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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:**

PLEASE ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS.

**QUESTION 1 [20]**

Determine the shearing forces, bending moments and draw the shear and bending moment diagrams for the beam shown in figure 1.0 below

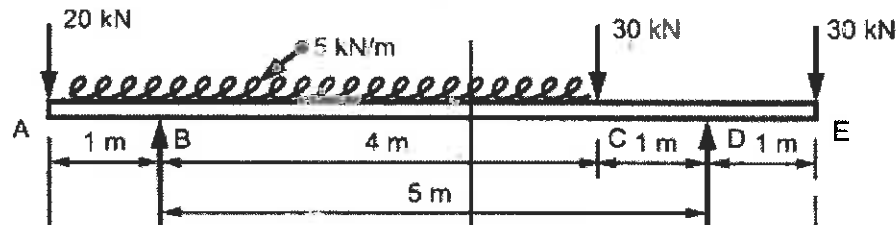


Fig 1.0

**QUESTION 2 [15]**

Determine the reactions and the type and magnitude of the forces in the members of the frames shown in figure 2.0. Label each node in clockwise direction alphabetically.

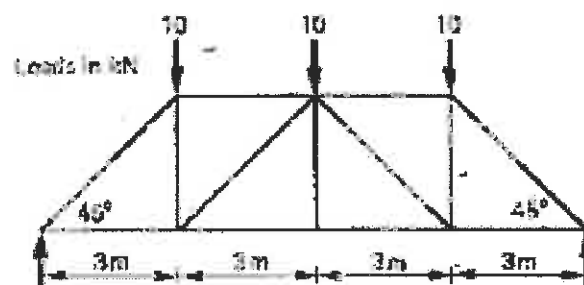


Fig 2.0

**QUESTION 3 [15]**

Timber beams spanning 4m in one direction only and spaced at 3m centre to centre support a timber floor comprising joists and boards with plaster ceiling. Other design data

- Self-weight of boards and floor joists 0.23KN/m<sup>2</sup>
- Self-weight of ceiling 0.22 KN/m<sup>2</sup>
- Self-weight of one timber beam 0.6 KN
- The floor is part of a residential house

Determine the total ultimate design load for each beam.

**QUESTION 4 [15]**

A simply supported rectangular beam, size 400 x 230mm is subjected to a moment of 100.4KNM and reactions at the support are 100.4KN. Given that the characteristic strength of main reinforcement steel is  $460\text{N/mm}^2$ , for the stirrups is  $250\text{N/mm}^2$  and that of concrete is  $30\text{N/mm}^2$ , determine the reinforcement requirements for bending and shear. Take the effective depth of the beam to be 354.5mm.

**QUESTION 5 [15]**

A concrete floor reinforced with 10mm diameter mild steel bars ( $f_y=250\text{N/mm}^2$ ) at 125mm centre to centre ( $A_s=628\text{mm}^2$  per metre width of slab) between brick walls as shown in figure 3.0 below. Calculate the maximum uniformly distributed imposed load the floor can carry. Material strength:  $f_{cu} = 30\text{N/mm}^2$ ,  $f_y=250\text{N/mm}^2$ , concrete cover = 25mm, concrete weight= $24\text{kNm}^{-3}$

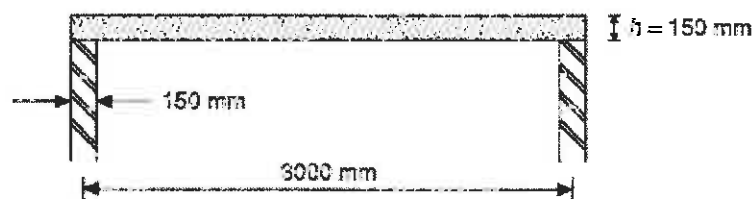


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**QUESTION 6 [20]**

The figure below shows the loads on a 14m beam. The beam is a 533x210x82kg/m I-beam and is simply supported as shown at A and B. Determine the maximum bending stress in the beam. Also determine the average shear stress on the web of the beam. Use elastic theory.

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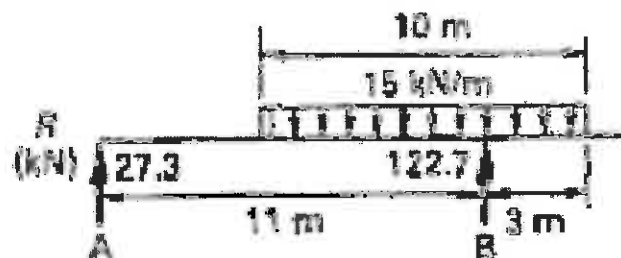


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