



**Final Exam (1<sup>st</sup> Year Civil)  
Engineering Geology**

Date: Tuesday 12 Jan 2016  
Total Grade: 70 Points

Time: 09:30am – 12:30pm  
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**Notes:** 1. No aids other than calculators.  
2. Start each question in a new page.

**السؤال الأول:- أكمل الجمل الآتية (Geology of Rocks / 10 points)**

- 1- البيروكسين و الامفيبول من السليكات .....
- 2- الريولايت يعتبر من الصخور .....
- 3- يعتبر الاوبسيديان من الصخور النارية ذات التسيج .....
- 4- يعتبر حجر الجبس من الصخور .....
- 5- الكعكة الصفراء من اهم مراحل .....
- 6- حصوات الكلى تعتبر مثال بسيط على تكوين الصخور .....
- 7- من معادن الكبريتيدات .....
- 8- الحجر الرملي يعتبر من الصخور .....
- 9- هو لون مسحوق المعدن الناعم .....
- 10- السليكات تعتبر من المعادن الاساسية في تركيب الصخور .....

**Question No.2 (State if the following is correct or false) (Mechanics of Rocks / 10 points)**

- 1- By decreasing the RMR value, the GSI value will increase.
- 2- The value of "a" in GHB equation is not equals to one in intact rock.
- 3- The geological strength index (GSI) equals to 100 in case of very weak rock.
- 4- The value of "s" in GHB equals to zero in intact rock.
- 5- The condition of discontinuities has a minor rate on RMR (basic).
- 6- The orientation of discontinuities does not effect on the RMR.
- 7- The rock with RQD = 30 % can be described as a fair rock.
- 8- Uniaxial compressive strength (USC) can be estimated based on the point load test.
- 9- By increasing the RMR value, the safe cut slope angle will increase.
- 10- By increasing the RMR value, the shear strength parameters will decrease.

**Question No. 3 (20 points)**

- Derive a relationship between principal stresses and shear strength parameters based on MC?
- A direct shear box test has been conducted on a sedimentary rock, the following equation can represent the results obtained from this test.

$$\tau = 300 + \sigma \tan 35$$

**Based on the previous equation estimate the following: (Note:- stress units in kPa)**

- Shear strength parameters using MC.
- Find a factor of safety for point has normal stress 100 kPa and shear stress 250 kPa.
- Using the regression analysis to estimate (UCS and  $m_i$ ), at normal stresses ( $\sigma$ ) [50 kPa, 100 kPa, 150 kPa and 200 kPa]

**Question No. 4 (15 points)**

- Find the shear strength parameters can be deduced from each of the following data in the case of tunnel (depth of tunnel underground = 35 m, rock unit weight = 22 kN/m<sup>3</sup>)
  - UCS = 15000 kPa      GSI = 55       $m_i = 8$       D = 1
  - UCS = 15000 kPa      GSI = 55       $m_i = 8$       D = 0
- Uniaxial compression test has been implemented on a lime stone intact rock, the following data were collected (Sample height = 8 cm, sample diameter = 4 cm).

Load ( ton)	0	0.25	0.65	1.35	1.45	1.64	1.15	0.92
Dial reading (mm)	20.00	19.87	19.66	19.47	19.20	18.89	17.00	16.50

**Find the following:-**

- The uniaxial compressive strength for the tested specimen and point load strength index?
- If a sample from the same rock is tested in triaxial apparatus failed at principal stresses (50 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 250 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>), Find the shear strength parameters?
- The uniaxial compressive strength for a rock mass if the geological strength index for this rock equals 65?

**Question No. 5 (15 points)**

- Explain in short each of the following:-
  - SPT
  - GPR
  - MASW
- Find relationships between each of the compressional wave velocity and the shear wave velocity in terms of Elastic modulus, Poisson's ratio and mass density.
- State and draw the types of faults.

With all best wishes      Dr. Mohammed Hussien – Fayoum in 12-1-2016

## Appendix

$$\sigma'_1 = \sigma'_3 + \sigma_{ci} \left( m_b \frac{\sigma'_3}{\sigma_{ci}} + s \right)^a$$

$$m_b = m_i \exp \left( \frac{GSI - 100}{28 - 14D} \right)$$

$$s = \exp \left( \frac{GSI - 100}{9 - 3D} \right)$$

$$a = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{6} \left( e^{-GSI/15} - e^{-20/3} \right)$$

$$\sigma_{ci}^2 = \frac{\sum y}{n} - \frac{\left[ \sum xy - (\sum x \sum y / n) \right] \left[ \sum x \right]}{\left[ \sum x^2 - ((\sum x)^2 / n) \right] \frac{\sum x}{n}}$$

$$m_i = \frac{1}{\sigma_{ci}} \left[ \frac{\sum xy - (\sum x \sum y / n)}{\sum x^2 - ((\sum x)^2 / n)} \right]$$

$$\phi' = \sin^{-1} \left[ \frac{6am_b(s + m_b\sigma'_{3n})^{a-1}}{2(1+a)(2+a) + 6am_b(s + m_b\sigma'_{3n})^{a-1}} \right]$$

$$c' = \frac{\sigma_{ci} \left[ (1+2a)s + (1-a)m_b\sigma'_{3n} \right] (s + m_b\sigma'_{3n})^{a-1}}{(1+a)(2+a) \sqrt{1 + \left( 6am_b(s + m_b\sigma'_{3n})^{a-1} \right) / ((1+a)(2+a))}}$$

$$\text{where } \sigma_{3n} = \sigma'_{3\max} / \sigma_{ci}$$

for tunnels

$$\frac{\sigma_{3\max}}{\sigma_{cm}} = 0.47 \left( \frac{\sigma'_{cm}}{\gamma H} \right)^{-0.94}$$

$$\sigma'_{cm} = \sigma_{ci} \cdot \frac{(m_b + 4s - a(m_b - 8s))(m_b/4 + s)^{a-1}}{2(1+a)(2+a)}$$