# Answer Keys GATE 2020

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Subject	Number of Questions		Level of Difficulty
Gubjoor	1 M	2 M	
Geo-technical Engineering	4	5	Moderate
RCC Design	0	2	Easy
Structural Analysis	1	2	Moderate
Strength of Materials	1	1	Easy
Fluid Mechanics	2	2	Moderate
Environmental engineering	3	4	Difficult
Hydrology & Irrigation	3	2	Easy
Transportation Engineering	3	3	Moderate
Surveying	0	2	Easy
Steel	1	3	Easy
Engineering Mechanics	0	0	-
CPM / PERT / B.M.	2	0	Easy
<b>Engineering Mathematics</b>	5	4	Moderate
General Aptitude	5	5	Moderate



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#### **General Aptitude**

#### **Question 1**

If 
$$f(x) = x^2$$
 for each  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$ , then  $\frac{f(f(f(x)))}{f(x)}$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.  
(A)  $(f(x))^3$  (B)  $(f(x))^2$  (C)  $(f(x))^4$  (D)  $f(x)$ 

Ans. **(A)** 

#### **Question 2**

After the inauguration of the new building, the Head of the Department (HoD) collated faculty preferences for office space. P wanted a room adjacent to the lab. Q wanted to be close to the lift. R wanted a view of the playground and S wanted a corner office.

Assuming that everyone was satisfied, which among the following shows a possible allocation?



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#### **Question 4**

The monthly distribution of 9 Watt LED bulbs sold by two firms *X* and *Y* from January to June 2018 is shown in the pie-chart and the corresponding table. If the total number of LED bulbs sold by two firms during April-June 2018 is 50000, then the number of LED bulbs sold by the firm *Y* during April-June 2018 is \_\_\_\_\_.

	2010				
			10 % 15 % 10 % 20% 15 % 30 %	<ul> <li>January (15%)</li> <li>February (20%)</li> <li>March (30%)</li> <li>April (15%)</li> <li>May (10%)</li> <li>June (10%)</li> </ul>	
				Ration of LED bulbs	
			Month	sold by two firms	
				(X:Y)	
			January	7:8	
			Febru <mark>ar</mark> y	2:3	
			March	2:1	
			Apr <mark>il</mark>	3:2	
			May	1:4	
			June	9:11	
	(A)82	250	(B) 9750	(C) <mark>8</mark> 750	(D)11250
Ans.	<b>(B)</b>				
Ques	tion 5				
	For th	e year 2019, w	hich of the previous year's	calendar can be used?	
	(A)20	)14	(B) 2012	(C) 2011	(D)2013
Ans.	<b>(D</b> )		Cinoo	2001	
Ques	tion 6		SIICE	2004	
	In a s	chool of 1000 s	students, 300 students play	chess and 600 students play fo	ootball. If 50 students play
	both c	chess and footba	all, the number of students v	who play neither is	
	(A)20	00	(B) 150	(C) 50	(D)100
Ans.	(B)				
Ques	tion <i>1</i>	1 .	• • • • • •		
	the se	t the most appro	opriate word that can replace	the underlined word withou	t changing the meaning of
	Now-	a-days, most ch	ildren have a tendency to <u>b</u>	elittle the legitimate concerns	of their parents.
	(A) di	isparage	(B) begrudge	(C) reduce	(D) applaud
Ans.	(A)				
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The velocity components in the x and y directions for an incompressible flow are given as u = (-5+6x) and v = -(9+6y), respectively. The equation of the streamline is

(A) 
$$\frac{-5+6x}{9+6y} = \text{constant}$$
 (B)  $(-5+6x)(9+6y) = \text{constant}$   
(C)  $\frac{9+6y}{-5+6x} = \text{constant}$  (D)  $(-5+6x)-(9+6y) = \text{constant}$ 

Ans. (B)

#### **Question 2**

The maximum applied load on a cylindrical concrete specimen of diameter 150 mm and length 300 mm tested as per the split tensile strength test guidelines of IS 5816 : 1999 is 157 kN. The split tensile strength (*in MPa, round off to one decimal place*) of the specimen is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. 2.22

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#### **Question 3**

Velocity distribution in a boundary layer is given by  $\frac{u}{U_{-}} = \sin\left(\frac{\pi y}{2\delta}\right)$ , where *u* is the velocity at vertical coordinate y,  $U_{\infty}$  is the free stream velocity and  $\delta$  is the boundary layer thickness. The values of  $U_{\infty}$  and  $\delta$  are 0.3 m/s and 1.0 m, respectively. The velocity gradient  $\left(\frac{\partial u}{\partial v}\right)$  (in s<sup>-1</sup>, round off to two decimal places) at y = 0, is Ans. 0.471 **Question 4** A sample of 500 g dry sand, when poured into a 2 litre capacity cylinder which is partially filled with water, displaces 188 cm<sup>3</sup> of water. The density of water is 1 g/cm<sup>3</sup>. The specific gravity of the sand is (A)2.66 (B) 2.52 (C) 2.72 (D)2.55 Ans. **(A) Question 5** The following partial differential equation is defined for u: u(x, y) $\frac{\partial u}{\partial y} = \frac{\partial^2 u}{\partial x^2}; \ y \ge 0; \ x_1 \le x \le x_2$ The set of auxiliary conditions necessary to solve the equation uniquely, is (A) two initial conditions and one boundary condition (B) three identical conditions (C) three boundary conditions (D) one initial condition and two boundary conditions **(D**) Ans. **Question 6** Superpassage is a canal cross-drainage structure in which (A) canal water flows with free surface below a natural stream (B) natural stream water flows with free surface below a canal (C) canal water flows under pressure below a natural stream (D) natural stream water flows under pressure below a canal Ans. **(A) Question 7** 24-h traffic count at a road section was observed to be 1000 vehicles on a Tuesday in the month of July. If daily adjustment factor for Tuesday is 1.121 and monthly adjustment factor for July is 0.913, the Annual Average Daily Traffic (in veh/day, round off to the nearest integer) is 1023.473 Ans. Head Office : A/114-115, Smriti Nagar, Bhilai (C.G.), Contact : 9713113156, 9589894176 www.gateacademy.co.in © Copyright

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#### **Question 8**



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The traffic starts discharging from an approach at an intersection with the signal turning green. The constant headway considered from the fourth or fifth headway position is referred to as

(A) intersection headway

(C) effective headway

#### Ans. **(B)**

#### **Question 14**

(B) saturation headway (D) discharge headway

(C) indeterminable

(D) 1

**(A)** Ans.

(A) 3

#### **Question 15**

The integral

$$\int_{0}^{1} (5x^3 + 4x^2 + 3x + 2) \, dx$$

is estimated numerically using three alternative methods namely the rectangular, trapezoidal and Simpson's rules with a common step size. In this context, which one of the following statements is **TRUE**?

(A) Simpson's rule as well as rectangular rule of estimation will give NON-zero error.

(B) Only Simpson's rule of estimation will give zero error.

(C) Only the rectangular rule of estimation will give zero error.

(D) Simpson's rule, rectangular rule as well as trapezoidal rule of estimation will give NON-zero error.

#### Ans. **(B)**

#### **Question 16**

Soil deposit formed due to transportation by wind is termed as

- (A) aeolian deposit
- (C) alluvial deposit

- (B) lacustrine deposit
- (D) estuarine deposit

#### **(A)** Ans.

#### **Question 17**

Two identically sized primary settling tanks receive water for Type-I settling (discrete particles in dilute suspension) under laminar flow conditions. The Surface Overflow Rate (SOR) maintained in the two tanks are  $30 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}^2$ .d and  $15 \text{ m}^3/\text{m}^2$ .d. The lowest diameters of the particles, which shall be settled out completely under SORs of 30 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>.d and 15 m<sup>3</sup>/m<sup>2</sup>.d are designated as  $d_{30}$  and  $d_{15}$ , respectively. The

ratio, 
$$\frac{d_{30}}{d_{15}}$$
 (round off to two decimal places), is \_\_\_\_\_

Ans. 1.414

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#### Question 18

The ratio of the plastic moment capacity of a beam section to its yield moment capacity is termed as(A) shape factor(B) aspect ratio(C) slenderness ratio(D) load factor

Ans. (A)

#### **Question 19**

A one-dimensional consolidation test is carried out on a standard 19 mm thick clay sample. The oedometer's deflection gauge indicates a reading of 2.1 mm, just before removal of the load, without allowing any swelling. The void ratio is 0.62 at this stage. The initial void ratio (*round off to two decimal places*) of the standard specimen is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Ans. 0.8213

#### **Question 20**

A gas contains two types of suspended particles having average sizes of  $2 \mu m$  and  $50 \mu m$ . Amongst the options given below, the most suitable pollution control strategy for removal of these particles is

- (A) electrostatic precipitator followed by venture scrubber
- (B) bag filter followed by electrostatic precipitator
- (C) settling chamber followed by bag filter
- (D) electrostatic precipitator followed by cyclonic separator

#### Ans. (C)

#### **Question 21**

A soil has dry unit weight of  $15.5 \text{ kN/m}^3$ , specific gravity of 2.65 and degree of saturation of 72%. Considering the unit weight of water as  $10 \text{ kN/m}^3$ , the water content of the soil (*in %, round off to two decimal places*) is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### Ans. 19.28

#### **Question 22**

A fair (unbiased) coin is tossed 15 times. The probability of getting exactly 8 Heads (*round off to three decimal places*), is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Ans. 0.196

#### **Question 23**

The relationship between oxygen consumption and equivalent biodegradable organic removal (i.e., BOD) in a closed container with respect to time is shown in the figure



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In the above context, the correct expression is

(A)  $L_t = L_0(1 - e^{-kt})$  (B)  $BOD_5 = L_5$  (C)  $L_0 = L_t e^{-kt}$  (D)  $BOD_t = L_0 - L_t$ 

#### Ans. (D)

#### **Question 24**

A weightless cantilever beam of span L is loaded as shown in the figure. For the entire span of the beam, the material properties are identical and the cross section is rectangular with constant width.



Form the flexure-critical perspective, the most economical longitudinal profile of the beam to carry the given loads amongst the options given below, is.



A sample of water contains an organic compound  $C_8 H_{16}O_8$  at a concentration of  $10^{-3}$  mol/litre. Given that the atomic weight of C = 12 g/mol, H = 1 g/mol and O = 16 g/mol, the theoretical oxygen demand of water (*in g of O*<sub>2</sub> per litre, round off to two decimal places), is \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. 0.256

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#### **Question 27**

Joints I,J,K,L,Q and M of the frame shown in the figure (not drawn to the scale) are pins. Continuous members IQ and LJ are connected through a pin at N. Continuous members JM and KQ are connected through a pin at P. The frame has hinge supports at joints R and S. The loads acting at joints I,J and K are along the negative Y direction and the loads acting at joints L and M are along the positive X direction.



#### **Question 28**

A prismatic linearly elastic bar of length L, cross-sectional area A, and made up of a material with Young's modulus E, is subjected to axial tensile force as shown in the figures. When the bar is subjected to axial tensile forces  $P_1$  and  $P_2$ , the strain energies stored in the bar are  $U_1$  and  $U_2$  respectively.



If U is the strain energy stored in the same bar when subjected to an axial tensile force  $(P_1 + P_2)$  the correct relationship is

(A) 
$$U = U_1 + U_2$$
  
(B)  $U < U_1 + U_2$   
(C)  $U = U_1 - U_2$   
(D)  $U > U_1 + U_2$ 

**(D)** Ans.

#### **Question 29**

An ordinary differential equation is given below

$$6\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + \frac{dy}{dx} - y = 0$$

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The general solution of the above equation (with constants  $C_1$  and  $C_2$ ), is

(A)  $y(x) = C_1 e^{\frac{x}{3}} + C_2 e^{-\frac{x}{2}}$ (B)  $y(x) = C_1 x e^{-\frac{x}{3}} + C_2 e^{\frac{x}{2}}$ (C)  $y(x) = C_1 e^{-\frac{x}{3}} + C_2 e^{\frac{x}{2}}$ (D)  $y(x) = C_1 e^{-\frac{x}{3}} + C_2 x e^{-\frac{x}{2}}$ 

Ans. (A)

#### **Question 30**

Alkalinity of water, in equivalent/litre (eq/litre), is given by

 $\{HCO_3^-\} + 2\{CO_3^{2-}\} + \{OH^-\} - \{H^+\}$ 

Where, { } represents concentration in mol/litre. For a water sample, the concentrations of  $HCO_3^- = 2 \times 10^{-3}$  mol/litre,  $CO_3^{2-} = 3.04 \times 10^{-4}$  mol/litre and the pH of water = 9.0. The atomic weights are: Ca = 40; C = 12; and O = 16. If the concentration of OH<sup>-</sup> and H<sup>+</sup> are NEGLECTED, the alkalinity of the water sample (in mg/litre *as* CaCO<sub>3</sub>), is

(A) 100.0 (B) 50.0 (C) 65.2 (D) 130.4

#### Ans. (D)

#### **Question 31**

A concrete dam holds 10 m of static water as shown in the figure (not drawn to the scale). The uplift is assumed to vary linearly from full hydrostatic head at the heel, to zero at the toe of dam. The coefficient of friction between the dam and foundation soil is 0.45. Specific weights of concrete and water are 24 kN/m<sup>3</sup> and 9.81 kN/m<sup>3</sup>, respectively.



For NO sliding condition, the required minimum base width B (in m, *round off to two decimal places*) is \_\_\_\_\_\_.

#### Ans. 15.873

#### **Question 32**

The flow – density relationship of traffic on a highway is shown in the figure.



The correct representation of speed - density relationship of the traffic on this highway is

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#### Question 33

The design speed of a two – lane two – way road is 60 km/h and the longitudinal coefficient of friction is 0.36. The reaction time of a driver is 2.5 seconds. Consider acceleration due to gravity as  $9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ . The intermediate sight distance (in m, round off to the nearest integer) required for the road is

#### Ans. 162

#### **Question 34**

A theodolite was set up at a station P. The angle of depression to a vane 2 m above the foot of a staff held at another station Q was  $45^{\circ}$ . The horizontal distance between stations P and Q is 20 m. The staff reading at a benchmark S of RL 433.050 m is 2.905 m. Neglecting the errors due to curvature and refraction, the RL of the station Q (in m), is

	(A)	413.050	(B)	413.95 <mark>5</mark>	(C)	<mark>43</mark> 5.955	(D)	431.050
Ans.	<b>(B)</b>							
Quest	tion 35		G				E F	
	The l	Fourier series	to represent	$x - x^2$ for -	$-\pi \le x \le \pi$ i	s given by	1	_
	<i>x</i> –	$x^{2} = \frac{a_{0}}{2} + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_{n}$	$a_n \cos nx + \sum_{n=1}^{\infty}$	$b_n \sin nx$	e 2	20	04	
	The v	value of $a_0(rotation)$	und off to two	o decimal pl	<i>aces</i> ), is			
Ans.	- 6.58	3						
Quest	tion 36							
	Crops are grown in a field having soil, which has field capacity of 30% and permanent wilting point of 13%. The effective depth of root zone is 80 cm. Irrigation water is supplied when the average soil moisture drops to 20%. Consider density of the soil as 1500 kg/m <sup>3</sup> and density of water as 1000 kg/m <sup>3</sup> . If							
	the da	aily consumpt	tive use of wa	ater for the c	crops is 2 m	m, the fre	quency of irrig	ating the crops (in days),
	is	- •			-			
	(A)	11	(B)	13	(C)	10	(D)	7
Ans.	(* 60)	)						
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A theodolite is set up at station A. The RL of instrument axis is 212.250 m. The angle of elevation to the top of a 4 m long staff, held vertical at station B, is  $7^0$ . The horizontal distance between stations A and B is 400 m Neglecting the errors due to curvature of earth and refraction, the RL (in m, *round off to three decimal places*) of station B is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Ans. 257.36

#### **Question 38**

A concrete beam of span 15 m, 150 mm wide and 350 mm deep is prestressed with a parabolic cable as shown in the figure (*not drawn to the scale*). Coefficient of friction for the cable is 0.35, and coefficient of wave effect is 0.0015 per meter.



If the cable is tensioned from one end only, the percentage loss (*round off to one decimal place*) in the cable force due to friction, is \_\_\_\_\_\_

#### Ans. 4.49

#### **Question 39**

Two steel plates are lap jointed in a workshop using 6 mm thick fillet weld as shown in the figure (*not drawn to the scale*), The ultimate strength of the weld is 410 MPa.



As per Limit State Design of IS 800: 2007, the design capacity (in kN, *round off to three decimal places*) of the welded connection, is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Ans. 413.59

#### **Question 40**

The planar structure RST shown in the figure is roller-supported at S and pin-supported at R. Members RS and ST have uniform flexural rigidity (EI) and S is a rigid joint. Consider only bending deformation and neglect effects of self-weight and axial stiffening.

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#### Ans. (A)

#### **Question** 41

Group-I gives a list of test methods for evaluating properties of aggregates. Group-II gives the list of properties to be evaluated.

#### **Group-I : Test methods**

- (P) Soundness test
- (Q) Crushing test
- (R) Los Angeles abrasion test
- (S) Stripping value test

#### **Group-II : Properties**

#### (1) Strength

- (2) Resistance to weathering
- (3) Adhesion
- (4) Hardness

The correct match of test methods under Group-I to properties Group-II, is

(A)	P-3; Q-4; R-1; S-2	(B) <b>P-</b> 4; Q-1; R-2; S-3

(C) P-2; Q-4; R-3; S-1 (D) P-2; Q-1; R-4; S-3

#### Ans. (C)

#### **Question 42**

A footing of size  $2m \times 2m$  transferring a pressure of  $200 \text{ kN/m}^2$ , is placed at a depth of 1.5 m below the ground as shown in the figure (*not drawn to the scale*). The clay stratum is normally consolidated. The clay has specific gravity of 2.65 and compression index of 0.3.





Considering 2:1 (vertical to horizontal) method of load distribution and  $\gamma_w = 10$  kN/m<sup>3</sup>, the primary consolidation settlement (in mm, *round off to two decimal places*) of the clay stratum is \_\_\_\_\_

#### Ans. 74.28

#### **Question 43**

A hydraulic jump occurs in a triangular (V-shaped) channel with side slopes 1:1 (vertical to horizontal). The sequent depths are 0.5 m and 1.5 m. The flow rate (in m<sup>3</sup>/s, *round off to two decimal places*) in the channel is \_\_\_\_\_

#### Ans. 1.73

#### **Question 44**

A 10 m high slope of dry clay soil (unit weight = 20kN/m<sup>3</sup>), with a slope angle of  $45^{\circ}$  and the circular slip surface, is shown in the figure (*not drawn to the scale*). The weight of the slip wedge is denoted by W. The untrained unit cohesion ( $c_{\mu}$ ) is 60 kPa.



#### Ans. 2.557

#### **Question** 46

The plane truss has hinge supports at P and W and is subjected to the horizontal forces as shown in the figure (*not drawn to the scale*)

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Representing the tensile force with '+' sign and the compressive force with '-' sign, the force in member XW (in kN, *round off to the nearest integer*) is \_\_\_\_\_

#### Ans. 30

#### **Question 47**

For the hottest month of the year at the proposed airport site, the monthly mean of the average daily temperature is  $39^{\circ}$ C. The monthly mean of the maximum daily temperature is  $48^{\circ}$ C for the same month of the year. From the given information, the calculated Airport Reference Temperature (in  $^{\circ}$ C), is

(A) 36 (B) 39 (C) 48 (D) 42

#### Ans. (D)

#### **Question** 48

A waste to energy plant burns dry solid waste of composition: Carbon = 35%, Oxygen = 26%, Hydrogen = 10%, Sulphur = 6%, Nitrogen = 3% and Inerts = 20%. Burning rate is 1000 tonnes/d .Oxygen in air by weight is 23%. Assume complete conversion of Carbon to  $CO_2$ , Hydrogen to  $H_2O$ , Sulphur to  $SO_2$  and Nitrogen to  $NO_2$ 

Nillogen to NO<sub>2</sub>

Given Atomic weight: H = 1, C = 12, N = 14, O = 16, S = 32

The stoichiometric (theoretical) amount of air (in tonnes/d, *round off to the nearest integer*) required for complete burning of this waste, is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Ans. 6965

#### **Question 49**

Permeability tests were carried out on the samples collected from two different layers as shown in the figure (*not drawn to the scale*). The relevant horizontal  $(k_h)$  and vertical  $(k_v)$  coefficients of permeability are indicated for each layer

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Ground level  $k_{h1} = 4.4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/s}$   $k_{v1} = 4 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/s}$   $k_{h2} = 6 \times 10^{-1} \text{ m/s}$   $k_{v2} = 5.5 \times 10^{-1} \text{ m/s}$ Layer 2

The ratio of the equivalent horizontal to vertical coefficients of permeability, is

(A)	37.29	(B) 80.20	(C) 68.25	(D) 0.03
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Ans. (A)

#### **Question 50**

The ion product of water  $(pK_w)$  is 14. If a rain water sample has a pH of 5.6, the concentration of  $OH^-$ 

in the sample (in  $10^{-9}$  mol/litre, round off to one decimal place), is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Ans. 3.98

#### **Question 51**

A constant-head permeability test was conducted on a soil specimen under a hydraulic gradient of 2.5. The soil specimen has specific gravity of 2.65 and saturated water content of 20%. If the coefficient of permeability of the soil is 0.1 cm/s, the seepage velocity (in cm/s, *round off to two decimal places*) through the soil specimen is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Ans. 0.721

#### **Question 52**

A 5 m high vertical wall has a saturated clay backfill. The saturated unit weight and cohesion of clay are 18kN/m<sup>3</sup> and 20 kPa, respectively. The angle of internal friction of clay is zero. In order to prevent development of tension zone, the height of the wall is required to be increased. Dry sand is used as backfill above the clay for the increased portion of the wall. The unit weight and angle of internal friction of sand are 16kN/m<sup>3</sup> and  $30^{\circ}$ , respectively. Assume that the back of the wall is smooth and top of the backfill is horizontal. To prevent the development of tension zone, the minimum height (in m, *round off to one decimal place*) by which the wall has to be raised is \_\_\_\_\_.

#### Ans. 2.5

Ans.

#### **Question 53**

A  $4 \times 4$  matrix [P] is given below

[P]=	$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 3 & 0 \\ -2 & 3 & 0 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 6 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$			
The eig	genvalues of [P] are			
(A) ( <b>B</b> )	1,2,3,4 (B	) 1,2,5,7	(C) 0,3,6,6	(D) 3,4,5,7

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The cross-section of the reinforced concrete beam having an effective depth of 500 mm is shown in the figure (*not drawn to the scale*). The grades of concrete and steel used are M35 and Fe550, respectively. The area of tension reinforcement is  $400 \text{ mm}^2$ . It is given that corresponding to 0.2% proof stress, the material safety factor is 1.15 and the yield strain of Fe550 steel is 0.0044



As per IS 456:2000, the depth (in mm, *round off to the nearest integer*) of the neutral axis measured from the extreme compression fiber, is \_\_\_\_\_

#### Ans. 221.52

#### **Question 55**

The diameter and height of a right circular cylinder are 3 cm and 4 cm, respectively. The absolute error in each of these two measurements is 0.2 cm. The absolute error in the computed volume (in cm<sup>3</sup>, *round off to three decimal places*), is

Ans.  $7.35\pi$ 

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