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Q3, Part (a)

What is the difference b/w flexible and rigid Pavement?

Flexible Pavement	Rigid Pavement
1) Bitumen is used as binder in Pavement	• Cement is used as a binder
2) Have low life span usually 10-15 years	• Life span is more as compare to Flexible usually 30+ years.
3) Deformation in the subgrade is transferred to the upper layers	• Deformation in subgrade is not transferred to subsequent layers.
4) Road can be used for traffic within 24 hours.	• Roads cannot be used <del>until</del> until 14 days of curing
5) Flexible Pavements have low Initial construction costs but have high maintenance cost.	• Rigid Pavements have low maintenance cost but have high initial construction costs.



Q1, Part (b)

What are the advantages of water bound over wet mix macadam?

- 1) The main advantage of wet-mix macadam over water-bound macadam is that it is composed of a well-graded mixture.
- 2) Addition of water while mixing facilitates the handling of the mixture. The operation of laying is much simpler than that of water bound. Where the screenings and binding material have to be added in stages and forced into voids.
- 3) The compaction is greatly facilitated by the moisture added which lubricates individual particles.
- 4) One disadvantage of a wet-mix macadam is that it is slightly costlier than water-bound macadam. This is ~~because~~ because the specification involves the use of a mixing plant and paver.
- 5) The aggregates for wet mix macadam will have to be crusher-run whereas the aggregates for water-bound macadam are generally hand-broken.

Q1 Part (c)

What is the difference between Bitumen and asphalt.

Bitumen

Asphalt.

1) A class of black or dark colored (solid, semi solid or viscous) cementitious substance natural or manufactured, composed of high molecular weight.

A dark Brown to black cementitious material in which Predominating constituent are bitumen which occur in nature or obtained by fractional distillation.

In American Terminology both asphalt and Bitumen are same.

2) In some literature Bitumen is actually the liquid binder that hold asphalt together.

Asphalt is generally used as term refer to the combination and gravel specifically for road construction.

Qno 2:-

Solution:-

For design speed of 75 mi/h

value of  $k$  from table

$$k = 312$$

Minimum Length-

$$k \times (3 - L - 4)$$

$$\therefore k = 312$$

$$= 312 \times (3 - L - 4)$$

$$= 2184 \text{ ft}$$

Station of BVC = Tangent intersection station.  
 $\therefore$  tangent intersection station =  $(345 + 60) - \left(\frac{21 + 84}{2}\right)$

$$\text{Station of BVC} = (345 + 60) - \left(\frac{21 + 84}{2}\right) = 334 + 68$$

$$\text{Station of EVC} = (334 + 68) + (21 + 84) = 356 + 52$$

$$\text{Elevation of BVC} = 250 - \left(0.03 \times \frac{2184}{2}\right)$$

$$= 217.24 \text{ ft}$$



Qno 3,

Ans:-

Flexible Pavement Design:-

Reliability level  $C_R = 99\%$

Standard deviation  $S_o = 0.49$

Initial Serviceability Index  $P_i = 4.5$

Terminal Serviceability Index,  $P_x = 2.5$

Step 1.

Draw a line joining the reliability of 99% and the overall standard deviation  $S_o$  of 0.49, and extend this line to intersect the first  $T_2$  at Point A.

Find value of  $SN_1$  and  $D_1$ :-

Step 2:-

Draw a line joining Point A to the ESAL  $2 \times 10^6$  and this line to intersect the second  $T_2$  line ~~at~~ at point B.

Step 3:-

Draw a line joining point B and resilient modulus ( $M_r$ ) of base course and extend this line to intersect the design serviceability loss chart at point C.

Step:-4

Draw a horizontal line from Point C intersect the design serviceability

loss (PSI) curve at point D

$$\Delta PSI = P_i - P_f = 4.5 - 2.5 = 2.0$$

Step:-5

So the structure number required protect the base course and to find the thickness DI of surface course is 2.6

Step:-6

Determine the appropriate structure layer coefficient for each construction material

Resilient value of asphalt = 450,000 lb/in<sup>2</sup>

therefore  $a_1 = 0.44$

Thickness of surface course  $D_1 = SN_1 / a_1$

$$= \frac{2.6}{0.44} = 5.9''$$

$$\therefore SN_1 = 2.8 \\ a_1 = 0.44$$

Thickness should be taken to the nearest 0.5 inch

So, Thickness of surface course is 6''

$$SN_1 = D_1 \times a_1$$

$$= 6 \times 0.44$$

$$SN_1 = 2.64$$

Q4, What are different Pavement distresses?

Pavement Distress:-

Distress is a condition of the Pavement structure that reduces serviceability or lead to reduction in services life.

Distress in Pavement occur due to

- unstable mixes
- Higher wheel loads than those considered in design.

Alligator Cracking:-

- Cause
- over loading
- Inadequate structure.

Repair

- Crack sealing is in effective.
- Dig out and replace Poor area.

Block cracking

Problem:-

Allow moisture, infiltration



Possible cause:-

- HMA Cause
- Asphalt Binder aging

Repair:-

Low severity crack ( $< \frac{1}{2}$  inch wide). Crack seal to prevent entry of moisture high severity crack ( $> \frac{1}{2}$  inch wide) and crack with revealed edges. Remove and replace the cracked pavement layer with an overlay.

Potholes:-

Small bowlshaped depression in the pavement surface that penetrates all the way through HMA layer down to the base course.

- Potholes are most likely to occur on roads with the HMA surface (1 to 2 inch and seldom occur on road with 4 inch or deeper HMA surface.

Repair:-

Patching Techniques.

## Rutting

Surface depression in the wheel path, are particularly evident after a rain when they are filled with water.

Possible cause:-

- In sufficient compaction of HMA layer during construction.
- Improper mix design (e.g. as a result inadequate pavement structure).
- Subgrade rutting

Repair:-

Slight ruts (< 1/2 inch deep) can generally be left untreated.

## Bleeding

Problem:-

→ less of skid resistance when wet.

Possible cause:-

- Excessive asphalt binder in the HMA
- low HMA air void.

Rare Lingr-

loose debris on the Pavement which increase Pavement roughness and loss of skid resistance.

Possible cause

Asphalt binder aging.

In adequate compaction during construction.

Repair-

Fog seal/slurry seal or Remove the damaged Pavement overlay.