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**REG363 – Site Investigation**  
***[Kajian Tapak]***

Duration: 3 hours  
*[Masa: 3 jam]*

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*Sila pastikan bahawa kertas peperiksaan ini mengandungi ENAM muka surat yang tercetak sebelum anda memulakan peperiksaan ini.*

Students are allowed to answer all questions in English OR in Bahasa Malaysia.

*Pelajar dibenarkan menjawab semua soalan dalam Bahasa Inggeris ATAU Bahasa Malaysia.*

Answer **FIVE** questions only.

*Jawab **LIMA** soalan sahaja.*

In the event of any discrepancies, the English version shall be used.

*Sekiranya terdapat sebarang percanggahan pada soalan peperiksaan, versi Bahasa Inggeris hendaklah digunapakai.*

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1. (a) What is the purpose of the site investigation?

*Apakah tujuan penyelidikan tapak?*

(5 marks/markah)

- (b) Discuss and elaborate each of the ground investigation methods as listed below.

*Huraikan setiap satu kaedah-kaedah penyiasatan tanah seperti senarai di bawah.*

- (i) Light dynamis penetrometer/*Penusukan ringan dinamik*
- (ii) Excavation/*Pengorekan*
- (iii) Borehole/*Lubang gerak*

(15 marks/markah)

2. Describe in detail any **TWO** statements listed below. (Use sketches if needed).

*Jelaskan dengan terperinci DUA daripada perkara di bawah. (Gunakan lakaran jika perlu).*

- (a) Compaction/*Pemadatan*
- (b) Consolidation/*Penguhan*
- (c) Sampling/*Persampelan*
- (d) Slope stabilization/*Kestabilan cerun*
- (e) Soil characteristic/*Ciri-ciri tanah*

(20 marks/markah)

3. (a) For a given soil, the following parameters have been determined in the soil laboratory:-

Specific gravity of soil solid particles,  $G_s = 2.74$ , moist unit weight,  $\gamma = 20.6 \text{ kN/m}^3$  and moisture content,  $w = 17.2\%$ . Determine:-

- (i) Dry unit weight of soil,  $\gamma_{\text{dry}}$
- (ii) Void ratio,  $e$
- (iii) Porosity,  $n$
- (iv) Degree of saturation,  $S$

*Bagi satu sampel tanah, parameter berikut telah ditentukan daripada ujian makmal tanah:-*

*Graviti tentu butiran pejal tanah,  $G_s = 2.74$ , berat unit lembap,  $\gamma = 20.6 \text{ kN/m}^3$  dan kandungan lembapan,  $w = 17.2\%$ . Tentukan:-*

- (i) *Berat unit kering tanah,  $\gamma_{\text{dry}}$*
- (ii) *Nisbah lompong,  $e$*
- (iii) *Keliangan,  $n$*
- (iv) *Darjah ketepuan,  $S$*

(10 marks/markah)

- (b) For a saturated soil sample, it has been found that its moisture content,  $w = 21\%$  and specific gravity of the soil solid particles,  $G_s = 2.67$ . Determine:-

- (i) Saturated unit weight,  $\gamma_{\text{sat}}$
- (ii) Dry unit weight,  $\gamma_{\text{dry}}$
- (iii) Moist unit weight of soil,  $\gamma$  when degree of saturation becomes 70%

*Bagi satu sample tanah yang tepu, telah ditentukan bahawa kandungan lembapan tanah,  $w = 21\%$  dan gravity tentu butiran pejal tanah,  $G_s = 2.67$ . Tentukan.*

- (i) *Berat unit tepu,  $\gamma_{\text{sat}}$*
- (ii) *Berat unit kering,  $\gamma_{\text{dry}}$*
- (iii) *Berat unit lembap tanah,  $\gamma$  apabila darjah ketepuan tanah adalah 70%.*

(10 marks/markah)

4. (a) Describe about the shape of particles present in a soil mass and components of soil. What are the importance in site investigation.

*Huraikan tentang bentuk zarah-zarah dalam jisim tanah dan komponen-komponen tanah. Apakah kepentingannya dalam penyelidikan tapak.*

(7 marks/markah)

- (b) Explain with the help of sketches on the principles of compaction and what is meant by the optimum moisture content at the maximum dry unit weight.

*Terangkan dengan bantuan gambarajah tentang prinsip-prinsip pemadatan dan apakah maksud kandungan kelembapan optimum pada berat unit kering maksimum.*

(7 marks/markah)

- (c) Describe the method of dynamic compaction and what do you understand by cohesive and cohesion less soils.

*Huraikan kaedah pemadatan dinamik dan apakah yang anda faham tentang tanah berjeleket dan tanah tak berjeleket.*

(6 marks/markah)

5. (a) Explain the terms liquid limit, plastic limit, shrinkage limit, plasticity index and liquidity index and describe how they are measured.

*Terangkan maksud had cecair, had plastik, had pengecutan, indeks keplastikan dan indeks kecairan dan huraikan bagaimana ia dipertimbangkan.*

(10 marks/markah)

- (b) The following results were obtained from a cone penetrometer test on a soil sample:-

*Keputusan ujian seperti berikut telah diperolehi daripada ujian penetrometer kon ke atas sampel tanah :*

Cone penetration/ <i>Penelusan kon</i> (mm)	15.5	17.3	19.6	22.4	23.9
Moisture content/ <i>Kandungan lembapan</i> w (%)	47	51	56	63	66

Find the liquid limit of the soil and also the plasticity index if the plastic limit was 18%. What is the classification of the soil.

*Dapatkan had cecair tanah dan juga indeks keplastikan jika had plastik ialah 18%. Apakah pengelasan tanah tersebut.*

(10 marks/markah)

6. Terzaghi's formula for the net ultimate bearing capacity  $q_{nf}$  (total pressure less overburden pressure) for a continuous or strip footing is:-

*Formula Terzaghi's untuk keupayaan galas beban muktamad bersih  $q_{nf}$  (tekanan keseluruhan kurang dari tekanan dibebankan) untuk asas jalur ialah:-*

$$q_{nf} = cN_c + \gamma z(N_q - 1) + 0.5\gamma B N_\gamma$$

Skempton's formula for  $N_c$  for undrained saturated clay is:-

*Formula Skempton untuk  $N_c$  untuk tanah liat tepu tidak mengalir ialah:-*

$$N_c = 5.14 (1 + 0.2 B/L) [1 + 0.053 B/D]$$

The safe bearing pressure with a factor of safety  $F$  is:-

*Tekanan galas selamat dengan faktor keselamatan  $F$  ialah:-*

$$q_s = q_{nf}/F + \gamma z$$

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For a certain soil the cohesion  $C_u$  is  $50 \text{ kN/m}^2$ , the unit weight is  $19.2 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .

*Untuk tanah tertentu, kejeleketan ialah  $C_u$  is  $50 \text{ kN/m}^2$ , berat unit ialah  $19.2 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .*

- (a) Calculate the net ultimate bearing capacity for a continuous or strip footing of width  $B = 1.25\text{m}$ , at a depth  $z = 4.5\text{m}$ .

*Kirakan keupayaan galas beban muktamad bersih untuk asas jalur dengan lebarnya  $B = 1.25\text{m}$ , pada kedalaman  $z = 4.5\text{m}$ .*

(10 marks/markah)

- (b) Considering shear failure only, calculate the safe total load on a footing 6 m long by 1.25m wide, using a load factor of 2.5.

*Hanya dengan mengambil kira kegagalan ricih, kirakan beban keseluruhan selamat ke atas asas 6m panjang dengan lebar 1.25m, gunakan faktor beban ialah 2.5.*

(10 marks/markah)

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