(Fe_2O_3)$$

(8 markah)

- (c) Jelaskan perbezaan-perbezaan di antara simen Portland biasa, simen Portland tahan sulfat dan simen Portland cepat keras dari aspek komposisi sebatian, kehalusan dan penggunaan.

(c) *Explain the differences between ordinary Portland cement, Sulphate Resisting Portland cement and Rapid Hardening Portland cement in term of compound compositions, fineness and usage.*

(9 markah)

2. (a) Dengan menggunakan lakaran-lakaran yang sesuai, jelaskan **EMPAT (4)** keadaan lembapan yang mungkin bagi agregat. Dengan merujuk lakaran-lakaran yang sama, jelaskan apakah yang dimaksudkan dengan penyerapan air dan kandungan lembapan.

(a) *By using appropriate sketches, explain the **FOUR (4)** probable moisture conditions of aggregate. Referring to the same sketches, explain the meaning of water absorption and moisture content.*

(10 markah)

(b) Tentukan modulus kehalusan bagi agregat halus daripada data analisis ayakan yang diberikan di Jadual 2.0. Daripada nilai modulus kehalusan yang didapati, berikan komen anda tentang penggredan agregat halus berkenaan.

(b) *Determine the fineness modulus of the fine aggregate from the sieve analysis data given in Table 2.0. From the fineness modulus obtained, give your comment regarding the grading of the fine aggregate.*

(10 markah)

**Jadual 2.0 - Penggredan Agregat Halus**

Saiz Ayak	Berat Tertahan (g)
10 mm	0
5 mm	0
2.36 mm	0
1.18 mm	2.8
600 µm	10.1
300 µm	259.2
150 µm	173.1
Pan	8.9

(c) Jelaskan **DUA (2)** faktor yang selalunya menjadi had kepada saiz maksima agregat yang boleh digunakan di dalam konkrit.

(c) *Explain **TWO (2)** limiting factors that govern the maximum size of aggregate that can be used in concrete.*

(5 markah)

3. (a) Jelaskan apakah yang dimaksudkan dengan "bahan pozzolan".

(a) *Explain what is meant by "pozzolanic material".*

(4 markah)

(b) Senaraikan **EMPAT (4)** bahan tambah kimia yang selalu digunakan di dalam kerja pengkonkritan. Bagi tiap-tiap bahan tambah kimia, jelaskan peranan masing-masing.

(b) *List **FOUR (4)** commonly used chemical admixtures in concrete. For each chemical admixture, explain its role.*

(8 markah)

(c) Penggunaan abu terbang (*fly ash*) selalunya dikaitkan dengan kesan pengurangan keperluan air bancuhan konkrit sehingga 15 %.

i. Jelaskan bagaimana kesan ini boleh berlaku.

ii. Satu campuran konkrit dengan kandungan simen Portland biasa; 370 kg/m<sup>3</sup> dan nisbah air/simen; 0.6 memberikan nilai penurunan 75 mm. Sekiranya 30 % daripada kandungan simen digantikan dengan abu terbang, tentukan kandungan air bagi bancuhan konkrit berkenaan untuk mendapatkan nilai penurunan yang sama (75 mm). Anggapkan bahawa pada tahap penggantian 30 %, keperluan air berkurangan sebanyak 15%.

iii. Sekiranya nisbah air simen yang sama (0.6) dikekalkan bagi campuran konkrit yang mengandungi 30 % abu terbang, jelaskan kesan yang anda jangkakan kepada keboleherjaan.

(c) *The use of fly ash is normally associated with a reduction in water demand of concrete up to about 15 %.*

i. *Explain how this effect could occur.*

ii. *A concrete mixture containing ordinary Portland cement; 370 kg/m<sup>3</sup> and water/cement ratio; 0.6 exhibits a slump value of 75 mm. If 30 % of the cement content is replaced with fly ash, determine the water content for the concrete mixture to give constant workability (75 mm slump). Assume that at 30 % replacement level, water requirement reduces by 15 %.*

iii. *If the same water/binder ratio of 0.6 is maintained for the concrete containing 30 % fly ash, explain the expected effect to workability.*

(9 markah)

(d) Jelaskan apakah yang dimaksudkan dengan kesan penghalusan liang atau kesan pengisian liang yang selalunya dikaitkan dengan penggunaan bahan tambah mineral.

(d) *Explain what is meant by pore refinement effect or pore filling effect that is normally associated with the use of mineral admixture.*

(4 markah)

4. Dengan menggunakan kaedah rekabentuk campuran untuk konkrit biasa (BRE Report, 1988 seperti di Lampiran) dan berdasarkan kepada data-data yang diberikan di bawah, tentukan kuantiti bahan-bahan untuk satu campuran cubaan dengan isipadu  $0.035 \text{ m}^3$ .

Kekuatan ciri: 25 MPa at 28 days

Peratus kecacatan: 5 %

Sisihan Piawai: 4 MPa

Jenis simen: Simen Portland biasa

Jenis agregat (Agregat kasar): Batuan granit

Jenis agregat (Agregat halus): Pasir sungai

Nisbah air/simen bebas maksima: 0.50

Penurunan: 60 – 180 mm

Saiz maksima agregat: 20 mm

Ketumpatan relatif agregat (SSD): 2.7

Peratusan pasir melepasi ayak  $600 \mu\text{m}$ : 60 %

*Using the guideline on "Design of Normal Concrete Mixes" (BRE Report, 1988 given in the attachment) and based on the data given below, determine the quantity of materials for a trial mix of  $0.035 \text{ m}^3$ .*

*Characteristic strength: 25 MPa at 28 days*

*Proportion defective: 5 %*

*Standard deviation: 4 MPa*

*Cement type: Ordinary Portland cement*

*Aggregate type (coarse): Granite; Aggregate type (fine): river sand*

*Maximum free water/cement ratio: 0.50*

*Slump: 60-180 mm*

*Maximum aggregate size: 20 mm*

*Relative density of aggregate (SSD): 2.7*

*Percentage passing  $600 \mu\text{m}$  sieve: 60 %*

(25 markah)

5. (a) Jelaskan secara ringkas apakah yang dimaksudkan dengan ciri-ciri konkrit segar berikut:

- i. Kebolehkerjaan
- ii. Pengasingan
- iii. Kejelekitan
- iv. Penjujukan
- v. Kehilangan penurunan

(a) *Explain briefly what is meant by the following characteristics of fresh concrete:*

- i. *Workability*
- ii. *Segregation*
- iii. *Cohesiveness*
- iv. *Bleeding*
- v. *Slump loss*

(10 markah)

(b) Bincangkan bagaimana faktor-faktor berikut boleh meningkatkan kekuatan dan ketahanan lasakan konkrit konkrit:

- i. Nisbah air/pengikat
- ii. Penggunaan bahan tambah mineral

(b) *Discuss how the following factors could enhance strength and durability of concrete:*

- i. *Water/binder ratio*
- ii. *The use of mineral admixture*

(10 markah)

(c) Beberapa spesimen konkrit yang telah di salut (tiada pergerakan lembapan) dan dikenakan tegasan mampatan yang malar,  $\sigma_0$  daripada umur  $t_0$ , telah didedahkan kepada suhu yang tinggi pada umur  $t$  ( $t > t_0$ ).

- i. Tuliskan ungkapan yang sesuai untuk rayapan bagi spesimen-spesimen konkrit yang terlibat.
- ii. Sekiranya jumlah terikan yang diukur pada umur  $t$ ,  $\epsilon = 398 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\sigma_0 = 12 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ,  $E = 35.6 \text{ GPa}$ , kenaikan suhu =  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , dan pekali pengembangan haba =  $8 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$ , tentukan terikan rayapan.

(c) *Several concrete specimens which were sealed (no moisture movement) and subjected to a constant compressive stress,  $\sigma_0$  from the age of  $t_0$ , have been subjected to elevated temperature at the age of  $t$  ( $t > t_0$ ).*

- i. *Write an expression for creep strain of the concrete specimens involved.*
- ii. *If the total measured strain at the age of  $t$ ,  $\epsilon = 398 \times 10^{-6}$ ,  $\sigma_0 = 12 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ,  $E = 35.6 \text{ GPa}$ , temperature rise =  $25 \text{ }^\circ\text{C}$ , and coefficient of thermal expansion =  $8 \times 10^{-6}/^\circ\text{C}$ , determine the creep strain.*

(5 markah)

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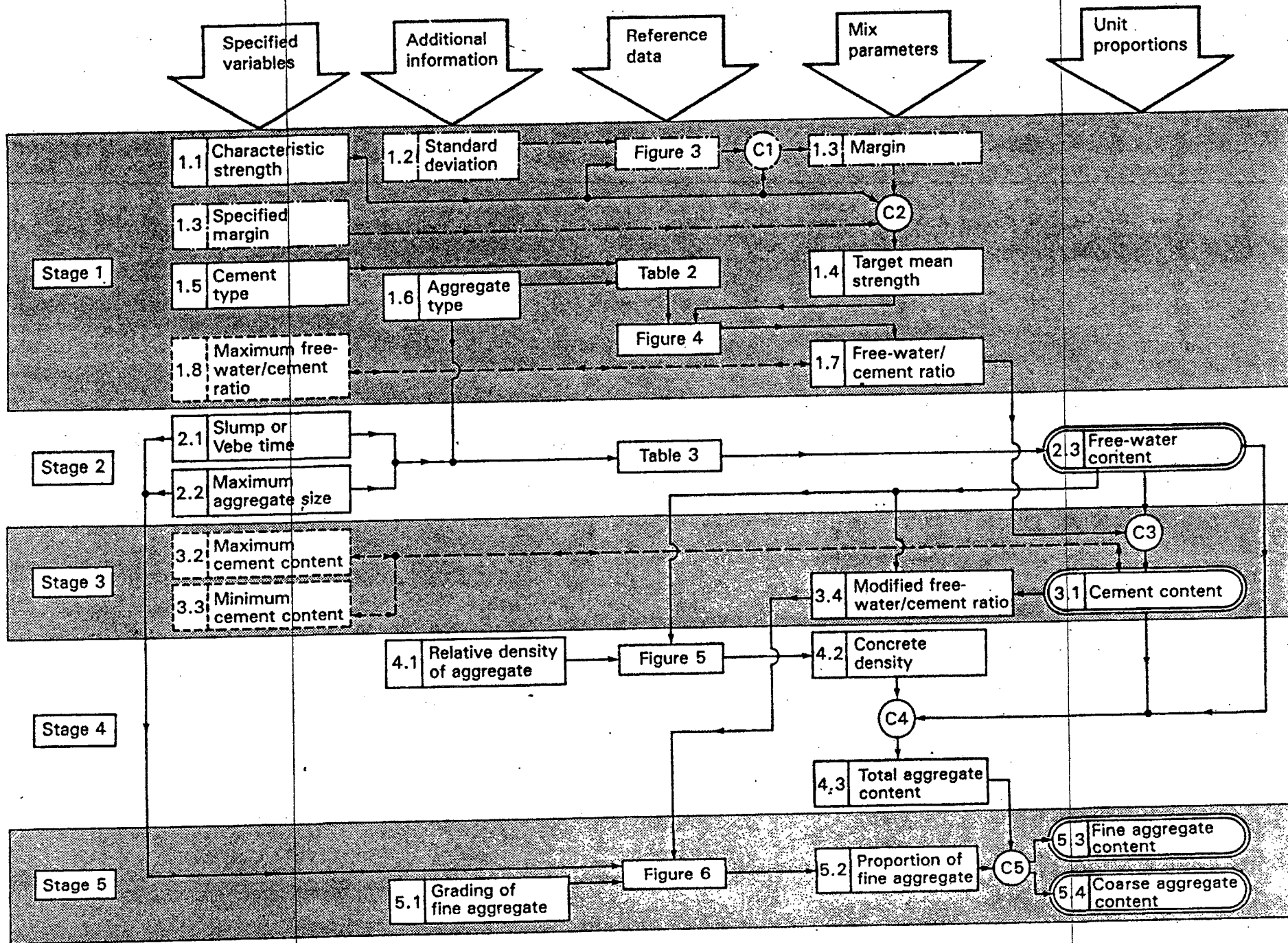


Figure 2 Flow chart of mix design procedure. Items in dashed boxes and with two-way arrows are optional limiting values that may be specified. C = calculation  
Items in chain-dotted boxes are alternatives



Concrete mix design form

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Stage	Item	Reference or calculation	Values
1	1.1 Characteristic strength	Specified	_____ N/mm <sup>2</sup> at _____ days Proportion defective _____ %
	1.2 Standard deviation	Fig 3	_____ N/mm <sup>2</sup> or no data _____ N/mm <sup>2</sup>
	1.3 Margin	C1 or Specified	(k = _____) _____ × _____ = _____ N/mm <sup>2</sup> _____ N/mm <sup>2</sup>
	1.4 Target mean strength	C2	_____ + _____ = _____ N/mm <sup>2</sup>
	1.5 Cement type	Specified	OPC/SRPC/RHPC
	1.6 Aggregate type: coarse Aggregate type: fine		Crushed/uncrushed Crushed/uncrushed
	1.7 Free-water/cement ratio	Table 2, Fig 4	} Use the lower value <input type="text"/>
	1.8 <i>Maximum free-water/cement ratio</i>	<i>Specified</i>	
2	2.1 Slump or Vebe time	Specified	Slump _____ mm or Vebe time _____ s
	2.2 Maximum aggregate size	Specified	_____ mm
	2.3 Free-water content	Table 3	<input type="text"/> kg/m <sup>3</sup>
3	3.1 Cement content	C3	_____ ÷ _____ = _____ kg/m <sup>3</sup>
	3.2 <i>Maximum cement content</i>	<i>Specified</i>	_____ kg/m <sup>3</sup>
	3.3 <i>Minimum cement content</i>	<i>Specified</i>	_____ kg/m <sup>3</sup> use 3.1 if ≤ 3.2 use 3.3 if > 3.1
	3.4 Modified free-water/cement ratio		<input type="text"/> kg/m <sup>3</sup>
4	4.1 Relative density of aggregate (SSD)		_____ known/assumed
	4.2 Concrete density	Fig 5	_____ kg/m <sup>3</sup>
	4.3 Total aggregate content	C4	_____ - _____ - _____ = _____ kg/m <sup>3</sup>
5	5.1 Grading of fine aggregate	Percentage passing 600 μm sieve	_____ %
	5.2 Proportion of fine aggregate	Fig 6	_____ %
	5.3 Fine aggregate content	} C5	_____ × _____ = <input type="text"/> kg/m <sup>3</sup> _____ - _____ = <input type="text"/> kg/m <sup>3</sup>
	5.4 Coarse aggregate content		

Quantities	Cement (kg)	Water (kg or L)	Fine aggregate (kg)	Coarse aggregate (kg)		
				10 mm	20 mm	40 mm
per m <sup>3</sup> (to nearest 5 kg)	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
per trial mix of _____ m <sup>3</sup>	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

Items in italics are optional limiting values that may be specified (see Section 7)

1 N/mm<sup>2</sup> = 1 MN/m<sup>2</sup> = 1 MPa (see footnote to Section 3).  
 OPC = ordinary Portland cement; SRPC = sulphate-resisting Portland cement; RHPC = rapid-hardening Portland cement.  
 Relative density = specific gravity (see footnote to Para 5.4). SSD = based on a saturated surface-dry basis.

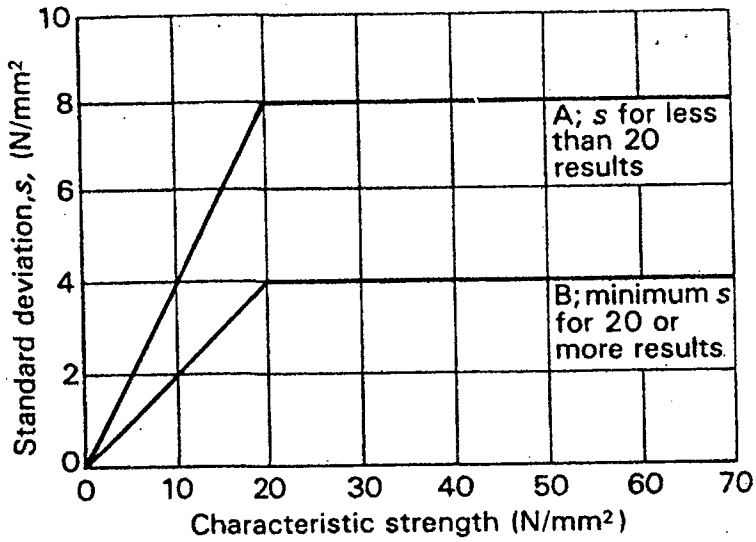


Figure 3 Relationship between standard deviation and characteristic strength

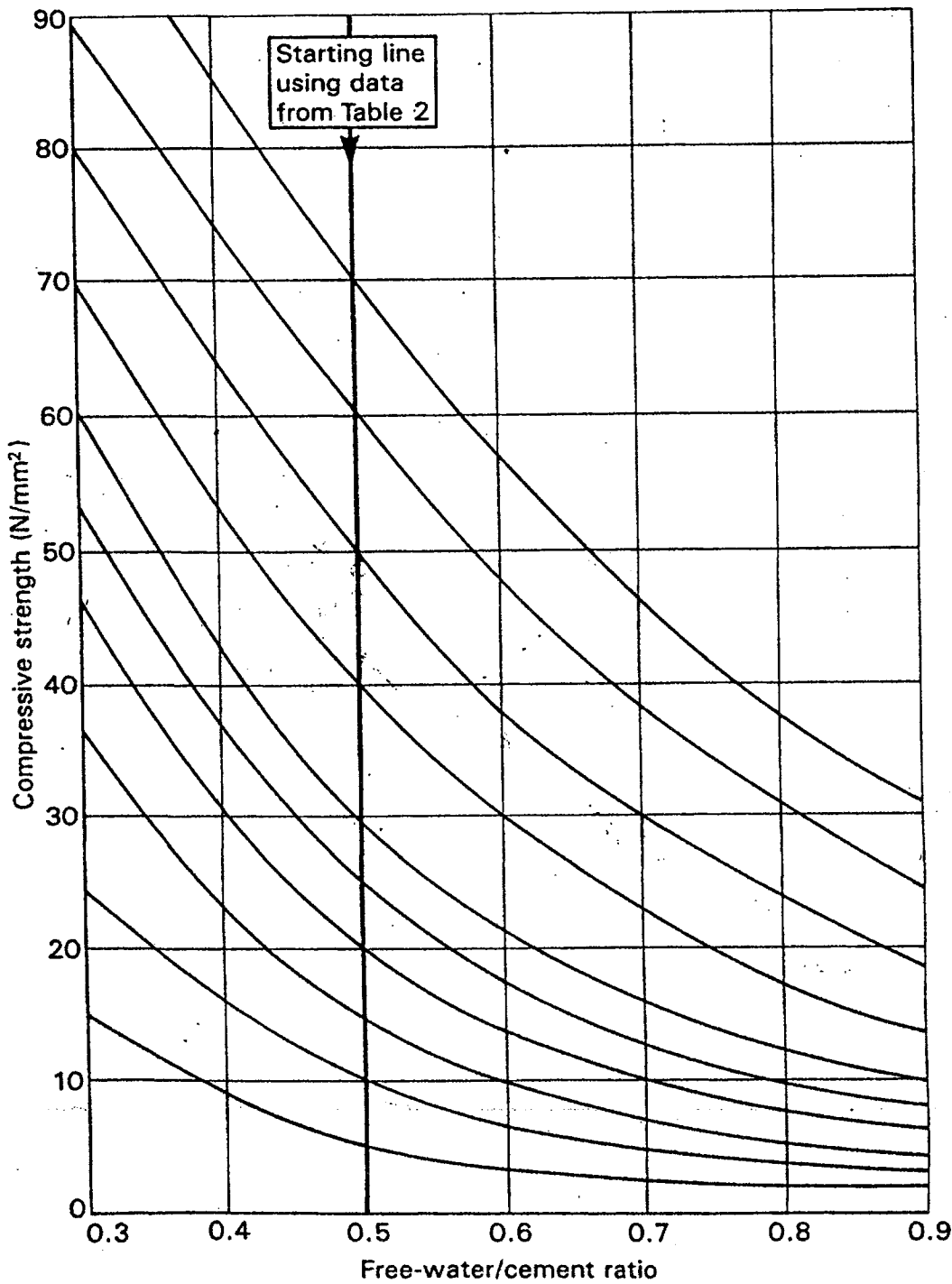


Figure 4 Relationship between compressive strength and free-water/cement ratio

**Table 2** Approximate compressive strengths (N/mm<sup>2</sup>) of concrete mixes made with a free-water/cement ratio of 0.5

Type of cement	Type of coarse aggregate	Compressive strengths (N/mm <sup>2</sup> )			
		Age (days)			
		3	7	28	91
Ordinary Portland (OPC) or sulphate-resisting Portland (SRPC)	Uncrushed	22	30	42	49
	Crushed	27	36	49	56
Rapid-hardening Portland (RHPC)	Uncrushed	29	37	48	54
	Crushed	34	43	55	61

1 N/mm<sup>2</sup> = 1 MN/m<sup>2</sup> = 1 MPa (see footnote on earlier page).

**Table 3** Approximate free-water contents (kg/m<sup>3</sup>) required to give various levels of workability

Slump (mm)	0-10	10-30	30-60	60-180	
Vebe time(s)	>12	6-12	3-6	0-3	
Maximum size aggregate (mm)	Type of aggregate				
10	Uncrushed	150	180	205	225
	Crushed	180	205	230	250
20	Uncrushed	135	160	180	195
	Crushed	170	190	210	225
40	Uncrushed	115	140	160	175
	Crushed	155	175	190	205

Note: When coarse and fine aggregates of different types are used, the free-water content is estimated by the expression

$$\frac{2}{3}W_f + \frac{1}{3}W_c$$

where  $W_f$  = free-water content appropriate to type of fine aggregate  
and  $W_c$  = free-water content appropriate to type of coarse aggregate.

### 5.3 Determination of cement content (Stage 3)

The cement content is determined from calculation C3:

$$\text{Cement content} = \frac{\text{free-water content}}{\text{free-water/cement ratio}} \quad \dots C3$$

The resulting value should be checked against any maximum or minimum value that may be specified. If the calculated cement content from C3 is below a specified minimum, this minimum value must be adopted and a modified free-water/cement ratio calculated which will be less than that determined in Stage 1. This will result in a concrete that has a mean strength somewhat higher than the target mean strength. Alternatively, the free-water/cement ratio from Stage 1 is used resulting in a higher free-water content and increased workability.

On the other hand, if the design method indicates a cement content that is higher than a specified maximum then it is probable that the specification cannot be met simultaneously on strength and workability requirements with the selected materials. Consideration should then be given to changing the type of cement, the type and maximum size of aggregate or the level of workability of the concrete, or to the use of a water reducing admixture.

### 5.4 Determination of total aggregate content (Stage 4)

Stage 4 requires an estimate of the density of the fully compacted concrete which is obtained from Figure 5 depending upon the free-water content and the relative density\* of the combined aggregate in the saturated surface-dry condition (SSD). If no information is available regarding the relative density of the aggregate an approximation can be made by assuming a value of 2.6 for uncrushed aggregate and 2.7 for crushed aggregate. From this estimated density of the concrete the total aggregate content is determined from calculation C4:

$$\text{Total aggregate content} = D - C - W \quad \dots C4$$

(saturated and surface-dry)

where  $D$  = the wet density of concrete (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
 $C$  = the cement content (kg/m<sup>3</sup>)  
 $W$  = the free-water content (kg/m<sup>3</sup>).

\*The internationally known term 'relative density' used in this publication is synonymous with 'specific gravity' and is the ratio of the mass of a given volume of substance to the mass of an equal volume of water.

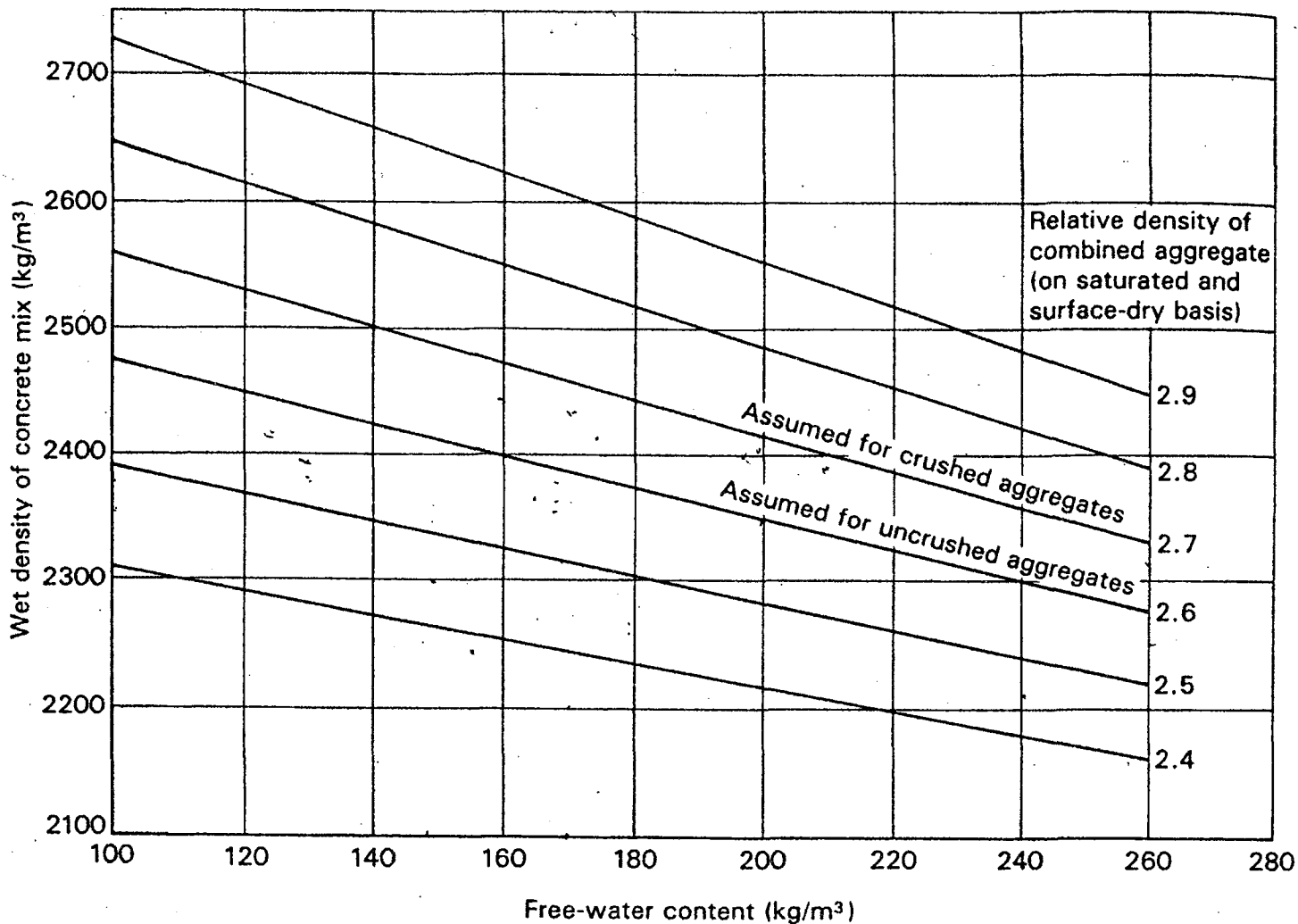


Figure 5 Estimated wet density of fully compacted concrete

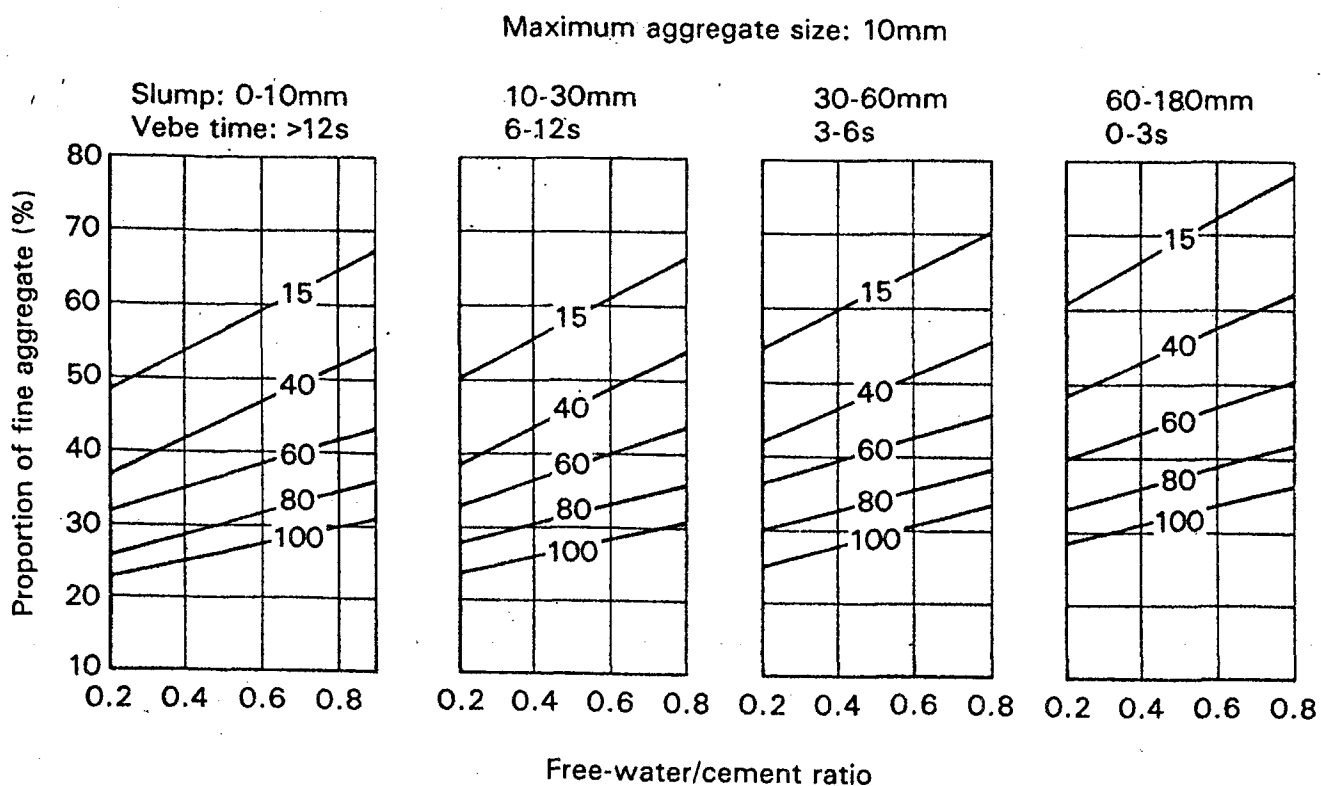


Figure 6 Recommended proportions of fine aggregate according to percentage passing a 600 µm sieve

Maximum aggregate size: 20mm

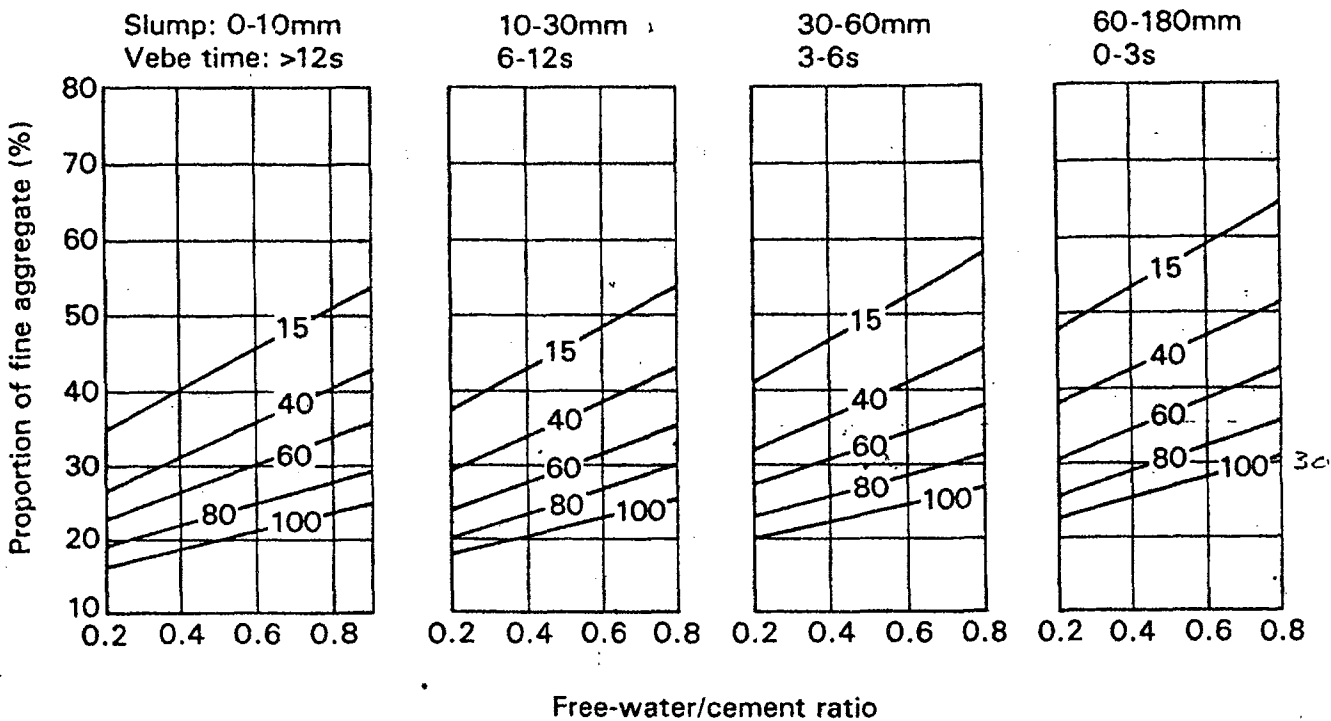


Figure 6 (continued)

Maximum aggregate size: 40mm

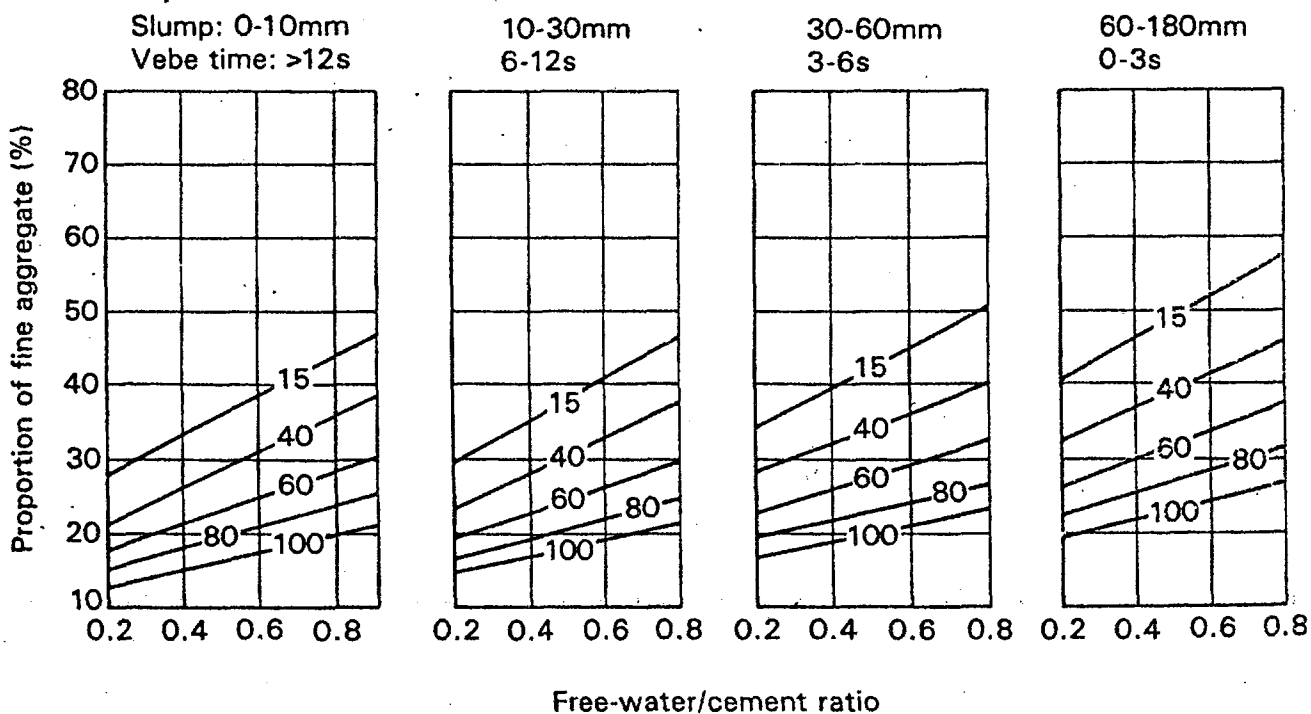


Figure 6 (continued)