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## **FINAL EXAMINATION SEMESTER I SESSION 2010/2011**

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INSTRUCTION : ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS FROM PART A AND ONE QUESTION FROM PART B

**PART A (75 marks)**

- Q1 (a)** Erosion is one of the important agent of removal and transportation of surficial materials which is the product of physical and chemical breakdown of rocks by process of weathering.
- (i) List **FOUR (4)** types of sediment accumulate at continental environment. (2 marks)
- (ii) Describe **THREE (3)** factors that affect the rate at which running water will erode. (3 marks)
- (iii) List the sediment movement by:  
(a) Water  
(b) Wind (3 marks)
- (b)** Over the past thousand million years of Earth history the crust of the Earth has been mobile and deform by squashed, stretched or fractured.
- (i) Define the terms of joint, fault and fold. (3 marks)
- (ii) Describe all categories of fold. (3 marks)
- (iii) Define the terms of competent rock and incompetent rock in folded rock. (2 marks)
- (c)** Conducting site investigations and rock testing is vital in the engineering geologist practice. The engineering geologist applies their geologic skills to the practical solution of engineering problems.
- (i) Justify **TWO (2)** limitations of boring data in site investigation. (2 marks)
- (ii) Determine **THREE (3)** disadvantages of the seismic refraction application in geophysical site investigation. (3 marks)
- (iii) Explain the index test of rock testing. (4 marks)

**Q2 (a)** Calculate the Rock Quality Designation (RQD) value from Figure Q2(a). (2 marks)

- (b) An 12 m span of access tunnel for an underground mine will be excavated at a depth of 2100 m below ground surface. The rock mass contains crushed rock controlling stability. These joints are rough or irregular, planar and the rock wall contact is softening, or low friction clay mineral coatings. Laboratory test on core samples of intact rock give an average Uniaxial Compressive Strength of 60 MPa. The principal stress are approximately vertical and horizontal and the magnitude of the horizontal principal stress is approximately 1.5 times that of the vertical principal stress. The rock is having a stress problem with a large inflow or high pressure in competent rock with unfilled joints. By using the RQD value obtained from Q2(a), calculate Q based on data given in Figure Q2(b). (8 marks)

- (c) A tunnel is constructed and driven through highly weathered sandstone with a dominant joint set dipping at  $40^\circ$  against the direction of the tunnel drive. The discontinuities strike perpendicular to the tunnel axis. Based on the point load test, the rock strength is 2.5 MPa. The joints are slightly rough and average length of the joint is 4 m with a separation between 2 mm to 4 mm with 2 mm hard infilling materials and spacing between the joints is 0.3 m. Groundwater of the tunneling condition is anticipated to be dripping. By using the RQD value obtained from Q2(a), calculate the Rock Mass Rating (RMR) value based on the data given in Figure Q2(c). (15 marks)

**Q3** As a part of the application for an aggregate extraction license, it is required to check the stability of the proposed rock faces for the new quarry, outlined in Figure Q3(a). The slopes of the quarry faces A, B and D are  $65^\circ / 040^\circ$ ,  $75^\circ / 138^\circ$  and  $60^\circ / 345^\circ$  respectively. The principal outcrop in the area is limestone with discontinuities that are tight, clean and dry with no visible seepage from them. Data collected from a rock discontinuity survey carried out on the proposed site is plotted as poles on a lower hemisphere, equal area polar stereo-net as shown in Figure Q3(b). The angle of friction measured on the rock discontinuity surfaces is  $32^\circ$ .

- (a) Obtain the representative dip and dip direction for each discontinuity set shown in Figure Q3(b) and tabulate your answers in Figure Q3(c). (5 marks)

- (b) By clearly labelling your work and making use of the equatorial equal-area stereo - net given in Figure Q3(d), draw the great circles for the representative discontinuity sets, tabulated in Figure Q3(c) on a tracing paper provided. (5 marks)

- (c) On the same tracing paper used for question Q3(b) or on a different tracing paper, draw and clearly label the great circles for the proposed slope faces, A, B and D of the proposed quarry. (4 marks)
- (d) On the same tracing paper used for the solution of question Q3(c), indicate appropriately the friction angle of the discontinuities. (2 marks)
- (e) Analyse all possible modes of failure for the slope faces A, B and D of the proposed quarry. Tabulate in Figure Q3(e), the results of your analysis stating clearly the evidence to support your statements. (9 marks)

**PLEASE NOTE:** You MUST attach Figures Q3(b), Q3(c), Q3(e) and all tracing paper/s that you may use to your answer book.

#### PART B (25 marks)

- Q4** (a) Observations from a site investigation for the stability assessment of a rock slope as shown in Table 1 and Table 2.

Table 1: Details of the rock mass

Type of anticipated failure	Planar failure
Dominant discontinuity plane of weakness (most probable failure plane)	32° in a direction 120°
Depth of tension cracks	4 m
Friction angle of dominant discontinuity planes	25°
Cohesion of the clay infill in the discontinuities	70 kPa
Unit weight of rock	26 kN/m <sup>3</sup>

Table 2: Details of the proposed rock slope design

Height of slope	50 m
Details of the inclination of the slope face	55° in a direction bearing 128°
Depth of water in the tension crack after a heavy rainfall	3 m
Unit weight of water	9.81 kN/m <sup>3</sup>

- (i) Investigate the safety of the proposed slope when the tension cracks are dry and by calculating the factor of safety based on the equation given in Figure Q4(a). (6 marks)
- (ii) Assess the stability of the slope, after a heavy rainfall by recalculating the safety factor value for when the tension cracks are water filled to a depth of 3 m. Use the equation given in Figure Q4(a). (4 marks)
- (iii) What stabilization measures would you propose if the slope must always have;
- (a) A factor of safety of about 1.2.
- (b) If the factor of safety must be more than 1.7. (2 marks)
- (b) Give an assessment on the Rock Quality Designation (RQD) value obtained from question Q2(a) and propose the appropriate excavation and support system based on the Q value obtained from Q2(b) according to the Figure Q4(b) and Figure Q4(c). (3 marks)
- (c) Explain the different among these parameters: Q, c,  $\phi$ , RQD. (3 marks)
- (d) Explain two differences between intact rock and rock mass. (4 marks)
- (e) Explain two differences of bearing capacity from building code of practice and data resulted from direct test result. (3 marks)

- Q5** (a) The foundation of the bridge should be constructed on the rock formation of sandstone. The information from the site study and laboratory works are given as follows:

Data of rock: RMR value = 25;  $c = 2 \text{ MPa}$ ;  $\phi = 30^\circ$   
Uniaxial compressive strength = 60 MPa

Data of loading from tower: Vertical load = 150 ton  
Moment load = 10 ton-meter  
Horizontal load = 0 ton

- (i) Calculate the compressive strength of the rock by using Figure Q5(a) and Figure Q5(a)(i). (3 marks)
- (ii) Calculate the tensile strength of the rock by using Figure Q5(a) and Figure Q5(a)(i). (3 marks)
- (iii) Design a suitable square footing foundation to support this electrical tower with an approved Safety Factor of bearing capacity = 2. The strength parameter cohesion and friction angle are 20 kPa and 35° respectively  $C_f$  for the square footing = 1.25 based on Figure Q5(a)(i) and use the formula below.

$$q_a = \frac{C_f s^{1/2} \sigma_{u(r)} [1 + (ms^{-1/2} + 1)^{1/2}]}{SF} \quad \text{and} \quad SF = \frac{C_{ad} A + V \tan \delta}{H}$$

(4 marks)

- (b) A 36 in (900 mm) diameter drilled pile is supported on weathered rock socketting 3 m into rock, the sizes and spacing of discontinuities are 2 mm and 50 mm respectively. The rock was sandstone with core of  $\sigma_c = 90$  MPa. Estimate the allowable BC and allowable load of this socketted pile. Use Figure Q5(b) and formula:

$$q_a = (\sigma_c) K_{sp} d ; \quad d = [0.8 + 0.2(L_s / B)] \leq 2$$

(4 marks)

- (c) According to the RMR value obtained from question Q2(c):
  - (i) Determine the values of cohesion and friction angle for the sandstone based on Figure Q2(c). (2 marks)
  - (ii) Assess the stand up time of the tunnel without support based the on Figure Q2(c). (1 mark)
  - (iii) Propose the appropriate excavation and support system based on Figure Q5(c). (4 marks)
- (d) Explain is the concept behind and the benefits in the use of the two different types of equal area stereographic nets that are used in rock slope engineering. (2 marks)

- (e) Determine the accuracy of the field observations and the subsequent stereographic net analysis.

(2 marks)

**BAHAGIAN A (75 markah)**

- S1 (a) Hakisan merupakan salah satu agen penting bagi mengangkut dan memindah bahan endapan yang merupakan hasil luluhawa fizikal dan kimia batuan.
- (i) Senaraikan **EMPAT (4)** jenis sedimen yang terkumpul di kawasan persekitaran benua. (2 markah)
- (ii) Berikan **TIGA (3)** faktor yang mendatangkan kesan kepada hakisan air larian. (3 markah)
- (iii) Senaraikan pergerakan sedimen dalam:  
(a) Air  
(b) Angin (3 markah)
- (b) Sejak berjuta tahun sejarah bumi dahulu, kerak bumi sentiasa bergerak dan mengalami pencacatan seperti penindihan, keterikan, mahupun pecahan.
- (i) Berikan definisi kekar, sesar dan lipatan. (3 markah)
- (ii) Nyatakan kesemua jenis lipatan. (3 markah)
- (iii) Terangkan maksud *competent* dan *incompetent* yang terdapat dalam lipatan batuan. (2 markah)
- (c) Penyiasatan tapak dan ujikaji batuan merupakan perkara penting dalam bidang geologi kejuruteraan. Jurutera perlu mempraktikkan kemahiran geologi terhadap penyelesaian masalah kejuruteraan secara praktikal.
- (i) Berikan **DUA (2)** had data lubang jara dalam penyiasatan tapak. (2 markah)
- (ii) Berikan **TIGA (3)** kelemahan penggunaan pembiasan seismik dalam penyiasatan tapak dengan menggunakan kaedah geofizikal. (3 markah)
- (iii) Terangkan ujikaji jenis indek dalam ujikaji batuan. (4 markah)

- S2 (a) Kirakan nilai Penanda Mutu Batuan (PMB) seperti yang ditunjukkan dalam Rajah Q2(a). (2 markah)

- (b) Sebuah laluan terowong sepanjang 12 m rentangan untuk lombong bawah tanah akan dikorek pada kedalaman 2100 m dari aras permukaan bumi. Kestabilan jasad batuan bergantung kepada pecahan batuan. Kekar tersebut adalah kasar atau tidak sekata, bersatah dan sentuhan dinding batuan adalah bersifat lembut atau dilapisi lapisan mineral tanah liat geseran rendah. Ujikaji makmal pada sampel korekan batuan sempurna memberikan nilai purata kekuatan mampatan satu paksi sebanyak 60 MPa. Arah tegasan prinsip adalah dianggarkan mendatar dan pugak dan magnitud tegasan prinsip mendatar adalah dianggarkan sebanyak 1.5 lebih daripada tegasan prinsip pugak. Batuan mengalami masalah tegasan bersifat kompeten berada dalam keadaan basah dengan pengaliran air yang banyak dan bertekanan tinggi. Dengan menggunakan nilai PMB daripada S2(a), kirakan nilai Q dengan berpandukan Rajah Q2(b). (8 markah)

- (c) Sebuah terowong dibina melalui batupasir terluluhawa tinggi di mana kekar dominannya bersudut kemiringan  $40^\circ$  dan miring searah dengan arah laluan masuk pembinaan terowong. Jurus ketakselanjaran adalah berserenjang dengan paksi terowong. Berdasarkan ujian beban titik, kekuatan batuan adalah 2.5 MPa. Kekar menunjukkan sifat permukaan sedikit kasar, panjang kekar berpurata 4 m, bukaan kekar berukuran antara 2 mm hingga 4 mm dengan bahan isian keras sebanyak 2 mm dan purata jarak antara kekar adalah 0.3 m. Keadaan aras air bumi terowong adalah dijangka berkeadaan menitis. Dengan menggunakan nilai PMB daripada S2(a), kirakan nilai Penilaian Jasad Batuan (RMR) dengan berpandukan kepada Rajah Q2(c). (15 markah)

- S3 Bagi memenuhi sebahagian daripada pelanjutan lesen kuari batuan, adalah menjadi satu keperluan bagi menjalankan pemeriksaan berkenaan tahap kestabilan cadangan permukaan cerun kuari baru seperti yang diberikan dalam Rajah Q3(a). Data permukaan cerun A, B dan D telah diukur sebanyak  $65^\circ/040^\circ$ ,  $75^\circ/138^\circ$  and  $60^\circ/345^\circ$  bagi setiap satu. Singkapan batuan di kawasan ini adalah batuan jenis batukapur dengan sifat ketakselanjaran seperti ketat, bersih dan kering dan tiada tanda-tanda berlakunya pengaliran resipan air. Data yang diperolehi daripada tinjauan ketakselanjaran di kawasan tapak cadangan telah diplot dalam bentuk kutub pada jaringan stereo sama luas seperti yang diberikan dalam Rajah Q3(b). Sudut geseran permukaan ketakselanjaran telah diukur sebanyak  $32^\circ$ .

- (a) Berikan data sudut miring dan arah miring untuk setiap set ketakselanjaran yang diberikan dalam Rajah Q3(b) dan jadualkan data tersebut dalam Rajah Q3(c). (5 markah)

- (b) Dengan menggunakan jaringan stereo sama luas dengan jelas beserta lebel seperti yang diberikan dalam Rajah Q3(d), lukiskan bulatan besar bagi kesemua set ketakselarjan yang telah dijadualkan dalam Rajah Q3(c) dalam kertas surih yang diberikan. (5 markah)
- (c) Lukis dan labelkan dengan jelas bulatan besar bagi cadangan pengorekan cerun potong A, B dan D pada kertas surih yang sama digunakan dalam soalan Q3(b) atau baru. (4 markah)
- (d) Lukiskan dan labelkan dengan jelas sudut geseran ketakselarjan di atas kertas surih yang sama digunakan dalam soalan Q3(c). (2 markah)
- (e) Analisis dan tentukan kesemua potensi mod kegagalan cerun batuan yang boleh berlaku pada cadangan pengorekan cerun potong A dan B bersama-sama kriterianya sebagai bukti. Jadualkan keputusan tersebut pada Rajah Q3(e). (9 markah)

**PERINGATAN:** Pelajar MESTI menghantar Rajah Q3(b), Q3(c), Q3(e) dan kesemua kertas surih yang digunakan untuk proses menjawab soalan yang berkaitan.

### BAHAGIAN B (25 Markah)

- S4 (a) Pemerhatian yang diperolehi daripada penilaian kajian tapak cerun batuan adalah seperti Jadual 1 dan Jadual 2.

Jadual 1: Maklumat jasad batuan

Jenis kegagalan	Kegagalan satah
Satah kelemahan ketakselarjan utama (kemungkinan besar kegagalan jenis satah)	32° pada arah 120°
Kedalaman retakan tegangan	4 m
Sudut geseran satah ketakselarjan dominan	25°
Kejelekitan isian jenis tanah liat ketakselarjan	70 kPa
Berat unit batuan	26 kN/m <sup>3</sup>

**Jadual 2: Maklumat cadangan cerun batuan**

Ketinggian cerun	50 m
Maklumat arah dan sudut kemiringan muka cerun	55° in a direction bearing 128°
Kedalaman air memasuki retakan tegangan selepas hujan lebat	3 m
Berat unit air	9.81 kN/m <sup>3</sup>

- (i) Siasat keselamatan cadangan cerun batuan apabila retakan tegangan berada dalam keadaan kering dan basah melalui pengiraan nilai faktor keselamatan berdasarkan persamaan yang diberikan dalam Rajah Q4(a). (6 markah)
- (ii) Berikan penilaian cerun selepas keadaan hujan lebat dengan pengiraan semula nilai faktor keselamatan apabila nilai retakan tegangan dimasuki air pada kedalaman 3 m berdasarkan persamaan yang diberikan dalam Rajah Q4(a). (4 markah)
- (iii) Apakah pengukuran kestabilan yang dapat dicadangkan jika cerun sentiasa berada dalam keadaan;
- (a) Jika nilai faktor keselamatan ialah 1.2.
- (b) Jika nilai faktor keselamatan melebihi 1.7. (2 markah)
- (b) Berikan penilaian mengenai sample korekan batuan yang ditunjukkan berdasarkan nilai Petanda Mutu Batuan (PMB) yang diperolehi dari soalan S2(a) berpandukan kepada Rajah Q4(b) dan cadangkan jenis sistem sokongan dan pengorekan yang perlu digunakan berdasarkan nilai Q yang diperolehi daripada jawapan soalan S2(b) berpandukan kepada Rajah Q4(c). (3 markah)
- (c) Jelaskan perbezaan parameter berikut : Q, c,  $\phi$  , RQD (4 markah)
- (d) Jelaskan perbezaan antara batuan segar dengan batuan tak segar (massa batuan). (3 markah)
- (e) Terangkan dua perbezaan antara keupayaan galas yang diperoleh daripada piawaian bangunan dengan data daripada uji terus. (3 markah)

- S5 (a) Asas sebuah jambatan akan dibina di atas batuan jenis batupasir. Data dari siasatan tapak dan kerja makmal diberi seperti berikut :

Data batuan : Nilai RMR = 25 ;  $c = 2 \text{ MPa}$  ;  $\phi = 30^\circ$

Kekuatan mampatan satu paksi = 60 MPa

Data dari jambatan : Beban pugak = 150 ton

Beban momen = 10 ton-meter

Beban mengufuk = 0 ton

- (i) Kira kekuatan tekan batuan tersebut menggunakan Rajah Q5(a) dan 5(a)(i).  
(3 markah)
- (ii) Kira kekuatan regangan batuan tersebut menggunakan Rajah Q5(a) dan Q5(a)(i).  
(3 markah)
- (iii) Rekabentuk suatu asas cetek sama segi yang sesuai bagi menampung jambatan tersebut dengan nilai faktor keselamatan yang telah ditetapkan sebanyak 2.0 dan  $Cf_1$  sebanyak 1.25 bagi asas cetek sama segi berpandukan Rajah Q5(a)(i) dan rumus di bawah.

$$q_a = \frac{Cf_1 s^{1/2} \sigma_{u(r)} [1 + (ms^{-1/2} + 1)^{1/2}]}{SF}$$

$$SF_{horizontal} = \frac{V \tan \delta + c_{adhesion} A}{H}$$

(4 markah)

- (b) Sebuah cerucuk tergerudi dengan saiz 36 in (900 mm) disokong dalam batuan sedalam 3 m, saiz dan ruang ketakselanjaran adalah 2 mm dan 50 mm. Batuan tersebut adalah sandstone dengan nilai  $\sigma_c = 90 \text{ MPa}$ . Kira keupayaan galas yang dibenarkan dari asas tersebut. Guna Rajah Q5(b) dan rumus:

$$q_a = (\sigma_c) K_{sp} d ; d = [0.8 + 0.2(L_s / B)] \leq 2$$

(4 markah)

- (c) Berdasarkan nilai RMR yang diperolehi daripada soalan S2(c).

- (i) Berikan penilaian untuk nilai kejelekitan dan sudut geseran batupasir tersebut berpandukan kepada Rajah Q2(c).  
(2 markah)

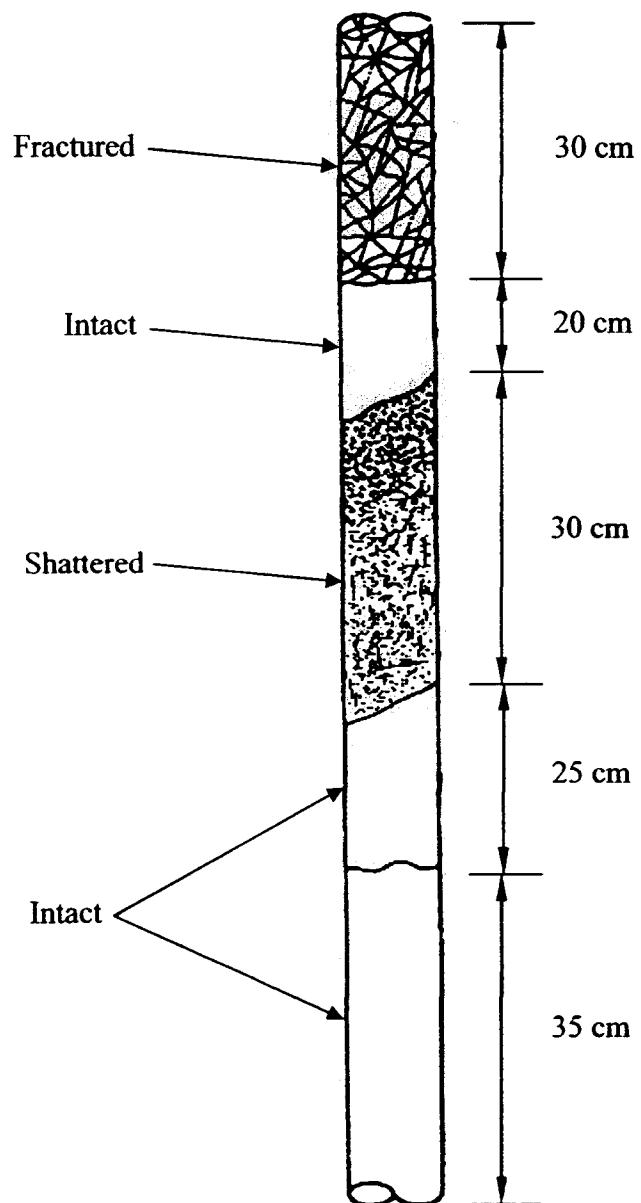
- (ii) Berikan penilaian mengenai ketahananannya terowong tersebut tanpa sokongan berpandukan kepada Rajah Q2(c).  
(1 markah)

- (iii) Cadangkan jenis sistem sokongan dan pengorekan yang perlu digunakan berpandukan kepada Rajah Q5(c). (4 markah)
- (d) Berikan konsep dan kebaikan penggunaan dua jenis jaringan stereo sama luas yang berbeza dalam kejuruteraan cerun batuan. (2 markah)
- (e) Berikan ketepatan analisis melalui data pemerhatian lapangan dan juga jaringan stereo sama luas. (2 markah)

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**FIGURE Q2(a):** Discontinuities on surface of the tunnel wall viewed from the front and lateral  
(Drawing: Not to scale)

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DESCRIPTION	VALUE	NOTES
<b>1. ROCK QUALITY DESIGNATION</b>	<b>RQD</b>	
A. Very poor	0 - 25	1. Where RQD is reported or measured as ≤ 10 (including 0), a nominal value of 10 is used to evaluate Q.
B. Poor	25 - 50	
C. Fair	50 - 75	
D. Good	75 - 90	2. RQD intervals of 5, i.e. 100, 95, 90 etc. are sufficiently accurate.
E. Excellent	90 - 100	
<b>2. JOINT SET NUMBER</b>	<b><math>J_n</math></b>	
A. Massive, no or few joints	0.5 - 1.0	
B. One joint set	2	
C. One joint set plus random	3	
D. Two joint sets	4	
E. Two joint sets plus random	6	
F. Three joint sets	9	1. For intersections use $(3.0 \times J_n)$
G. Three joint sets plus random	12	
H. Four or more joint sets, random, heavily jointed, 'sugar cube', etc.	15	2. For portals use $(2.0 \times J_n)$
J. Crushed rock, earthlike	20	
<b>3. JOINT ROUGHNESS NUMBER</b>	<b><math>J_f</math></b>	
a. Rock wall contact		
b. Rock wall contact before 10 cm shear		
A. Discontinuous joints	4	
B. Rough and irregular, undulating	3	
C. Smooth undulating	2	
D. Slickensided undulating	1.5	1. Add 1.0 if the mean spacing of the relevant joint set is greater than 3 m.
E. Rough or irregular, planar	1.5	
F. Smooth, planar	1.0	
G. Slickensided, planar	0.5	2. $J_f = 0.5$ can be used for planar, slickensided joints having lineations, provided that the lineations are oriented for minimum strength.
c. No rock wall contact when sheared		
H. Zones containing clay minerals thick enough to prevent rock wall contact	1.0 (nominal)	
J. Sandy, gravelly or crushed zone thick enough to prevent rock wall contact	1.0 (nominal)	
<b>4. JOINT ALTERATION NUMBER</b>	<b><math>J_a</math></b>	$\phi$ degrees (approx.)
a. Rock wall contact		
A. Tightly healed, hard, non-softerning, impermeable filling	0.75	1. Values of $\phi$ , the residual friction angle, are intended as an approximate guide
B. Unaltered joint walls, surface staining only	1.0	to the mineralogical properties of the
C. Slightly altered joint walls, non-softerning mineral coatings, sandy particles, clay-free disintegrated rock, etc.	2.0	alteration products, if present.
D. Silty- or sandy-clay coatings, small clay fraction (non-softerning)	3.0	20 - 25
E. Softening or low-friction clay mineral coatings, i.e. kaolinite, mica. Also chlorite, talc, gypsum and graphite etc., and small quantities of swelling clays. (Discontinuous coatings, 1 - 2 mm or less)	4.0	8 - 16

**FIGURE Q2(b)**

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<b>4. JOINT ALTERATION NUMBER</b>		$J_a$	$\alpha$ degrees (approx.)
<i>a. Rock wall contact before 10 cm shear</i>			
F. Sandy particles, clay-free, disintegrating rock etc.	4.0	25 - 30	
G. Strongly over-consolidated, non-softening clay mineral fillings (continuous < 5 mm thick)	6.0	16 - 24	
H. Medium or low over-consolidation, softening clay mineral fillings (continuous < 5 mm thick)	8.0	12 - 16	
J. Swelling clay fillings, i.e. montmorillonite, (continuous < 5 mm thick). Values of $J_a$ depend on percent of swelling clay-size particles, and access to water.	8.0 - 12.0	6 - 12	
<i>c. No rock wall contact when sheared</i>			
K. Zones or bands of disintegrated or crushed	6.0		
L. rock and clay (see G, H and J for clay conditions)	8.0		
M. conditions)	8.0 - 12.0	6 - 24	
N. Zones or bands of silty- or sandy-clay, small clay fraction, non-softening	5.0		
O. Thick continuous zones or bands of clay	10.0 - 13.0		
P. & R. (see G,H and J for clay conditions)	6.0 - 24.0		
<b>5. JOINT WATER REDUCTION</b>		$J_w$	approx. water pressure ( $\text{kg}/\text{cm}^2$ )
A. Dry excavation or minor inflow i.e. < 5 l/m locality	1.0	< 1.0	
B. Medium inflow or pressure, occasional outwash of joint fillings	0.66	1.0 - 2.5	
C. Large inflow or high pressure in competent rock with unfilled joints	0.5	2.5 - 10.0	1. Factors C to F are crude estimates; increase $J_w$ if drainage installed.
D. Large inflow or high pressure	0.33	2.5 - 10.0	
E. Exceptionally high inflow or pressure at blasting, decaying with time	0.2 - 0.1	> 10	2. Special problems caused by ice formation are not considered.
F. Exceptionally high inflow or pressure	0.1 - 0.05	> 10	
<b>6. STRESS REDUCTION FACTOR</b>		SRF	
<i>a. Weakness zones intersecting excavation, which may cause loosening of rock mass when tunnel is excavated</i>			
A. Multiple occurrences of weakness zones containing clay or chemically disintegrated rock, very loose surrounding rock any depth	10.0		1. Reduce these values of SRF by 25 - 50% but only if the relevant shear zones influence do not intersect the excavation
B. Single weakness zones containing clay, or chemically disintegrated rock (excavation depth < 50 m)	5.0		
C. Single weakness zones containing clay, or chemically disintegrated rock (excavation depth > 50 m)	2.5		
D. Multiple shear zones in competent rock (clay free), loose surrounding rock (any depth)	7.5		
E. Single shear zone in competent rock (clay free), (depth of excavation < 50 m)	5.0		
F. Single shear zone in competent rock (clay free), (depth of excavation > 50 m)	2.5		
G. Loose open joints, heavily jointed or 'sugar cube', (any depth)	5.0		

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DESCRIPTION	VALUE			NOTES			
	SRF						
<b>a. STRESS REDUCTION FACTOR</b>							
<b>b. Compaction rock, rock stress problems</b>							
H. Low stress, near surface	$\sigma_c/\sigma_1$	$\sigma_1/\sigma_3$	2.5	2. For strongly anisotropic virgin stress field (if measured): when $5\sigma_1/\sigma_3 \leq 10$ , reduce $\sigma_c$ to $0.8\sigma_c$ and $\sigma_1$ to $0.8\sigma_1$ . When $\sigma_1/\sigma_3 > 10$ , reduce $\sigma_c$ and $\sigma_1$ to $0.6\sigma_c$ and $0.6\sigma_1$ , where $\sigma_c$ = unconfined compressive strength, and $\sigma_1$ = tensile strength (point load) and $\sigma_1$ and $\sigma_3$ are the major and minor principal stresses.			
J. Medium stress	200 - 10	13 - 0.66	1.0				
K. High stress, very tight structure (usually favourable to stability, may be unfavourable to wall stability)	10 - 5	0.66 - 0.33	0.5 - 2				
L. Mild rockburst (massive rock)	5 - 2.5	0.33 - 0.16	5 - 10				
M. Heavy rockburst (massive rock)	< 2.5	< 0.16	10 - 20	3. Few case records available where depth of crown below surface is less than span width. Suggest SRF increase from 2.5 to 5 for such cases (see H).			
<b>c. Squeezing rock, plastic flow of incompetent rock under influence of high rock pressure</b>							
N. Mild squeezing rock pressure			5 - 10				
O. Heavy squeezing rock pressure			10 - 20				
<b>d. Swelling rock, chemical swelling activity depending on presence of water</b>							
P. Mild swelling rock pressure			5 - 10				
Q. Heavy swelling rock pressure			10 - 15				

**ADDITIONAL NOTES ON THE USE OF THESE TABLES**

When making estimates of the rock mass Quality (Q), the following guidelines should be followed in addition to the notes listed in the tables:

1. When borehole core is unavailable, RQD can be estimated from the number of joints per unit volume, in which the number of joints per metre for each joint set are added. A simple relationship can be used to convert this number to RQD for the case of clay free rock masses:  $RQD = 115 - 3.3 J_y$  (approx.), where  $J_y$  = total number of joints per  $m^3$  ( $0 < RQD < 100$  for  $35 > J_y > 4.5$ ).
2. The parameter  $J_{\pi}$  representing the number of joint sets will often be affected by foliation, schistosity, static cleavage or bedding etc. If strongly developed, these parallel joints should obviously be counted as a complete joint set. However, if there are few joints visible, or if only occasional breaks in the core are due to these features, then it will be more appropriate to count them as 'random' joints when evaluating  $J_{\pi}$ .
3. The parameters  $J_y$  and  $J_{\pi}$  (representing shear strength) should be relevant to the weakest significant joint set or clay filled discontinuity in the given zone. However, if the joint set or discontinuity with the minimum value of  $J_y/J_{\pi}$  is favourably oriented for stability, then a second, less favourably oriented joint set or discontinuity may sometimes be more significant, and its higher value of  $J_y/J_{\pi}$  should be used when evaluating Q. The value of  $J_y/J_{\pi}$  should in fact relate to the surface most likely to allow failure to initiate.
4. When a rock mass contains clay, the factor SRF appropriate to loosening loads should be evaluated. In such cases the strength of the intact rock is of little interest. However, when jointing is minimal and clay is completely absent, the strength of the intact rock may become the weakest link, and the stability will then depend on the ratio rock-stress/rock-strength. A strongly anisotropic stress field is unfavourable for stability and is roughly accounted for as in note 2 in the table for stress reduction factor evaluation.
5. The compressive and tensile strengths ( $\sigma_c$  and  $\sigma_t$ ) of the intact rock should be evaluated in the saturated condition if this is appropriate to the present and future in situ conditions. A very conservative estimate of the strength should be made for those rocks that deteriorate when exposed to moist or saturated conditions.

Excavation category	ESR
A Temporary mine openings.	3-5
B Permanent mine openings, water tunnels for hydro power (excluding high pressure penstocks), pilot tunnels, drifts and headings for large excavations.	1.6
C Storage rooms, water treatment plants, minor road and railway tunnels, surge chambers, access tunnels.	1.3
D Power stations, major road and railway tunnels, civil defence chambers, portal intersections.	1.0
E Underground nuclear power stations, railway stations, sports and public facilities, factories.	0.8

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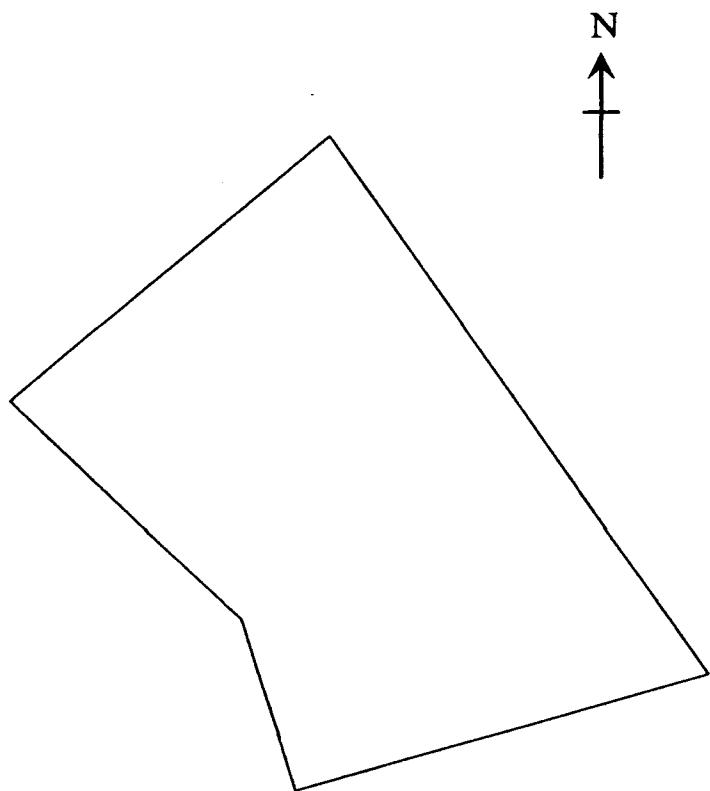
A. CLASSIFICATION PARAMETERS AND THEIR RATINGS														
Parameter			Ranges of values											
1	Strength of intact rock material	Point-load strength index	>10MPa	4-10MPa	2-4MPa	1-2MPa	For the low range-unless compressive test is preferred							
		Uniaxial Compression strength	>250MPa	100-250MPa	50-100MPa	25-50MPa	5-25MPa	1-5MPa						
	Rating		15	12	7	4	2	1						
2	Drill core Quality RQD		90%-100%	75%-90%	50%-75%	25%-50%	<25%							
	Rating		20	17	13	8	3							
3	Spacing of discontinuities		>2mm	0.6-2mm	200-600mm	60-200mm	<60mm							
	Rating		20	15	10	8	5							
4	Condition of discontinuities (See E)		Very rough surfaces. Not continuous. No separation. Unweathered wall rock.	Slightly rough surfaces. Separation <1mm. Slightly weathered walls.	Slightly rough surfaces. Separation < 1 mm. Highly weathered walls.	Slicksided surfaces or Gouge<5 mm thick or Separation 1-5 mm continuous.	Soft gouge>5 mm thick or Separation>5mm continuous.							
	Rating		30	25	20	10	0							
5	Groundwater	Inflow per 10 m tunnel length (l/m)	None	<10m	10-25	25-125	>125							
		(Joint water press)Y (Major principal)	0	<0.1	0.1-0.2	0.2-0.5	>0.5							
		General conditions	Completely dry	Damp	Wet	Dripping	Flowing							
	Rating		15	10	7	4	0							
B. RATING ADJUSTMENT FOR DISCONTINUITY ORIENTATION (SEE F)														
Strike and dip orientations			Very favourable	Favourable	Fair	Unfavourable	Very Unfavourable							
Rating	Tunnels and mines		0	-2	-5	-10	-12							
	Foundations		0	-2	-7	-15	-25							
	Slopes		0	-5	-25	-50	0							
C. ROCK MASS CLASSES														
Rating	100-81	80-61	60-41	40-21	<21									
Class number	I	II	III	IV	V									
Description	Very good rock	Good rock	Fair rock	Poor rock	Very poor rock									
D. MEANING ROCK CLASSES														
Class number	I	II	III	IV	V									
Average stand-up time	20 years for 15 m span.	1 year for 10 m span.	1 week for 5 m span	10 hours for 2.5 m span	30 minutes for 1 m span									
Cohesion of rock mass (kPa)	>400	300-400	200-300	100-200	<100									
Friction angle of rock mass (degree)	>45	35-45	25-35	15-25	<15									
E. GUIDELINES FOR CLASSIFICATION OF DISCONTINUITY CONDITIONS * (1) IS RATING														
Discontinuity length (peristence)	<1m 6	1-3m 4	3-10m 2	10-20m 1	>20 m 0									
Separation (aperture)	None 6	<0.1mm 5	0.1-1.0 mm 4	1-5 mm 1	>5 mm 0									
Roughness	Very rough 6	Rough 5	Slightly rough 3	Smooth 1	Slicksided 0									
filling (gouge)	None 6	Hard filling <5mm 4	Hard filling >5mm 2	Soft filling <2 mm 2	Soft filling 5mm 0									
Weathering	Unweathered 5	Slightly weathered 5	Moderately weathered 3	Highly weathered 1	Decomposed 0									
F. EFFECT OF DISCONTINUITY STRIKE AND DIP ORIENTATION IN TUNNELING														
Strike perpendicular to tunnel axis			Strike parallel to tunnel axis											
Drive with dip- 45°-90°	Drive with dip- 20°-45°		Dip 45°-90°		Dip 20°-45°									
Very favourable	Favourable		Very unfavourable		Fair									
Drive against dip- 45°-90°	Drive against dip-20°-45°		Dip 5°-20° -Irrespective of strike											
Fair	Unfavourable		Fair											

**FIGURE Q2(c) : Rock Mass Rating System (After Bieniawski, 1989)**

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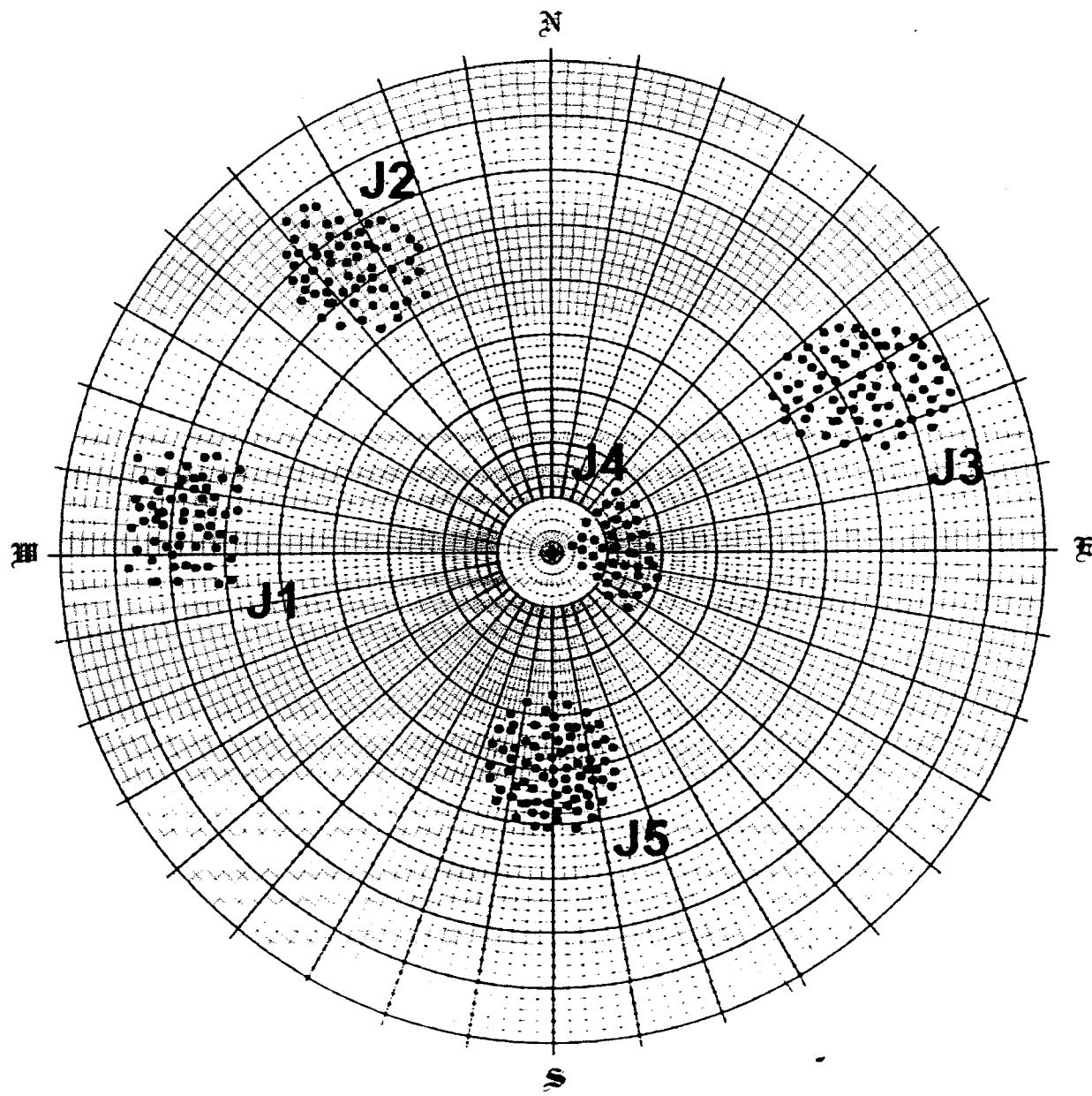


**FIGURE Q3(a)** : Sketch plan of proposed quarry (NOT TO SCALE)

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**FIGURE Q3(b)** : Lower hemisphere, equal area polar stereo - net marked in  $2^\circ$  intervals

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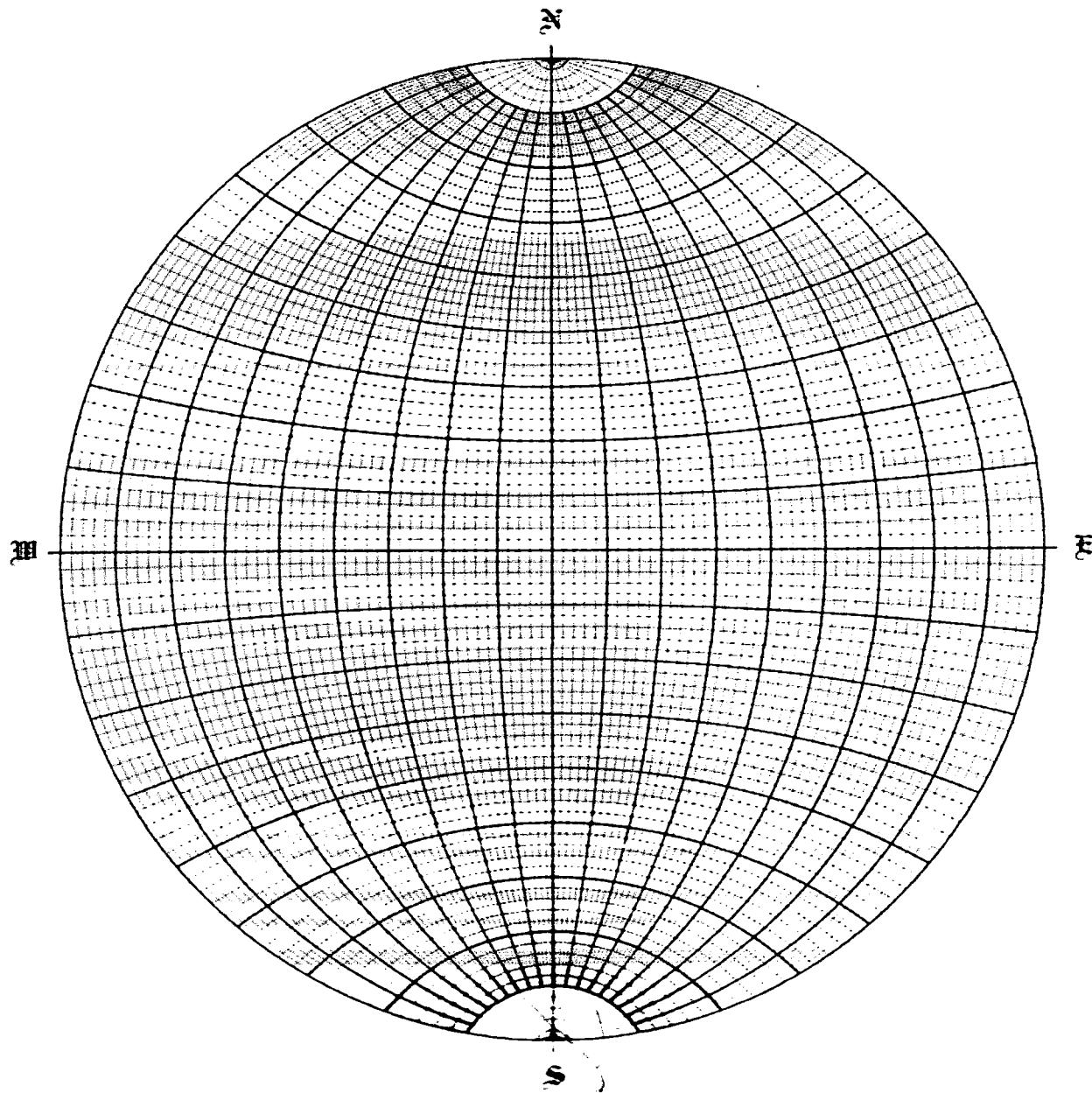
Discontinuity	Dip direction, ° Bearing	Dip angle, °
J1		
J2		
J3		
J4		
J5		

**FIGURE Q3(c)** : Dip and dip directions of the discontinuities

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**FIGURE Q3(d)** : Equatorial equal-area stereo-net marked in  $2^\circ$  intervals

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Slope	Mode of failure	Joint set and data	Criteria	Stability
A	Plane			
A	Wedge			
A	Toppling			
B	Plane			
B	Wedge			
B	Toppling			

**FIGURE Q3(e)**

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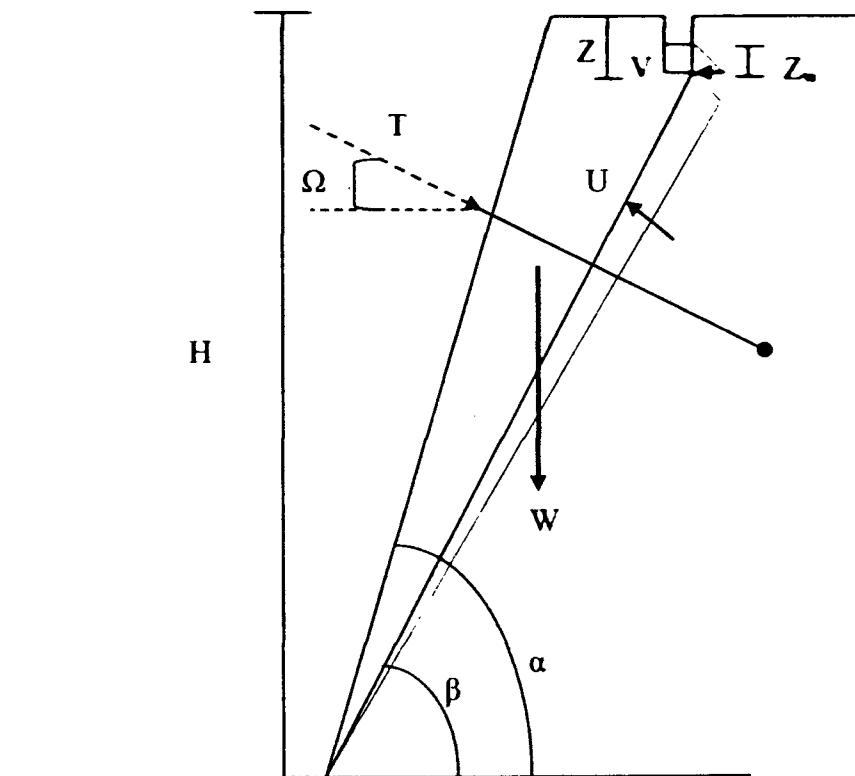
Slope	Mode of failure	Joint set and data	Criteria	Stability
D	Plane			
D	Wedge			
D	Toppling			

**FIGURE Q3(e) : continued**

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**Given:**

$$\text{FOS} = \frac{cA + (W \cos\beta - U - V \sin\beta + T \sin(\Omega+\beta) \tan\phi)}{W \sin\beta + V \cos\beta - T \cos(\Omega+\beta)}$$

$$A = (H-Z) \cdot \operatorname{cosec} \beta$$

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_r \cdot H^2 [(1-(Z/H)^2) \cot \beta - \cot \alpha]$$

$$U = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_w \cdot Z_w \cdot (H-Z) \cdot \operatorname{cosec} \beta$$

$$V = \frac{1}{2} \gamma_w \cdot Z_w^2$$

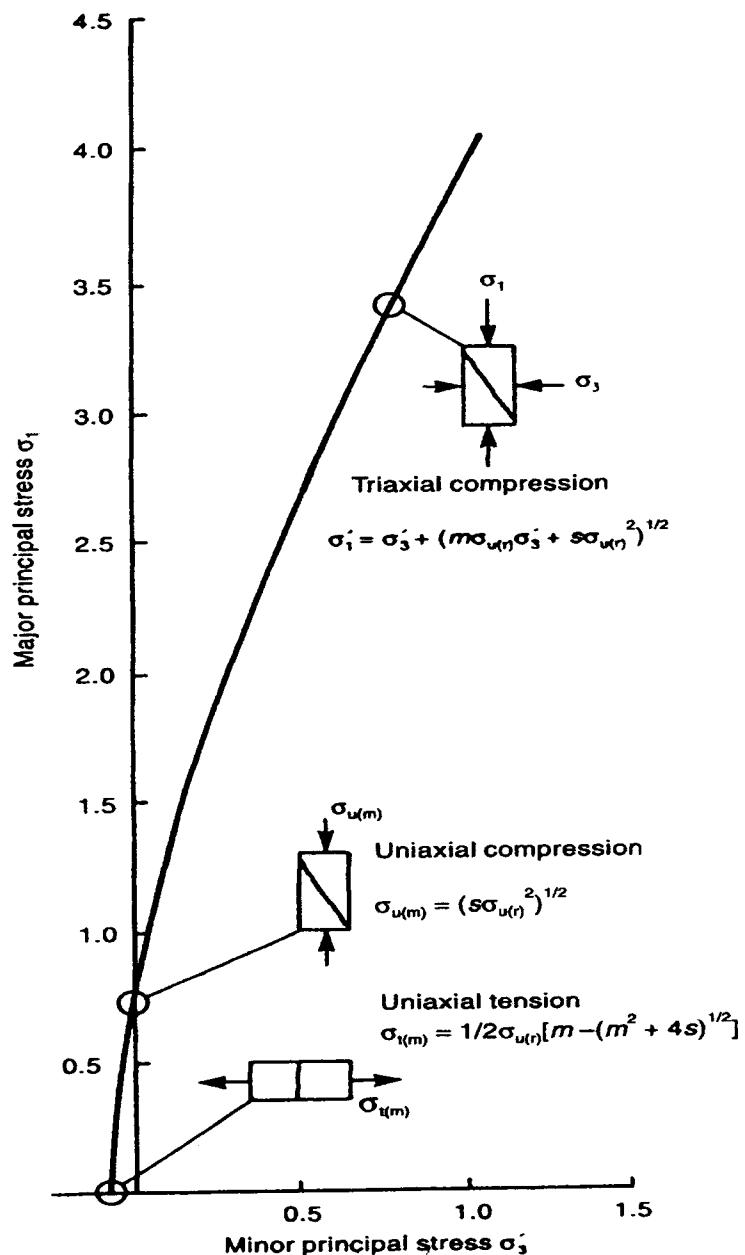
$$\operatorname{cosec} = 1/\sin \quad \sec = 1/\cos \quad \cot = 1/\tan$$

**FIGURE Q4(a)**

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**FIGURE Q5(a)** : Strength of fractured rock (Hoek, 1983)

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COURSE CODE : BFC 3013/21303**Empirical failure criterion:**

$$\sigma'_1 = \sigma'_3 + \sqrt{m\sigma_u}, \quad \sigma'_1 = s\sigma_{u.e}^2$$

$\sigma'_1$  = major principal effective stress  
 $\sigma'_3$  = minor principal effective stress  
 $\sigma_u$  = uniaxial compressive strength of intact rock, and  
 $m$  and  $s$  are empirical constants.

**INTACT ROCK SAMPLES***Laboratory size specimens free from discontinuities*

m	7.00	10.00	15.00	17.00	25.00
s	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00	1.00

CSIR rating: RMR = 100

NGI rating: Q = 500

**VERY GOOD QUALITY ROCK MASS***Tightly interlocking undisturbed rock with unweathered joints at 1–3 m*

m	2.40	3.43	5.14	5.82	8.56
s	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082	0.082

CSIR rating: RMR = 85

NGI rating: Q = 100

**GOOD QUALITY ROCK MASS***Fresh to slightly weathered rock, slightly disturbed with joints at 1–3 m*

m	0.575	0.821	1.231	1.395	2.052
s	0.00293	0.00293	0.00293	0.00293	0.00293

CSIR rating: RMR = 65

NGI rating: Q = 10

**FAIR QUALITY ROCK MASS***Several sets of moderately weathered joints spaced at 0.3–1 m*

m	0.128	0.183	0.275	0.311	0.458
s	0.00009	0.00009	0.00009	0.00009	0.00009

CSIR rating: RMR = 44

NGI rating: Q = 1

**POOR QUALITY ROCK MASS***Numerous weathered joints at 30–500 mm, some gouge. Clean compacted waste rock*

m	0.029	0.041	0.061	0.069	0.102
s	0.000003	0.000003	0.000003	0.000003	0.000003

CSIR rating: RMR = 23

NGI rating: Q = 0.1

**VERY POOR QUALITY ROCK MASS***Numerous heavily weathered joints spaced < 50 mm with gouge. Waste rock with fines*

m	0.007	0.010	0.015	0.017	0.025
s	0.0000001	0.0000001	0.0000001	0.0000001	0.0000001

CSIR rating: RMR = 3

NGI rating: Q = 0.01

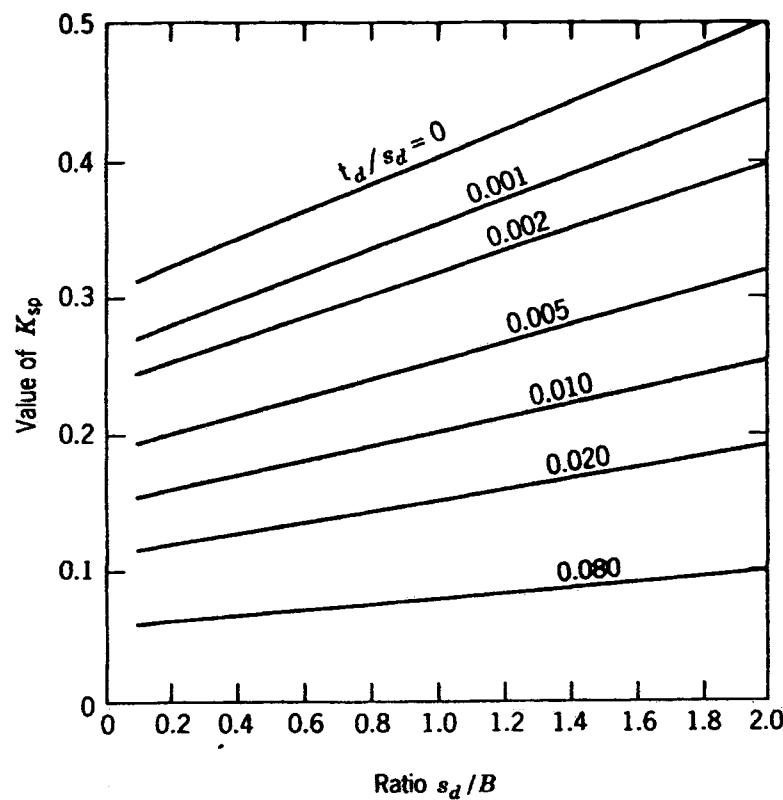
CSIR Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (Bieniawski, 1974).

NGI Norwegian Geotechnical Institute (Barton *et al.*, 1974).**FIGURE Q5(a)(i) :** Approximate relationship between rock mass quality and material constants (Hoek and Brown, 1988)

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$$K_{sp} = \frac{3+s_d/B}{10 \sqrt{1+300 t_d/s_d}}$$

$s_d$  = spacing of discontinuities

$t_d$  = thickness of discontinuities

$B$  = Pile width or diameter

**FIGURE Q5(b)** : Values of empirical coefficient,  $K_{sp}$ . The coefficient  $K_{sp}$  takes into account the size effect and presence of discontinuities and contains a nominal factor of safety of three against general foundation failure. (Canadian Foundation Engineering Manual, 1985)

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Rock Mass class	Excavation	Rock bolts (20 mm diameter, fully grouted)	Shotcrete	"Steel sets"
I-Very good rock RMR:81-100	Full face, 3 m advance	Generally no support required except spot bolting		
II-Good rock RMR:61-80	Full face, 1-1.5 m advance. Complete support 20 m from face.	Locally, bolts in crown 3 m long, spaced 2.5 m with occasional wire mesh	50 mm in crown where required.	None
III-Fair rock RMR:41-60	Top heading and bench 1.5-3 m advance in top heading. Commence support after each blast. Complete support 10 m from face	Systematic bolts 4 m long, spaced 1.5-2m in crown and walls with wire mesh in crown.	50-100 mm in crown and 30 mm in sides.	None
IV-Poor rock RMR:21-40	Top heading and bench 1.0-1.5 m advance in top heading. Install support concurrently with excavation, 10 m from face.	Systematic bolts 4 m long, spaced 1-1.5m in crown and walls with wire mesh.	100-150 mm in crown and 100 mm in sides.	Light to medium ribs spaced 1.5 m where required.
V-Very poor rock RMR<20	Multiple drifts 0.5-1.5 m advance in top heading. Install support concurrently with excavation. Shotcrete as soon as possible after blasting.	Systematic bolts 5-6 m long, spaced 1-1.5m in crown and walls with wire mesh. Bolt invert.	150-200 mm in crown, 150 mm in sides, and 50 mm on face.	Medium to heavy ribs spaced 0.75 m with steel lagging and fore poling if required. Close invert.

**FIGURE Q5(c) :** Guidelines for excavation and support of 10 m span rock tunnels in accordance with the RMR system (After Bieniawski, 1989)