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## MAIN EXAMINATION PAPER DEC 2015

TITLE OF PAPER: BUILDING CONSTRUCTION

**TECHNOLOGY I** 

**COURSE CODE:** 

EHM 201

DURATION

: 2 HOURS

**MARKS** 

: 100

**INSTRUCTIONS** : ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

: EACH QUESTION CARRIES 25 MARKS

: BEGIN EACH QUESTION ON A SEPARATE

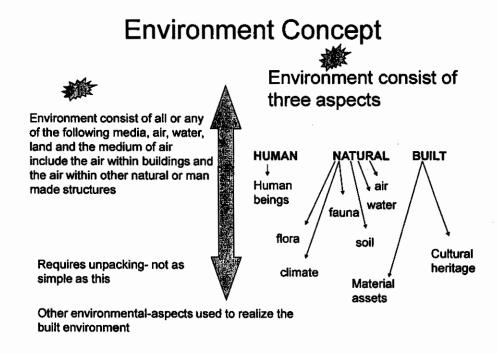
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### Main Exam Paper December 2015 EHM201 Building Construction Technology 1

#### **QUESTION ONE**

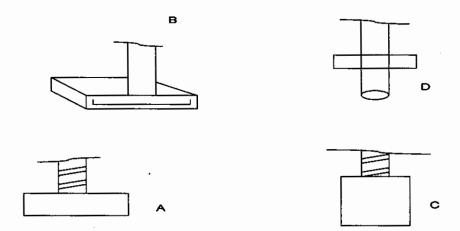
- (a) A restaurant has lodged a complaint arising out of logging and construction activities
  around town. Using the LCA principles describe in detail the likely issues raised in the
  complaint.
- (b) Using the diagram below, what is meant by the **built environment?** State its significance and its links to natural and the human environment. [10]



#### **QUESTION TWO**

- (a) Define the concept "green construction' and state three design considerations that help to achieve the objectives of 'green construction' pertaining to energy in buildings. [11]
- (b) A building engineer is tasked with making a choice between several types of foundations for a big construction project. Discuss five factors that may help him/her come to a proper conclusion on his/her choices. [10]

(a) Name the following types of foundations below (A, B, C, D) and state under what conditions each type is used. [4]



## **QUESTION THREE**

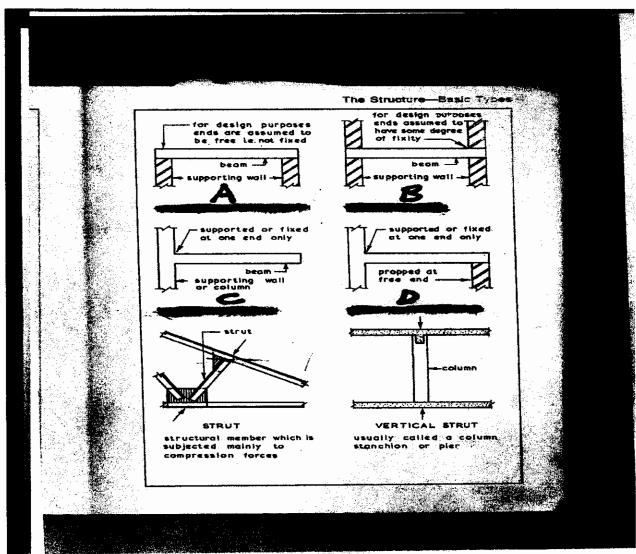
(a) State the eight performance requirements for any building fabric. [8] (b) Differentiate between primary and secondary elements in building construction [1] (c) Differentiate between substructure and superstructure in buildings [1] (d) Differentiate between solid construction and framed construction [1] (e) Given wooden and metal doors, which will you choose to use in a domestic building? Give reasons for your choice. (f) Painting and rendering are two very important activities in building construction. Write a few notes on each to demonstrate your understanding of the two different roles each one plays in building construction [5] (g) Concerning aggregate please complete the following matrix below [4]

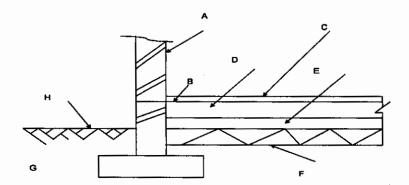
# **AGGREGATE**

| NAME          | SIZE OF PARTICLES |
|---------------|-------------------|
| Coarse gravel |                   |
|               | 6.0-2.0mm         |
| Course sand   | 2.0-0.6mm         |
| Fine sand     |                   |
|               | 0.06-0.02         |
| Fine silt     | 0.006-0.002       |
|               | ≤0.002            |

# QUESTION FOUR

(a) On your answer script label the following basic types of beams used in construction projects (A,B,C and D) [4]





- (c) Choose any three and sketch out to demonstrate the understanding of these terminologies as applied to brickworks. [3]
  - i. Toothing
  - ii. Raking back
  - iii. Cross joint
  - iv. Bed joint stretcher course
  - v. Quoin
- (d) The construction of a building can be divided into five phases. Name them and state five factors considered during the preliminary study. [5]
- (e) There are eight performance requirements for any building fabric. State five. [5]

# **QUESTION FIVE**

| (a) | State the three classes and list the various types of floor finishes.                | [6] |
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| (b) | ist three factors which lead to differences in cost of building materials in variou  |     |
|     | shops.   | [3] |
| (c) | What are the three primary objectives of construction site security?                 | [3] |
| (d) | List the seven typical security provisions that can be made at the construction site |     |
|     |  | [7] |
| (e) | Describe the process of carrying out the slump test to determine the compressive     |     |
|     | strength in concrete.  | [4] |
| (f) | Describe the curing process on flat and vertical grounds respectively                | [2] |
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