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## Question: 1

### Q1 (a)

Difference b/w flexible and rigid pavement.

#### Flexible pavement:

Flexible pavement typically distribute wheel loads to lower layer of the pavement section and consists generally of bituminous material.

#### Rigid pavement:

Rigid pavement are typically distribute wheel loads over a wide area of the



subgrade and consists generally of cement concrete and may be reinforced with steel.

### Flexible pavement

### Rigid pavement

Bitumen is used as binder in flexible pavement.

Cement is used as binder in rigid pavement.

Deformation in the subgrade is transferred to the upper layer.

Deformation in subgrade is not transferred to subsequent layers.

Load is transferred by grain to grain contact.

No such phenomena of grain to grain load transfer exist.

Flexible pavement have low initial

Rigid pavement have low

construction costs  
but have high  
maintenance cost

maintenance cost  
but have high  
initial construction  
cost.

Have low life span  
usually 10-15 years.

Life span is  
more as compare  
to flexible usually  
30+ year.

Road can be used  
for traffic within  
in 24 hours

Road cannot be  
used until 14  
days of curing.



## Q.1 (b)

Advantages of water bound over wet mix macadam:

The main advantage of wet-mix macadam over water bound macadam is that it is composed of a well-graded mixture. This is ensured good inter lock and high stability.

Addition of water while mixing facilitates the handling of the mixture. The operation of layering is much simpler than that of water-bound macadam where the screening and bonding material have to be added in stages and forced into voids if a crusher-run material is

used. There is no possibility of plastic fines entering into the mixture.

The compaction is greatly facilitated by the moisture added which lubricates the individual particles.

The aggregates of wet mix macadam will have to be crusher-run, whereas the aggregates for water-bound macadam are generally hand-broken.

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## Q.1 (c)

Difference b/w bitumens and asphalt.

### Bitumen:

- A class of black or dark-coloured (solid, semi-solid or viscous) cementitious substances, natural or manufactured, composed principally of high molecular weight hydrocarbon found in asphalts, tars, pitches, and asphaltites are typical.

### Asphalt:

- A dark brown to black cementitious material in which the predominating constituents are bitumens,

which occurs in nature or are obtained in fractional distillation of petroleum (crude oil) along with certain mineral matter.

- In American terminology

- Both asphalt and bitumen are same and are "asphalt".

- In some is generally literature bitumen is actually the liquid binder that holds asphalt together.





## Q Question: 2

### Solution:

### Given Data:

$$\text{speed} = 75 \text{ m/h}$$

$$K = 312 \text{ from Table 1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Klim Length} &= 312 \times (3+4) \\ &= 2184 \text{ ft.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Station BVC} &= (345+60) - \frac{(21+84)}{2} \\ &= 334+68 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Station of } \overset{\text{EVC}}{\text{BVC}} &= (334+68) + \frac{(21+84)}{2} \\ &= 356+59 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Elevation of } \text{BVC} &= 250 - \left( 0.03 \times \frac{2184}{2} \right) \\ &= 217.24 \text{ ft} \end{aligned}$$

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# Table

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Station	Distance from BVC (ft)	Tangent Elevation (ft)	Offset (ft)	Curve Elevation (Tangent Elevation offset)
BVC 334+00	0	217.24	0.01	217.24
BVC 335+00	32	$217.24 + \frac{32 \times 32}{100} = 218.20$	0.02	218.18
BVC 336+00	64	221.20	0.28	220.92
BVC 337+00	96	224.20	0.80	223.40
BVC 338+00	128	227.20	1.77	225.43
BVC 339+00	160	230.20	2.99	227.21
BVC 340+00	192	233.20	4.54	228.66
BVC 341+00	224	236.20	6.40	229.80
BVC 342+00	256	239.20	8.59	230.61
BVC 343+00	288	242.20	11.09	231.11
BVC 344+00	320	245.20	13.92	231.28
BVC 345+00	352	248.20	17.07	231.13
BVC 346+00	384	251.20	20.54	230.66
BVC 347+00	416	254.20	24.32	229.88
BVC 348+00	448	257.20	28.43	228.77
BVC 349+00	480	260.20	32.86	227.34
BVC 350+00	512	263.20	37.63	225.59
BVC 351+00	544	266.20	42.86	223.34
BVC 352+00	576	269.20	48.07	221.13
BVC 353+00	608	272.20	53.79	218.41
BVC 354+00	640	275.20	59.82	215.38



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BVC 355+00	2032	278.20	66.17	212.03
BVC 356+00	2132	281.20	72.84	208.36
BVC 356+52	2184	282.76	76.44	206.32

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## Question: 3

### Solution:

Reliability Level ( $\alpha$ ) = 99%

Standard deviation ( $\sigma$ ) = 0.49

Initial Service ability index  $P = 4.5$

Terminal Serviceability index  $P_t$ ;  
= 2.5

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

Finding  $S_N$ , on  $D_1$   
(Surface Course).

Step 1:

Draw the Line  
joining the reliability Level  
of 99% and the  
overall standard deviation  
 $\sigma$  of 0.49



Step 2:

Draw a line joining point A to the ESAL of  $2 \times 10^6$

Step 3:

Draw a line joining point B and resilient modulus ( $M_R$ ) of Base Course and extend this line.

Step 4:

Draw a horizontal line from the point 'C' to intersect the design serviceability

Loss (PSI) curve at point D

$$\Delta PSI = 4.5 - 2.5$$

$$= 2$$

$D_1$  of surface course is

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Step 5:

Resilient value of  
asphalt

$$= 450,000 \text{ lb/in}^2$$

$$a_1 = 0.44$$

Therefore

$$a_1 = 0.44$$

Thickness of surface  
course  $d_1$

$$D = SN_1 / a_1$$

$$= 2.61 / 0.44$$

$$= 5.9''$$

Thickness should be taken  
to the nearest 0.5''

So thickness of surface  
course is 6''

$$SN_1 = D_1 \times a_1$$

$$SN_1 = 6 \times 0.44$$

$$= 2.64$$



Finding  $SN_2$  and  $D_2$   
 ~ (Base course)

$$D_3 = (SN_3 - SN_2) / a_3 m_3$$

$$D_3 = (4.4 - 3.98) / 0.10 \times 0.80$$

$$D_3 = 5.25''$$

Use 6" as sub base

$$SN_3 = 2.64 + 1.34 + 6'' \times 0.10 \times 0.80$$

$$= 4.46 > 4.4$$

OK

Now

Surface course = 6"

Base course = 12"

sub base = 6"

Total Pavement = 24"

Thickness



## Question : 4

What are the different pavement distresses?  
Explain in detail?

### Pavement Distress:

Distress is a condition of the pavement structure that reduces serviceability or leads to reduction in service life.

Distress could occur in pavement due to:

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



## Alligator Cracking:

### Possible Causes

Over Loading

Inadequate structural design.

Poor construction.

### Repairs

Cracking sealing is  
in effective.

Dig out and replace  
area of poor subgrade.

## Block Cracking:

Problem:

allows moisture  
infiltration.

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## Possible Causes:

NMA shrinkage

Asphalt binder aging

Poor choice of asphalt binder in the mix design.

## Repair:

Low severity cracks (< 1/2 inch wide). Crack seal to prevent entry of moisture.

High severity crack (> 1/2 inch wide) and crack with raveled edges)

Remove and replace the cracked pavement layer with an overlay.



## Potholes:

Small bowl-shaped depression in the pavement surface that penetrate all the way through the HMA layer down to the base course.

## Problem:

Roughness, moisture infiltration.

## Problem Causes:

Generally, potholes are the end result of fatigue cracking. As fatigue cracking becomes severe, the inter-connected cracks create small chunks of pavement which can be dislodged as

vehicles drive over them.

Repair:

Patching techniques

Rutting:

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

Possible Causes:

Insufficient compaction of HMA layer during construction.

Subgrade rutting (eg. as a result of inadequate pavement structure).



## Repair:

Slight ruts ( $< 1/3$  inch deep) can generally be left untreated. Pavement with deeper ruts should be leveled and overlaid.

## Bleeding

### Problem:

Loss of skid resistance when wet.

### Problem Causes:

Excessive asphalt binder in the HMA.

Low HMA air void content.

## Polished aggregate:

### Possible Causes:

Repeated traffic applications. This can occur quicker if the aggregate is susceptible to abrasion.

### Repair:

Apply a skid-resistant slurry seal, BST or non-structural overlay.

### Raveling:

Loose debris on the pavement which increase pavement roughness and loss of skid resistance.



## Possible Causes:

Asphalt binder aging

Inadequate compaction during construction.

## Repair:

Fog Seal / Slurry Seal  
or remove the damaged pavement and overlay.