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Q10a) Difference between flexible & Rigid Pavement.

• Flexible Pavement :

- 1) Bitumen used as binder in Pavements.
- 2) Road ready to use ~~after 24 hour~~ within 24 hours.
- 3) Low life span usually 10-15 years.
- 4) Deformation in the subgrade is transferred to the upper layers.
- 5) Flexible pavements have low Initial construction costs but have high maintenance cost.

• Rigid Pavements :

- 1) Cement is used as a binder in rigid Pavement.
- 2) Road cannot be used until 14 days of curing.
- 3) life span is more as compared to flexible usually 30+ years.
- 4) ~~Roads cannot~~ Deformation in subgrade is not transferred to subsequent layers.
- 5) Rigid Pavements have low maintenance cost but have high initial construction cost.

Question no 1 (b) : What are the advantages of water bound over wet^{min} macadam?

Answer no 1(b) :

- ~~It is~~ The main advantage is that ~~high~~ it is composed of well graded mixture. This ensures good interlock & high stability.
- ~~It is~~ It is of superior in quality because materials are carefully graded and resulting mass is almost void less compacted mass.
- Interlocking of aggregates particles imparts adequate strength of the materials selected for filling the voids. These ensure non-entry of the plastic materials of sub-grade into the voids.
- Water bound macadam is less costly as compared to ~~or~~ wet mix macadam.
- aggregates of wet macadam will have to be crusher run whereas the aggregates for water-bound macadam are generally hand-broken.

Question no (c) : What is the difference between asphalt & bitumen?

• Bitumen

- A class of black or dark coloured (solid, semisolid or viscous) ~~and~~ cementitious substance natural or manufactured, composed of high molecular weight.

• Asphalt

- A dark Brown to black cementitious material in which predominating constituents are bitumen which occur in nature, or obtained by fractional distillation.

In American terminologies both are same

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

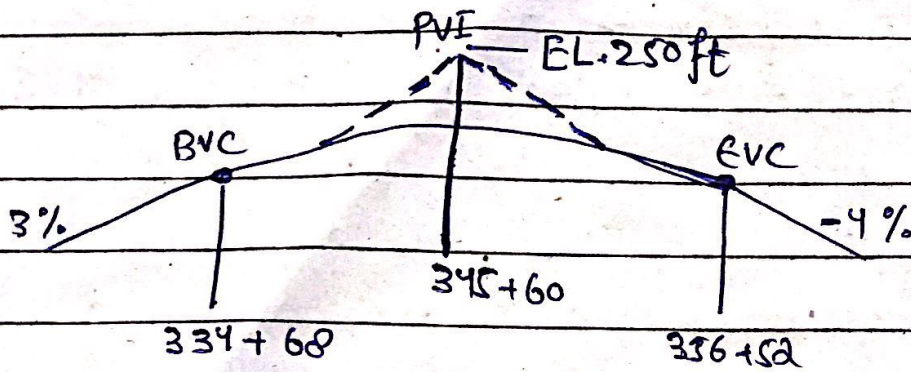
- Asphalt is generally used as term refer to the combination and grade specifically for road construction.

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Question no 2

Q A crest vertical curve joining a +3 percent and a -4 percent intermediate points on the curve at whole stations



Solution:

For design of speed of 75 mi/h
value of k taken from table

$$k = 312$$

Minimum Length

$$\begin{aligned} k \times (3 - (-4)) & \quad \because k = 312 \\ = 312 \times (3 - (-4)) & \\ = 218 \text{ ft} & \end{aligned}$$

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$$\text{Station of BVC} : \text{Tangent intersection station} - \left(\frac{21+84}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore \text{Tangent intersection station} = (345+60)$$

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

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

$$\text{Elevation of BVC} = 250 - \left(0.03 \times \frac{21+84}{2} \right)$$

$$\boxed{= 217.24 \text{ ft}}$$

Question no 3

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Answer Flexible Pavement design:

Reliability level $CR = 99\%$

Standard deviation $S_o = 0.49$

Initial serviceability Index $P_i = 4.5$

Terminal Serviceability Index $P_f = 2.5$

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

Step 1

Draw 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_r at point A.

Find value of SN_1 & D_1 :

Step 2:

Draw line joining Point A to the $FSAL 2 \times 10^6$, and the this line do intersect the second T_r line at Point B.

Step 3: Draw a line joining Point B & resilient modulus (M_r) of base course & extend this line do intersect the design serviceability loss chart at Point C.

Step 4: Draw a horizontal line from Point C to intersect the design serviceability loss (PSI) curve at Point D

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

So the structure number required to protect the base course and do find the thickness D_1 of surface course is 2.6

Step #5

Determine the appropriate structure layer coefficient for each construction material. Resilient value of asphalt = 450,000 lb/in² therefore $a_1 = 0.44$

Thickness of surface course D_1 :

$$D_1 = SN_1 / a_1$$

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

$$= 5.9$$

$$\therefore SN_1 = 2.6$$

$$a_1 = 0.44$$

Thickness should be taken to the nearest 0.5 inch

So, Thickness of surface course is 6"

$$SN_1 = D_1 \times a_1$$

$$= 6 \times 0.44$$

$$SN_1 = 2.64$$

Question no. 4

Q. what are the different pavement distresses?
Explain in detail.

Answer: Pavement distress:

Distress is a condition of the pavement structure that reduces service ability or lead to reduction in service life

Distress in pavement occur due to

- Unstable mines
- Higher wheel loads than those considered in design

Aligator cracking:

- Caused by overloading & Inadequate structure.
- They are repaired by crack sealing as it act affective or dig out and replace poor area.

Block cracking:

- It causes a problem of flow moisture in filtration.
- Possible causes are "HTA shrinkage" & Asphalt Binder aging
- It can be repaired by low severity crack seal to prevent entry of moisture high severity crack ($> \frac{1}{2}$ inch wide) and crack width revealed edges. Remove and replace the cracked pavements layer with an overlay.

Potholes :

Small bowl shaped 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 road with the HMA surface (1 to 2 inch) and seldom occur on road with 4 inch or deeper HMA surface.

→ Repairing is done by Patching techniques.

Rutting :

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

→ Causes are as follows

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

→ Repair is done by slight ruts ($< \frac{1}{3}$ inch deep) can generally be left untreated

Bleeding:

→ Bleeding is loss of skid resistance when wet.

→ It is caused by "Excessive asphalt binder in the HMA" & "low HMA air void"

Raveling:

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

→ It is caused by "Asphalt binder aging" & "Inadequate compaction during construction"

→ It is repaired by ~~Fog~~ Fog seal / slurry seal or removal of damaged pavement overlay.