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PART II SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS – MAY 2005  
STRUCTURAL DESIGN II – AAR 2205**

**Instructions:**

*Answer all questions.*

Total marks: 100

Time: 3 Hours

**QUESTION 1**

A reinforced concrete beam is required to span 6.50 m between the centers of supporting brick piers which are 300 mm wide. The beam carries a 1.75 m height of brickwork which consists of 2 No. 100 mm skins with a 50 mm cavity between them. The beam is to be designed for mild conditions of exposure.

Take  $f_{cu} = 40 \text{ N/mm}^2$ ,  $f_y = 460 \text{ N/mm}^2$  (for main reinforcement) and  $f_y = 250 \text{ N/mm}^2$  (for the links) (30 marks)

Design and detail the beam

**QUESTION 2**

A simply supported reinforced concrete slab 4 m long carries the following loads:  
imposed =  $2.50 \text{ kN/m}^2$

finishes and partition =  $1.75 \text{ kN/m}^2$

The characteristic material strength are:  $f_{cu} = 35 \text{ kN/mm}^2$  and  $f_y = 460 \text{ kN/mm}^2$

Design the slab (25 marks)

**QUESTION 3**

- a) The stairs are of the type shown in Fig. Q3 spans longitudinally and set into the pockets in the two supporting beams. The effective span is 3 m and the rise of the stairs is 1.5 m, with 260 mm treads and 150 mm risers. The live load is  $3.0 \text{ kN/m}^2$ , and the characteristic material strengths are  $f_{cu} = 30 \text{ kN/mm}^2$  and  $f_y = 250 \text{ kN/mm}^2$  (20 marks)

**QUESTION 4**

A 250 mm square reinforced column with an effective length of 3 m contains four 25 mm diameter longitudinal bars. Calculate the safe axial load for the column if the permissible stress in the concrete =  $5.3 \text{ N/mm}^2$  and steel =  $125 \text{ N/mm}^2$ . If the column is designed as a square containing 8.0 % of steel for the calculated safe axial load, what is the required size of the column? (25 marks)

Fig. Q3