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BUILDING CONSTRUCTION II,  
CIVIL CONSTRUCTION II, AND  
TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING I

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Time: 3 hours



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**DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING  
MODULE II**

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TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING I

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*You should have the following for this examination:*

*Answer booklet;*

*Drawing instruments;*

*Drawing paper size A<sub>1</sub>.*

*This paper consists of EIGHT questions in THREE sections; A, B and C.*

*Answer FIVE questions; choosing TWO questions from section A, TWO questions from section B and ONE question from section C in the answer booklet provided.*

*All questions carry equal marks.*

*Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown.*

*Candidates should answer the questions in English.*

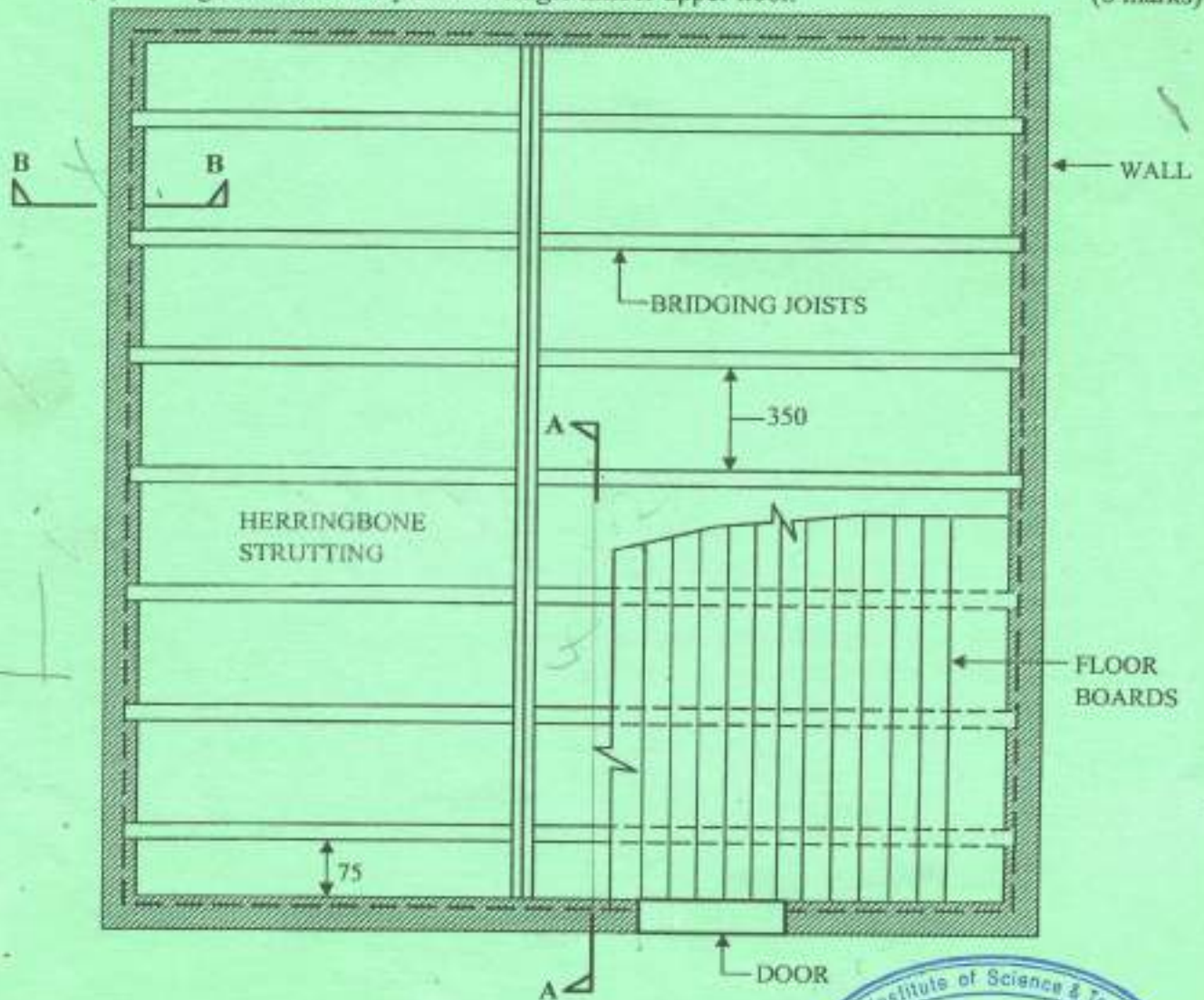
**This paper consists of 5 printed pages.**

**Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**

**SECTION A: BUILDING CONSTRUCTION II**

*Answer any TWO questions from this section.*

1. (a) Define the term upper floor. (2 marks)
- (b) State any:
  - (i) **three** functions of the upper floor; ✓
  - (ii) **two** reasons for openings in upper floors.
 (5 marks)
- (c) With the aid of a sketch, describe an open steel upper floor. (5 marks)
- (d) Figure 01 shows a plan of a single timber upper floor. (8 marks)



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Sketch the details at sections A-A and B-B.



2. (a) State any **three** advantages of steel roof trusses over timber roof trusses. (3 marks)

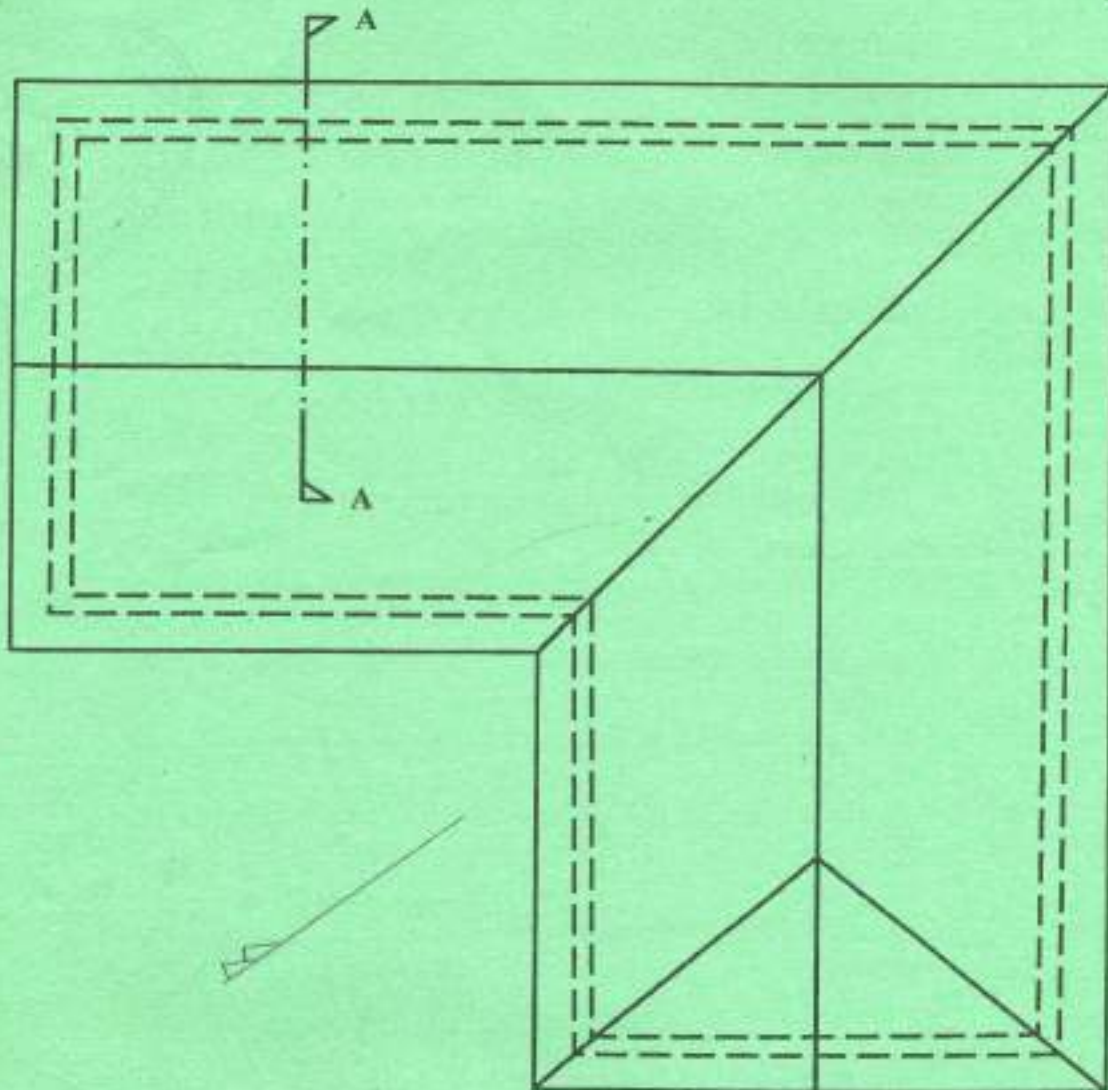
(b) (i) Differentiate between a pitched roof and a flat roof.

(ii) Explain any **two** ways of giving a fall to a timber flat roof. (8 marks)

(c) Figure 02 is a timber roof plan covered with interlocking clay tiles. Sketch the details at section A-A showing:

- (i) the rain water goods;
- (ii) the closed eave with T&G boarding.

(9 marks)



PLAN



3. (a) State any **four** factors that influence the choice of roofing materials. (4 marks)
- (b) With the aid of a sketch, describe the method of fixing a galvanised corrugated iron sheet to timber purlin. (6 marks)
- (c) Using the data given, estimate the cost of fixing the G.C.I. sheets on a timber roofing truss.

- G.C.I. gauge 30 with 150 mm end laps and 125 mm side laps with mild steel roofing nails (per m<sup>2</sup>).

Data:

- cost of 3 m long gauge 30 G.C.I. = 700/= per sheet.
- cost of 6 kg mild steel roofing nails = 120/= per kg.
- area of roof to be covered = 30 m<sup>2</sup>.
- skilled labour taking 4 hours = 100/= per hour
- unskilled labour taking 4 hours = 50/= per hour
- allow for 30% for profits and overheads.



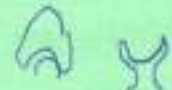
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(10 marks)



**SECTION B: CIVIL CONSTRUCTION II**

Answer any **TWO** questions from this section.

4. (a) (i) Define the term retaining wall. (2 marks)
- (ii) State any **two** modes of failure of a retaining wall. (2 marks)
- (b) With the aid of sketches, outline the procedures of constructing the following foundations:
- (i) an in-situ cast end bearing pile foundation;
- (ii) pad foundation. (14 marks)
- (c) State any **two** factors to be considered in design and choice of a foundation. (2 marks)
5. (a) (i) Define the term sleepers as used in construction of railway lines. (2 marks)
- (ii) Explain the **two** principal types of railways. (6 marks)



(b) With the aid of sketches, describe the following discharge regulating structures:


- (i) sluice gate; ✓ 
- (ii) weirs. ✓ 

(12 marks)

6. (a) Differentiate between shallow well and deep well. *20 feet?*

(4 marks)

(b) By use of sketches, outline the construction procedures of the following structures:

- (i) wells; ✓ 
- (ii) diaphragm walls. ✓

(14 marks)

(c) State any two purposes of maintaining a well. *Y*

(2 marks)

**SECTION C: TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERING I**

*Answer ONE question from this section.*

7. (a) State any four functions of a road network. *transport access open up*

(4 marks)

(b) Explain any three differences between Telford and Macadam method of pavement of construction.

(6 marks)

(c) With the aid of a sketch, describe the Telford Method of road construction. *Macadam*

(10 marks)

8. (a) State any four principles governing the selection of a highway alignment.

(4 marks)

(b) Outline the conventional procedures of surveying for a proposed road.

(6 marks)

(c) With the aid of a sketch, describe the setting out procedure of a horizontal curve using deflection of angles method.

(10 marks)

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