



First Semester Examination  
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**EAS457 – Structural Steel Design**

Duration : 1 hours

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Please check that this examination paper consists of **FOUR (4)** pages of printed material before you begin the examination.

**Instructions** : This paper contains **TWO (2)** questions. Answer **ALL** questions.

All questions **MUST BE** answered on a new page.

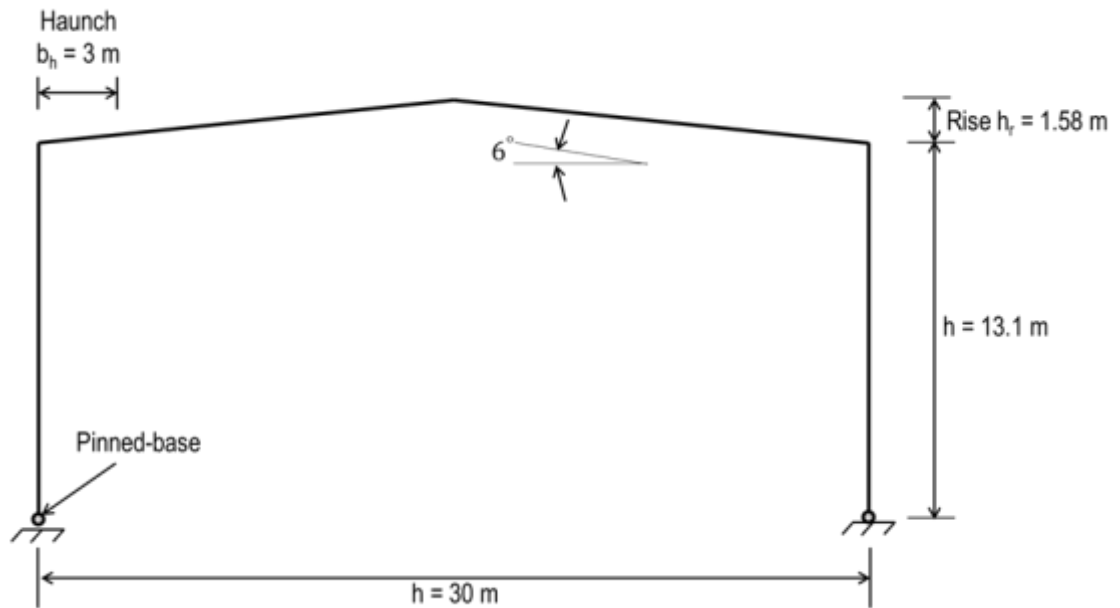
1. (a). A member of the web chord is subjected to a compression load of 1500 kN. As an engineer, you are required to check the suitability of a 244.5 x 8 CHS section in resisting the load. Assume the member is classified under Class 1 section and the steel is Fe 430 (S275).

[24 marks]

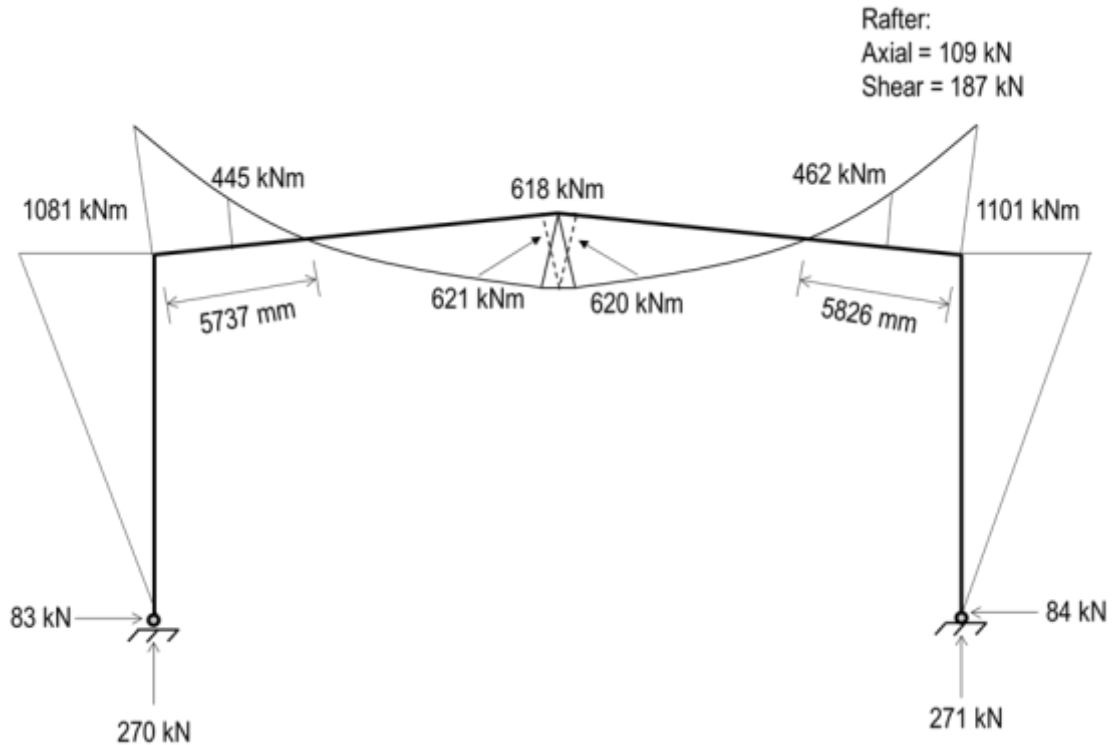
- (b). A tension member consists of a 150 x 90 x 10 single unequal angle whose ends are connected to gusset plates through the larger leg by a single row of four 22 mm bolts in 24 mm holes at 60 mm centres. Check the tension member for a design tension force of  $N_{t,Ed} = 300$  kN. Assume the steel grade is S275 and a member is in Class 1 section.

[26 marks]

2. The following **Figure 1** will be referred throughout **Question 2**.



(a) Single portal frame



(b) Bending moment diagram (include EHF)

Figure 1

- (a). Consider a single symmetric portal frame with pinned bases as in **Figure 1**. From the initial analysis, the reactions are as tabulated in **Table 1** below. Check the significance of the initial sway imperfection. If the initial sway imperfection is significant, determine the equivalent horizontal forces (EHF).

[18 marks]

**Table 1**

	Left column (kN)		Right column (kN)		Axial force in rafter (kN)
	$H_{Ed}$	$V_{Ed}$	$H_{Ed}$	$V_{Ed}$	$N_{Ed}$
Reactions	74	241	-74	241	97

- (b). Evaluate the sensitivity of the following rafter section to the effects of deformed geometry (2<sup>nd</sup> order effects). All the design information and data are shown in **Table 2** and **Figure 1**.

[16 marks]

**Table 2**


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 Rafter section size: 533 × 210 × 101 UKB S355

Section properties:

h	: 536.7 mm	d	: 476.5 mm	$I_z$	: 2,690 cm <sup>4</sup>
b	: 210 mm	A	: 129 cm <sup>2</sup>	$I_T$	: 101 cm <sup>4</sup>
$t_w$	: 10.8 mm	$W_{el,y}$	: 2,290 cm <sup>3</sup>	$I_W$	: 1.810 dm <sup>6</sup>
$t_f$	: 17.4 mm	$W_{pl,y}$	: 2,610 cm <sup>3</sup>	$i_y$	: 219 mm
r	: 12.7 mm	$I_y$	: 61,500 cm <sup>4</sup>	$i_z$	: 45.7 mm
$h_w$	: 501.9 mm	E	: 210 GPa		

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 Given the displacement at the top of the columns under a notional horizontal force (NHF) = 7.2 mm
 

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- (c). By assuming the rafter in **Figure 1** is in **Class 1** section, check the cross-sectional resistance of the rafter for *bending moment* and *shear*. Use rafter size in **Question 2 (b)**.

[16 marks]