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Time Allowed: 3 hours

Total Marks: 100

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INSTRUCTIONS AND INFORMATION TO THE CANDIDATE:

1. Answer any **five (5)** questions.
2. Each question carries 20 marks.
3. Use of calculators is permissible.

Question 1

- (a) Explain the term “Force” and list its characteristics. [4]
- (b) Explain the terms concurrent and non-concurrent force systems; planar and non-planar System of forces. [4]
- (c) Mechanics may be grouped into the following categories. Explain the philosophy behind.
 - (i) Classical/Newtonian mechanics, [4]
 - (ii) Relativistic mechanics, [4]
 - (iii) Quantum /Wave mechanics. [4]

Question 2

- (a) With the aid of diagrams, explain the following methods of vector addition:
 - (i) Parallelogram law of forces, [3]
 - (ii) Algebraic addition. [3]
- (b) For the diagram shown in Figure Q2b, determine the tension in the cables if the weight of the block is 300kG. [6]

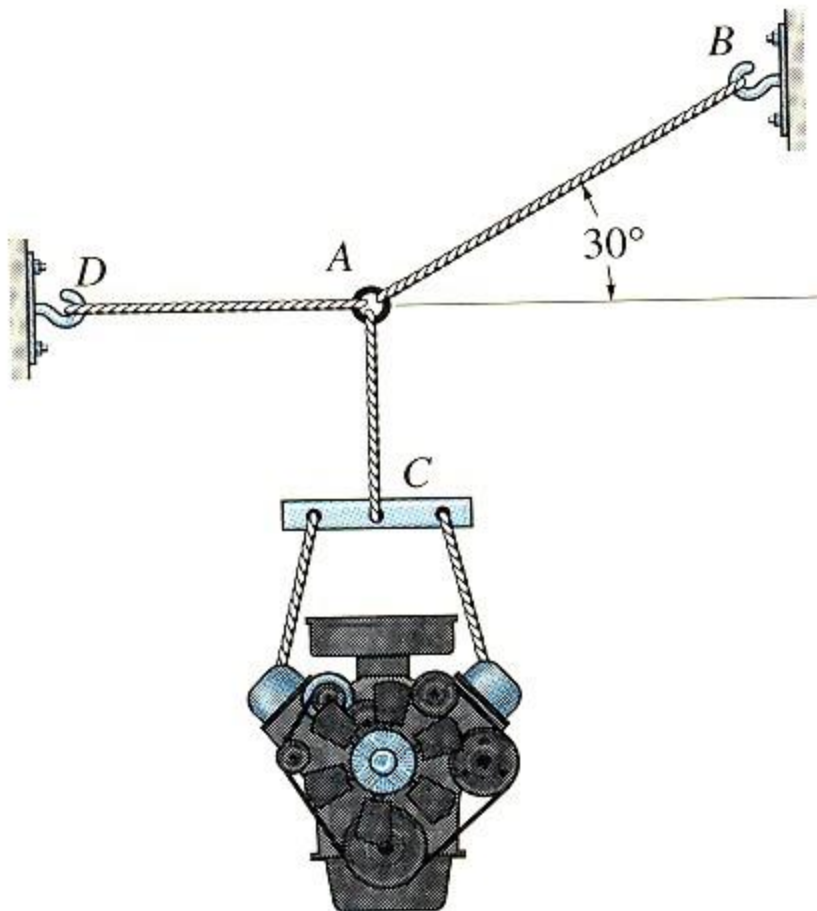


Figure Q 2b Cables under loading

- (c) Determine the resultant moment of the four forces acting on the rod about point O shown in figure Q2c. [8]

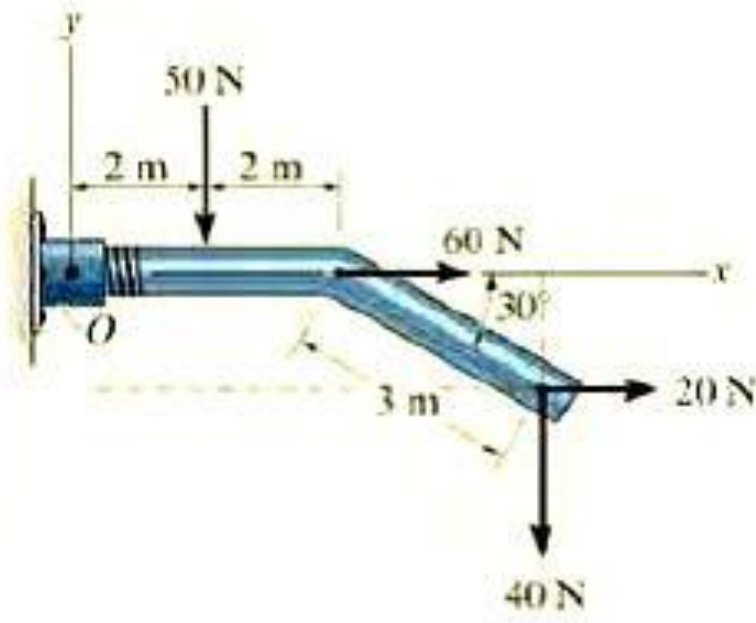


Figure Q2c Rod under loading

Question 3

- (a) For the structure under loading as shown in Figure Q3, determine the reactions at the supports. [4]
- (b) Determine forces in all the members using method of joints. Mention whether the members are in tension or compression. [16]

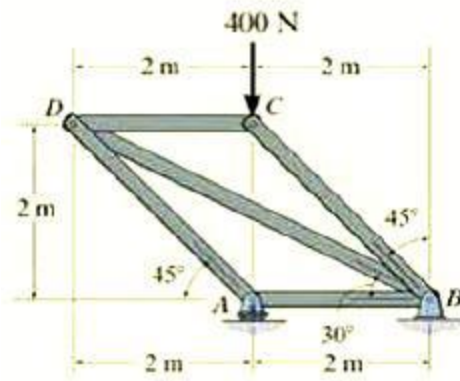


Figure Q3 Structure under loading.

Question 4

For the truss shown in Figure Q4 determine forces in members HG, BG, BC, GE, CE and CD using method of sections given that $L=10\text{m}$ and P is 15 kN. [20]

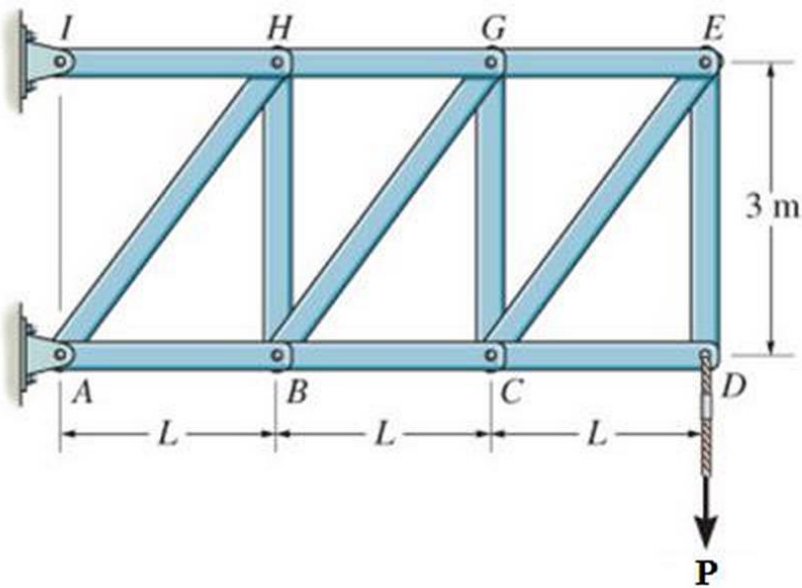


Figure Q4 Truss under loading.

Question 5

- Mention the types of loading found in beams. [4]
- The beam is loaded and supported as shown in Fig Q5b. Write equations for the shear force V and the bending moment M for any section of the beam. [10]
- Draw the shear force and bending moment diagrams for the beam under Figure Q5b loading. [6]

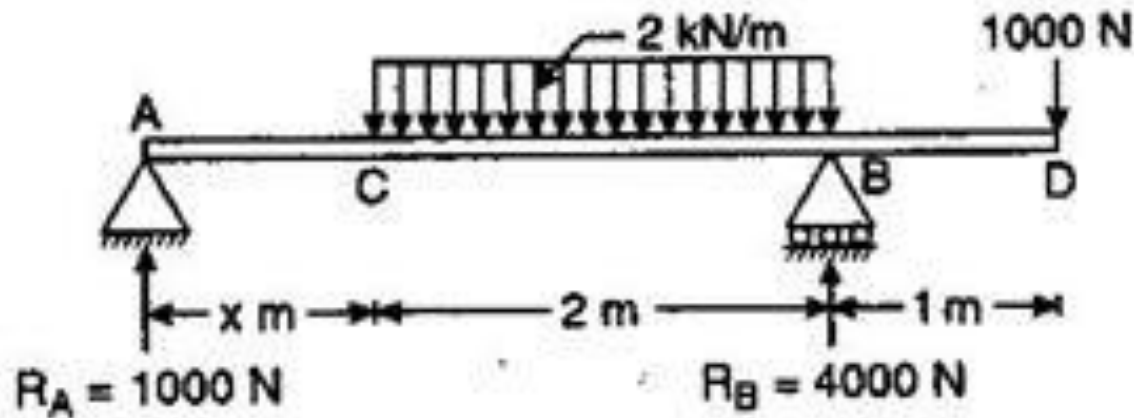


Figure Q5b Beam under loading.

Question 6

- With the aid of the diagram in figure Q 6a, derive an expression for the variation of the shear force versus the intensity as well as the bending moment versus the shear force from first principles. [8]

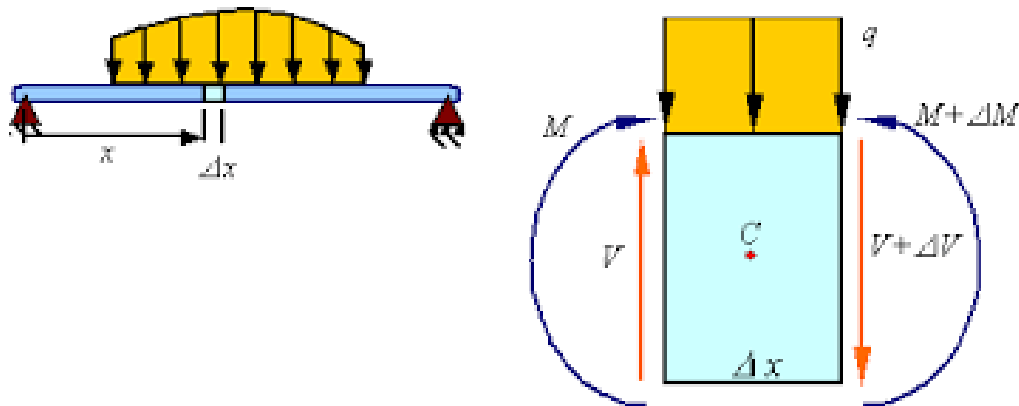


Figure Q6a Relationship between the intensity, shear force and bending moment.

- (b) A parabolic shape is defined by the equation $y=x^3$ for the given values, $0 \leq x \leq 4$ and $0 \leq y \leq 12$. Locate the centroidal axis about the x and y axis from first principles. [12]

Question7

- (a) Derive an expression for the parallel axis theorem. [6]
- (b) With reference to Figure Q7c determine centroid about the x' and y' axis. [8]
- (c) Also determine the centroid of the rectangle in Figure Q6c about the x_b and y_b axis. [6]

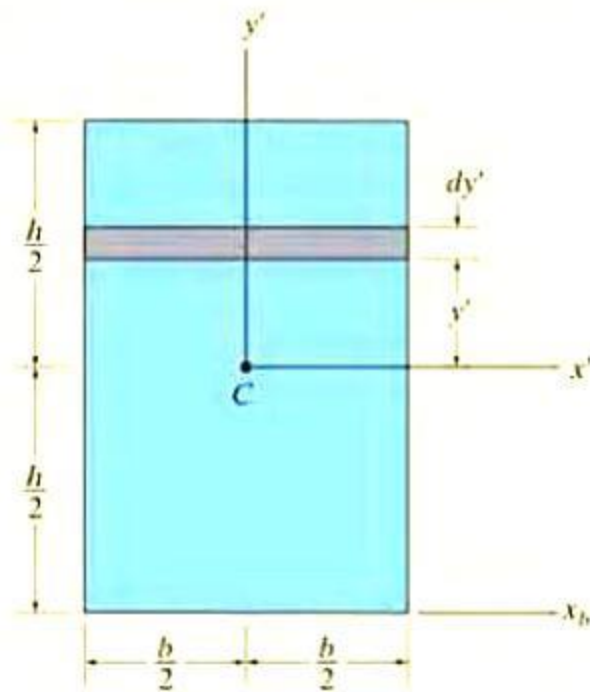


Figure Q7c Rectangular shape

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