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B.E./B.Tech. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019

Seventh Semester

Civil Engineering

CE 6012 – GROUND IMPROVEMENT TECHNIQUES

(Regulations 2013)

(Common to PTCE 6012 – Ground Improvement Techniques for B.E. (Part-Time)

– Sixth Semester – Civil Engineering – Regulations 2014)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 100 Marks

Answer ALL questions.

PART – A

(10×2=20 Marks)

1. What is the need for improving the ground ?
2. State the geotechnical problems of soft clay.
3. List out the different types of well point systems.
4. What is vacuum dewatering ?
5. Enumerate the various methods of in-situ densification.
6. What is the function of vertical drain ?
7. What is the mechanism involved in soil reinforcement ?
8. Enlist the applications of geosynthetics in geotechnical engineering.
9. Mention the different methods of grouting.
10. How do you control swell potential of expansive soil ?

PART – B

(5×13=65 Marks)

11. a) Explain the various factors influencing the selection of ground improvement techniques. (13)
- (OR)
- b) Discuss the geotechnical problems associated with soft clays, expansive clays, dispersive soil and alluvial soils. (13)



12. a) Discuss the features of Deep Well system by listing their merits and demerits. (13)
(OR)
- b) Explain in brief the various steps involved in designing a dewatering system. (13)
13. a) Write in detail the principle, operation and applications of vibro-compaction method of ground improvement. (13)
(OR)
- b) Explain the stages of operation in installation and action of a lime pile with its advantage and disadvantage. (13)
14. a) Explain the principle and components of reinforced earth for ground improvement. (13)
(OR)
- b) How do geosynthetics function as a filter ? How does it differ in its function for drainage ? Explain in detail with sketches. (13)
15. a) Describe in detail about the various methods of grouting. (13)
(OR)
- b) Enumerate in detail the different methods of mechanical stabilization. (13)

PART – C

(1×15=15 Marks)

16. a) Explain in brief the principle adopted in electro-osmotic dewatering with the help of a case study. (15)
(OR)
- b) Write a detailed note on :
- a) Stabilization of expansive clays. (5)
 - b) Soil grouting. (5)
 - c) Electro osmotic dewatering. (5)