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ANNA UNIVERSITY (UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS)

B.E/B.Tech/B.Arch (F.T) END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS – NOV / DEC 2024

AGRICULTURAL AND IRRIGATION ENGINEERING

3<sup>rd</sup> Semester

AI7301 & Soil Science and Engineering

(Regulation2015)

Time: 3 Hours

Answer ALL Questions

Max.Marks100

**PART- A (10x2=20 Marks)**

Q.No	Questions	Marks
1.	What is humification?	2
2.	What is desalinization?	2
3.	What is meant by reclamation of soil?	2
4.	List the majortypes of soils In Tamil Nadu.	2
5.	What is meant by density index and relative density?	2
6.	What is porosity?	2
7.	Define Darcy's law.	2
8.	Define permeability.	2
9.	What is infinite slope?	2
10.	Define the term slip angle?	2

**PART- B (5x 13=65 Marks)**

(Restrict to a maximum of 2 subdivisions)

Q.No	Questions	Marks
11.	a) What are the different steps involved in soil formation process? <b>OR</b> b) Define soil profile. Describe the soil profile and its development with sketch.	13
12.	a)Name the 12 soil orders and very briefly describe (any 8) each other major distinguishing properties/diagnostic horizons according to the most general level of classification in the USDA system of soil taxonomy? <b>OR</b> b) Explain the land use capability classification with a neat sketch.	13
13.	a) A soil sample has a porosity of 40%, the specific gravity of solids 2.70. Calculate (a) void ratio (b) dry density (c) unit weight if the soil is 50% saturated (d) unit weight if the soil is completely saturated <b>OR</b> b) Explain the procedure of determining the shrinkage limit in the laboratory.	13
14.	a) A falling head permeability test is to be performed on a soil sample whose permeability estimated to be about $3 \times 10^{-5}$ cm/s. What diameter of the stand pipe should be used if the head is to drop from 27.5 cm to 20.0 cm in 5 minutes and if the cross-sectional area and length of the sample are respectively 15 cm <sup>2</sup> and 8.5 cm? Will it take the same time for the head to drop from 37.7 cm to 30.0 cm? <b>OR</b> b) Explain the direct shear test to determine the shear strength of soil.	13
15.	a) Explain the procedure to calculate the factor of safety of a finite slope possessing both cohesion and friction (C- $\phi$ ) by method of slices. <b>OR</b>	13

	b) Explain Terzaghi's analysis of bearing capacity of soil in general shear failure with assumptions.	13
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**PART- C(1x 15=15 Marks)**  
(Q.No 16 is Compulsory)

Q.No	Questions	Marks
16.	Describe the triaxial shear test. What are the advantages of triaxial shear test over the direct shear test?	15

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