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WINTER -14 EXAMINATION Model Answer

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- 1) The answer should be examined by keywords and not as word-to-word as given in the model answer scheme.
- 2) The model answer and the answer written by candidate may vary but the examiner may try to assess the understanding level of the candidate.
- 3) The language error such as grammatical, spelling errors should not be given more importance. (Not applicable for subject English and communication skill).
- 4) While assessing figures, examiner may give credit for principal components indicated in the figure. The figure drawn by candidate and model answer may vary. The examiner may give credit for any equivalent figure drawn.
- 5) Credits may be given step wise for numerical problems. In the some cases, the assumed constants values may vary and there may be some difference in the candidates answer and model answer.
- 6) In case of some questions credit may be given by judgment on part of examiner of relevant answer based on candidates understanding.

Q.1 Attempt any TEN of the following	
a) Define the term 'Rail gauge'.	
Ans:-The clear horizontal distance between the inner faces of two rails forming a track is	02
known as gauge.	
b) Write two advantages of tunnels	
Ans:- Advantages of tunnels:-	
1) Tunnels carry railway lines ,roads and public utilities like water ,oil ,gas etc .across	*
streams and mountains economically.	
2)They tunnels connect two terminal stations by the shortest rout.	
3)They help in avoiding acquisition of costly land and property for railway and road projects	
4)They provide free movement of traffic throughout the year even during snowfall and land	
slides .	
5) They facilitate conduction of water to generate the power.	
(*Note-any two, one mark each)	

c) Enlist four types of Rail join	nt.	
Ans:-1)Supported rail joints.	2)Suspended rail joints.	
3)Bridge rail joints .	4)Welded rail joints .	*
5)Square rail joints.	6)Staggered rail joints .	
7)Compromise rail joints .	8)Insulated rail joint.	
	(*Note- any four types , ½ mark each)	
d) Define 'Gradient' and 'Sup	per elevation'	
Ans:- Gradient:-The rate of rise	or fall provided to the formation of railway track along its	01
alignment is known as gradient or	grade .	
Super elevation:-The raised elev	vation of the outer rail above the inner rail at a horizontal	01
curve in case of railway track is ca	alled super elevation.	
e) Define point and crossing.		
Ans:-The arrangements by which	different routes either parallel or diverging from the first	02
track are connected to facilitate	the diversion of trains from one track to anther track	
without any obstruction are known	n as points and crossing.	
f) Enlist four types of yards.		
Ans:- 1) Passenger bogie yards.	2) Goods yards.	
3) Marshaling yards.	4) Locomotive yards.	*
(*Note-	1/2 marks for each point)	
g) Define Tunnel Engineering.		
Ans:- Tunnel Engineering:-The	branch of civil engineering which deals with the design,	02
construction and maintenance of	tunnels is known as tunnel Engineering.	
h) Write two requirements of P	iers.	
Ans:- Requirement of Piers:- 1)	It should be easily and cheaply constructed.	
2) It should he constructed of a du	rable material.	
3) It should have sufficient beari	ng area at its top to receive the bearings supporting the	*
bridge girders.		
4) It should have pleasing appeara	nce.	
5) It should be strong enough to	take and transfer the load of superstructure to the sub soil	
lying underneath		
, I C	lateral and longitudinal thrusts of water.	
7)It should involve less maintenan		
•	ote-1 mark of each, any two)	
i) Enlist two function of Abutme	ent.	
Ans:- Function of Abutment:-		
1)To transmit the load from the br	idge superstructure to the sub-soil laying underneath.	*
2)To provide final formation level	to the bridge superstructure .	
3)To retain the earth pressure of earth	mbankment of the approaches.	
	ote-1 mark of each, any two)	

J) Enlist the explosive commonly used in tunneling work.	
Ans:-1) Power explosives.	
2) Disruptive explosives.	02
3) Liquid air .	
k) What do mean by Mucking.	
Ans:- Mucking.:- After blasting and scaling, the blasted material is removed from the tunnel	02
and dumped at a suitable site .This operation of removing the excavated or blasted material	
from the tunnel and dumping the same at predetermined site is known as mucking.	
I) Define H.F.L. and culvert.	
Ans:- H.F.L -The level of the highest flood ever recorded or the calculated level for the	01
highest possible flood discharge in a stream or river is called highest flood level.	
Culvert:-The bridge having total length six meter or less is called as a culvert.	01
m) Define Negative cant.	
Ans:- Negative cant:-The elevation of outer rail below the inner rail of a turn out or branch	02
track at the place where it meets the main track on a curve is called negative super elevation	
or negative cant.	
n) State the purpose of fish plate.	
Ans:- Purpose of fish plate:-	
1)To maintain the continuity of railway track or to connect two rails at their ends.	01
2)To allow expansion and contraction of a railway track.	01
o) State types of bridge floorings.	
Ans:- Types of bridge floorings:-	
1) Open floors .	*
2) Solid floors- a)Timber or wooden floors .b)Rein forced cement concrete slab floors .	
c)Trough floors .d) Buckle plate floors .	
(*Note-1/2 mark of each, any four types)	
Q.2. Attempt any FOUR of the following:	16
a) State the role of transportation in the development of nation.	
Ans:- Role of transportation:-	
1) It provide convenient and safe means of transporting people and goods over large	
distances in a country	*
2) It helps in uniting the people of different religions, customs and traditions living	
in different parts of a country and thus strengthens national unity.	
3) It help in developing cultural and social ties among the people living in different	
part of a country.	
4) It sets a special boon to pilgrims and travelers who wish to visit far places of their	
interest with safety, comfort, and economy in time and money.	
5) It facilitate cheap and convenient communication of bulks of letters ,parcels and	

heavy goods like raw materials ,coal ,ores etc. from mine and manufacturing		
concerns within a country.		
6) It helps in growth of trade and industrial development in a country.		
7) It helps in increases the value of land due to industrial development which results		
in increase of national wealth.		
8) It helps in providing efficient distribution of natural resources and agricultural		
product all over the country.		
9) It helps in removing distress of people in famine affected areas by transporting		
food and clothing on a large scale.		
10) I help in price stabilization of commodities due to mobility of products in all		
parts of country.		
11) It provides employment opportunities to people on a large scale and thus reduces		
unemployment problem of the country.		
12) It helps in maintaining better law and order in country.		
13) It helps in national defense of country by transporting army and ammunition		
quickly on large scale during war days.		
14) It forms a main source of revenue to a country without any taxation.		
(*Note –any four, 1 mark each)		
b) Compare bridge approaches in cutting and embankment.		
Ans:-		
1) In case high level bridges and culverts the approaches are constructed in embankment	01	
2) For submersible bridges or causeways approaches are constructed in cutting.	01	
3) The approaches should be straight for a minimum length of 15 m on the either side of the	01	
bridge, where horizontal curve have to be provided on the approaches beyond the straight		
portion on the either side with necessary radius of curvature and super elevation.		
4) Top level of the approaches is up to the level of bridge floor.		
c) What are the various zones of Indian Railways?		
Ans:- Indian Railways zones:-		
1) Eastern Railways (E.R.)2) Central Railway (CR.)	*	
3) South Eastern Railways (S.E.R.) 4) Western Railway (W.R.)		
5) Northern Railways (N.R.)6) North East Frontier Railway (N.F.R)		
7) North Eastern Railway (N.C.R.) 8) South Central Railway (S.C.R.)		
9) Southern Railway (S.R.)		
(*Note-1/2 mark each, any eight)		
d) State any four factors affecting the Rail Alignment.		
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Q.3. Attempt any FOUR of the following:	16
a) Define creep of Rails? What are its causes.	
Ans:-Creep of rails:- The longitudinal movement of rails in a track is known as creep of	02
rails.	03
Causes of Creep of rails:-	02 (fees
i) Wave action or wave theory	(for
ii) Accelerating or starting of train	any
iii) De-accelerating or stopping of train	four)
iv) Percussion theory	
v) Expansion and contraction of rails due to variation in temperature.	
vi) Intensity of traffic.	
vii) Alignment of the track	
viii) Gradient of track.	
b) Explain with sketch coning of wheels.	
Ans:- sketch coning of wheels	
G = GAUGE OF THE TRACK B = THE DISTANCE BET WEEN THE INNER EDGES OF WHEEL FLANGES WHICH IS LESS THAN G	02
Figure coning of wheels	
Coning of wheel :- The art of providing an outward slope of 1 in 20 to the treads of wheels of	02
rolling stock is known as coning of wheels. The wheels of rolling stock are provided with	
flanges on the inner side of rails forming the track.	
C) Write any four functions of Ballast.	
Ans:- Functions of Ballast:-	
i) To provide cushion effect to the track since it acts as elastic medium in between the	*
sleepers and the formation.	
ii) To provide firm bed for the slippers to rest upon.	
iii) To uniformly distribute the load of train from the sleepers on a large area of the subgrade	
or formation.	
iv) To hold the sleepers in the correct position and thus preventing their lateral and	
longitudinal movements.	
v) To provide an easy means of maintaining the required level of the two rails in a track and	
correcting track alignment.	







3) Drift method :-A drift means a hole of considerable size, driven in the face of the proposed tunnel. In this method, since a drift is made first which is further widened for driving any section of the tunnel, it is called Drift method. The position of drift may be in the side or center, but central drift is the best.

For tunneling by this method, a drift is driven usually in the center of the proposed tunnel. The size of the drift is kept sufficient to accommodate the tunneling machinery, labour and mucking equipment's etc. After making the central drift, holes are drilled for widening the face of the proposed tunnel. These drilled holes are then loaded with a suitable explosive and fired step by step as shown in fig.



(*Note- for any one method, 03 marks for explanation and 03 marks for sketch)



Ans:- Special maintenance of bridges includes the following maintenance and jobs -	+
(a) Repairs to formation of cracks, developed in R. C. C piers and abutments due to	02
settlement or due to the absence of expansion joints'	02
(ii) Repairs to breaking of surfaces as a result of using b or stones of insufficient strength	02
(iii) Repairs to exposed reinforcement due to disintegration- concrete.'	02
(iv) Any such repair of special character like preventive measure for excessive scour causing	
undermining, etc.	
Q.5. Attempt any FOUR of the following:	16
a) Define culvert ? Explain any one type with neat sketch.	-
Ans:- Culvert – A culvert is defined as a small bridge constructed over stream which	01
remains dry for most part of the year.	
Slab culvert- a slab culvert consist of stone slab or R.C.C. slab. The slab culvert of simple	
type are suitable up to a maximum span of 2.5 m or so. The RCC culvers of deck slab type	
can be economically be adopted up to span of about 8 m. The construction of slab culvert i	
relatively simple as the frame work can easily be arranged, reinforcement can be suitably	
placed and concreting be done easily. This type of culvert can be used for highway as well a	
railway bridges.	·
- PARAPET WALL	
F ROADWAY	
TR.C.C.SLAB	
FLOOR	
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SLAB CULVERT	
OR	
Arch culvert-The culvert having its superstructure consisting of one or two arche	;
constructed of any suitable masonry is known as arch culvert In this culvert segmental arche	5
consisting of brick masonry, Stone masonry or concrete are commonly used.	



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Ans:- It is a end bearing provided below the girder of bridge having span more than 25m. It has 20 am radius simular realizer rin placed between top shee and better shee. The better	*
has 20 cm radius circular rocker pin placed between top shoe and bottom shoe. The bottom shoe rests on cylindrical rollers which are free to roll on bottom steel plate.	••
Cock R AND ROLLER BEARING (*Note –Explanation 2 mark and 2 mark for sketch)	
C) State the factors governing the selection of a bridge site.	
Ans:- Factors governing the selection of a bridge site:	*
1)Straight reach of the stream.	
2)Well defined firm banks.	
3)Stream line flow.	
4)Minimum width and right angle crossing.	
5)Firm Foundation.	
6)Dry bed of approach embankments.	
7)Availability of construction materials.	
8)Availability of labours from local and nearby area.	
(*Note-1/2 marks for each point)	
d) Write a note on Inspection of bridge.	
Ans:- Inspection of bridge: It is the most important job to be done by the experts so that	
defects can be noticed and then the defects should be removed as early as possible.	
Following component parts of the bridge are inspected.	
1)Foundations: Sinking of foundations, bed level of river as compared with original bed	01
level, depth of scoring, cracks in masonry work, etc. are inspected.	01
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slopes, side erosion, pitching works etc. are inspected. After the preparation of inspection report, the repairing is done at the required places in bridges.

e) Compare R.C.C. bridge and Steel bridge (any four).

Ans:-		
	RCC Bridge	Steel Bridge
Construction	01 - Construction is more strong	Construction is strong but not more
	and durable.	durable.
	02 -It requires more time to	It requires less time to construct.
	construct.	
Maintenance	03 -1Maintenance of R.C.C.	Maintenance of steel bridge is more.
	bridge is less.	
	04 -It resists corrosion Hence no	It needs frequent painting work to
	need to paint.	avoid corrosion.
Situation	05 -Where the traffic is heavy but	Where the loads are very heavy
	does not cause sudden impact.	causing vibrations and impacts.
	06 -Generally preferred for Road	Generally preferred for Railways.
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(*Note-1 marks for each point , any four)

I) List the important equipment's and machines used in tunnel construction with their use.

Ans:-			
Sr.	Equipment's/Machine	Uses of equipment's/ Machine	*
1	Theodolite	For making the alignment of tunnels.	
2	Plumb-bobs with piano wires	For transferring the alignment (center line) of tunnel to the bottom of shaft.	
3	Spads	For making the center line inside the proposed tunnel.	
4	Electrical detonators	For firing the holes drilled and loaded with explosives.	
5	Drilling equipment's	To drill the holes.	
6	Trench jacks	For centering and formwork of tunnels.	
7	Locomotives	For hauling the muck.	
8	Travelling forms	For lining.	
9	Grouting machines	For placing grout to seal-off water entering the tunnel	
10	Loading machines such as shovels, fully revolving shovel, crawler shovel, con-way digger, mine car loaders etc.	For mucking.	
L	(*Note- 1 mark for each point	nt, minimum 4 points)	

Q.6. Attempt any FOUR of the following:	16
a) What is the necessity of ventilation of tunnels? Write four points, name methods of	
ventilation.	
Ans: a) Necessity of ventilation of tunnels.	02
1) To immediately remove the poisonous gases produced by blasting	
2) To keep the whole tunnel free from dangerous gas fumes.	
3) To remove the dust produced due to drilling operations	
4) To develop the comfortable atmosphere at the face of the tunnel.	
Methods of ventilation of tunnel:	
Mechanical Method:	01
1)Blowing air inside the tunnel	
2)By exhausting the air from the tunnel	
3) By combination of blowing and exhausting the air.	
Natural Ventilation: The natural flow of air can be increased by constructing shafts at the	01
various places over the tunnel.	
b) Explain the type of survey required during tunnel construction including laying its	
center line.	
Ans:- The survey-work of a tunnel involves the following operations	
1)Locating center line on the ground.	
2)Constructing the shafts over the center line.	
3) Transferring the center line inside the tunnel.	
1) Locating Center Line on the Ground:	
After deciding the route for the tunnel, its center line is accurately set out on the hills or	
ground by means of a common theodolite on a calm and clear day when the length of the	01
tunnel is short. If the tunnel is long and to be constructed under high mountains, the	
alignment is set out by triangulation preferably with the help of a micrometer transit	
theodolite. The alignment is then finally set out by permanent monuments of stone or	
concrete.	
The position of such permanent monuments should be located by taking offsets from the	
nearby permanent structures for controlling or checking the alignment till the tunnel project	
is complete.	
2. Constructing the Shafts Over the Centre Line:	
After setting out the alignment on the ground shafts are constructed at suitable intervals for	01
the transferring the center line to inside of the tunnel.	
3. Transferring the Center Line Inside of the Tunnel: After constructing the shafts, the	
center line of the tunnel is to be transferred down the shafts. For this purpose, generally two	
small pillars are constructed on opposite edges of the shaft along the center line of the tunnel.	01
On the top of these pillars, the points corresponding to the center line are correctly marked	
and a wire is then stretched between them. After this, two plumb-bobs are suspended by	
piano-wire inside the shaft.	
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Necessity of tunnels :— The provision of tunnels becomes necessary under following	
circumstances:	*
I) When the surface route of railway track or road for reaching the other side of a hill is much	
longer and, therefore, costlier in construction than a tunnel.	
i) When depth of open cut for reaching the other side of a hill is more and it is costlier to construct and maintain it than tunnel.	
iii) When the provision of a bridge for carrying road or railway traffic across the river is	
more inconvenient and costlier than a tunnel under the river bed.	
iv) When the two terminal stations, separated by a mountain, areto be connected by the shortest route.	
v) When holding up of traffic for long periods due to traffic congestion is to be avoided and	
rapid transportation is to be provided in big cities.	
vi) When acquisition of valuable land and property for a railway or road project is to be avoided.	
vii) When the route of a railway track or road at high altitude is to be protected from blockage due to snowfall or land slides.	
viii) When there is necessity of conduction of water for the generation of power	
x) When there is necessity of carrying public amenities like water, oil, gas etc, across, a	
tream or mountain economically.	
x) When damage to transportation system of strategic importance is to be avoided and safety	
of traffic is desired during aerial warfare.	
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(a) Classification of tunnels according to the purpose for which they are	
constructed :	01
They are classified as	
1. Railway Tunnels	
2. Highway Tunnels •	
3. Navigation Tunnels	
4. Subway Tunnels	
5. Pedestrian Tunnels	
Conveyance Tunnels :	
1) Water Supply Tunnels	
2) Hydropower Tunnels	
3) Sewage Tunnels	
4) Tunnels for Industrial Use	
5) Tunnels for Intake and Conveying Public Utilities	
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which they are driven).	
1)Tunnels in Hard Rock 2) Tunnels in Soft Rock 3) Tunnels in Quick Sand .	
4) Tunnels under River Bed (Submarine Tunnels) 5) Open-Cut Tunnels	
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1) Saddle and Base Tunnels. 2) Spiral Tunnels. 3) Off-Spur Tunnels. 4) Slope Tunnels.	
f) Define the following terms:	
(i) Pier (ii) Approaches (iii) Wing wall (iv) Causeway	
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These are provided to transmit the load from superstructure of the bridge to the foundation.	
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route or height is known as approaches.	
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the embankment are known as wing wall.	
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in such a way that normal dry weather flow passes through vents and occasional floods pass	
through the vent and over the roadways.	