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**Legends:** L - Lecture; T - Tutorial/Teacher Guided Student Activity; P - Practical; C - Credit; ESE - End Semester Examination; PA - Progressive Assessment

# 5. COURSE DETAILS

| Unit                                       | Major Learning Outcomes   | Topics and Sub-topics  |  |  |  |
|--|---|--|--|--|--|
| Unit – I                                   | (in cognitive domain)  1a. Discuss soil formation cycle & general   | 1.1 History  |  |  |  |
| Introduction                               | characteristics of soil.  1b. List structures where soil is used as   | 1.2 List structures where soil is used as construction material  |  |  |  |
|  | Construction material.  1c. Describe soil-formation   | 1.3 Soil-formation in Geological cycle   |  |  |  |
|  | in Geological cycle  1d. State the types of failures due to soil in Civil Engineering structure   | 1.4 State the types of failures due to soil in Civil Engineering structure   |  |  |  |
|  |   | 1.5 General characteristics of different types of soils  |  |  |  |
|  |   | 1.6 Overview of different types of soils in Gujarat / India.   |  |  |  |
| Unit – II                                  | 2a. Explain phase diagram of Soil   | 2.1.1 State three constituents of soil 2.1.2 Sketch showing three i. phases of soil 2.1.3 Assumptions in drawing a |  |  |  |
| Index Properties<br>&<br>Interrelationship | Discuss various index properties of soil for the purpose of their classification & Use      Describe interrelationship between different index properties |  |  |  |  |
|  |   | 2.3.1 e= n/n-1, n=e/1+e<br>2.3.2 w×G = e×s <sub>r</sub>  |  |  |  |
|  |   | 2.3.2 $W - G - e^{-x} s_r$<br>2.3.3 $Y_{d=} Y b / 1 + w$   |  |  |  |
|  |   | 2.3.4 $\Upsilon_b = (G + e.s_r) \Upsilon_w / (1 + e)$  |  |  |  |
|  |   | 2.3.5 $\Upsilon_{\text{sat}=}$ (G+e) $\Upsilon_{\text{w}}$ /(1+e)  |  |  |  |
|  |   | 2.3.6 $\Upsilon_{d=}$ G $\Upsilon_{w}/1+e$   |  |  |  |
|  |   | 2.4 Numerical on 2.3   |  |  |  |

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#### Soil Mechanics 3a. Discuss methods of 3.1 Classification of soil (Grain size) as Unit – III Classification per Indian Standard 3b. Describe method Soil 3.1.1 Basis /criteria of classification of I.S. Classification i. of soils Classification of ii. Three main categories of Soil soils 3c. Classify Soil based iii. Scale for classifying soil on Consistency on the basis of grain size iv. Limits 3.2 Mechanical Analysis of soil 3.2.1 Difference between course grained and fine grained Soil on the basis of range of grain size and engineering properties 3.2.2 Sieves designation as per I.S. code 3.2.3 Coarse & Fine Sieve analysis, b. sedimentation analysis 3.3 Grading Curves and different coefficients i.e. CU and CC a. Clay, silt, sand and gravel as per particle size b. Consistency Limits like Liquid limit, Plastic limit, Shrinkage 3.4 Limit and Plasticity Index` Unit – IV 4a. Comprehend the Compaction and its Application 4.1. Compaction principle and methods of 4.1.1 Effects of compaction on compaction of soil different soil properties like 4b. Differentiate between permeability, shear strength, soil compaction and settlements-stability of consolidation with embankments. examples 4c. Determine MDD & 4.2. Maximum dry density and O.M.C. OMC of soil by 4.2.1 Typical compaction curve conducting appropriate 4.2.2Optimum moisture content test (OMC), Maximum dry density (MDD) 4.3. Proctor test 4.3.1 Light compaction 4.3.2 Heavy compaction test 4.3.3 Light compaction test on a given soil sample 4.4. Factors affecting compaction like water content, nature of soil (fine or course grained), Grading of soil, compaction energy, thickness of layer 4.5. Compaction and Consolidation 4.6. Role of O.M.C in the field 4.7. Methods of Field Compaction & various Equipment for compaction

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### Soil Mechanics 5.a Explain concept of Unit - V 5.1 5.1 Permeable and Impermeable soils permeability & its 5.1.1 Permeability and Impermeability implications with respect Permeability & 5.1.2 Flow of water through pipe and to use of soil. Seepage 5.b Determine Through soil 'permeability' of given soil. 5.2 Factors affecting the permeability 5.c Comprehend the concept 5.2.1 The factors affecting permeability of Seepage Analysis in relation to 'quick sand of soil condition' with 5.2.2 Factors used to control the examples. permeability of soil to desired extent in various Civil engineering structures 5.3 Methods to find Coefficient of Permeability 5.3.1 Constant Head Method 5.3.2 Falling Head Method 5.4 Coefficient of permeability 5.4.1 Numerical based on $K=(Q\times L)/(t\times h\times A)$ $K = (2.3 \times a \times L)/(A \times t)\log_{10} h1/h2 \square 2$ 55 Seepage pressure 5.1 Seepage pressure. 5.2 Quick sand condition. 5.3 Flow net, its characteristics and application. 6a. Explain different terms **Unit-VI** 6.1. Definition used in the context of 6.1.1 Define: (a) Cohesion (b) internal 'shear strength' of soil. **Shear Strength** friction (c) Shear strength 6b. Evaluate shear 6.1.2 Coulomb's law for shear parameters of various strength $S = C + \sigma_n \tan \varphi$ types of soil, with their 6.2. Shear strength of soil practical significance 6.2.1 Different shear tests used to determine shear strength of soil in laboratory 6.2.2 Procedure of direct shear test (Box shear test) 6.3. Types of soil C-soil, $\varphi$ -soil, C- $\varphi$ soil. 6.3.1 Draw failure envelope by drawing Mohr's circle from the data obtained during direct shear test 6.3.2 Calculate the values C and φ from the failure envelope of i. ii. direct shear test on soil

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| Soft Mechanics                        |  |  |
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| VII  Bearing Capacity of soil         | <ul> <li>7a. Explain concept of bearing capacity of soil.</li> <li>7b. Describe various methods to determine bearing capacity of soil.</li> <li>7c. Explain the concept &amp; occurrence mechanism&amp; effect of 'Liquefaction' of soil.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>7.1 Bearing capacity of soil 7.1.1 Net Bearing capacity 7.1.2 Safe Bearing Capacity 7.1.3 Ultimate Bearing Capacity 7.1.4 Bearing Capacity of various soil</li> <li>7.2 Methods – Plate Load Test, Penetration Test &amp; using C – Φ parameters for determining bearing capacity of soil and to improve bearing capacity of soil</li> <li>7.2.1 Foundation on soils of various bearing Capacity 7.3 Liquefaction</li> <li>7.4 Definition</li> <li>7.5 Occurrence &amp; effect Effects of Liquefaction Remedial for Liquefaction</li> </ul> |
| VIII Soil Investigation & Exploration | 8a. Discuss various methods & appropriate use for investigation & exploration of soil.   | <ul> <li>8.1 Purposes of exploration of soil.</li> <li>8.2 Planning of exploration program</li> <li>8.3 Soil samples and collection.</li> <li>8.4 Field penetration Test:SPT</li> <li>8.5 Introduction to geophysical methods</li> </ul>   |

## 6. SUGGESTED SPECIFICATION TABLE WITH HOURS & MARKS (THEORY)

| Unit  | Unit Title               |          | Distribution of Theory Marks |       |       |       |
|-------|--------------------------|----------|------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
|       |                          | Teaching | R                            | U     | Α     | Total |
|       |                          | Hours    | Level                        | Level | Level | Marks |
| I     | Introduction             | 02       | 02                           | 00    | 00    | 02    |
| II    | Index Properties &       | 07       | 02                           | 04    | 08    | 14    |
|       | Interrelationships       |          |                              |       |       |       |
| III   | Classification of Soil   | 07       | 04                           | 02    | 08    | 14    |
| IV    | Compaction of Soil       | 06       | 03                           | 03    | 04    | 10    |
| V     | Permeability & Seepage   | 06       | 03                           | 03    | 04    | 10    |
| VI    | Shear Strength           | 05       | 02                           | 02    | 03    | 07    |
| VII   | Bearing Capacity of soil | 05       | 02                           | 02    | 03    | 07    |
| VIII  | Soil Investigation &     | 04       | 02                           | 01    | 03    | 06    |
|       | Exploration              |          |                              |       |       |       |
| Total |                          | 42       | 20                           | 17    | 33    | 70    |

Legends: R = Remember, U = Understand, A= Apply and above Level (Bloom's revised taxonomy)

Note: This specification table shall be treated as a general guideline for students and teachers.

The actual distribution of marks in the question paper may vary slightly from above table

### 7. SUGGESTED LIST OF EXERCISES/PRACTICAL

The practical/exercises should be properly designed and implemented with an attempt to develop different types of skills **(outcomes in psychomotor and affective domain)** so that students are able to acquire the competencies/programme outcomes. Following is the list of practical exercises for guidance.

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