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**FINAL TERM  
EXAMINATION**

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Maintenance**

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Q No. 01 (a) Define Maintenance, Briefly describe facts.

Ans

°° Maintenance °°

It is the act of maintenance the building in the its serviceable condition. It is defined as the work done to keep the civil engineering structures and work in condition so as to enable them to carry out the functions for which they are constructed. The maintenance of structure is done to meet the following

- 1) prevention of damages due to natural agencies and to keep them in a good appearance and working condition
- 2) Repair of the defects occurred in the structure and strengthen them, if necessary.

Facts of Maintenance

Maintenance operation have many facets  
Emergency Maintenance: Necessitated by unforeseen breakdown, drainage or damage caused by natural like fire, floods, cyclone earthquake etc.

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- ★ Condition Based Maintenance.  
Work initiated after due inspection
- ★ Fixed Time Maintenance:  
Activities repeated at predetermined intervals of time.
- ★ Preventive Maintenance: This is intended to preserve by preventing failure and detecting incipient fault.
- ★ Opportunity Maintenance:  
work done as when possible within the limits of operation demand.
- ★ Day-to-Day care and Maintenance  
Thorough overhaul and maintenance after closing a facility.
- ★ Shut Down Maintenance:  
Thorough overhaul and maintenance after closing a facility
- ★ Improvement plans: This is essentially maintenance operation wherein the weak links in the original construction replaced

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Q No 01 (B) Explain the Necessitation of the maintenance

Ans (B) Necessitation of The Maintenance  
Atmospheric Agencies, Normal wear and tear, Failure of the Structure  
∴ Atmospheric Agencies:

Rain: It is the important source of water which affects the structure in the following way

Physical: Dissolving and carrying away minerals as its universal solvent

Expansion and Contraction: The material is subjected to Repetitive expansion and Contraction while they become wet and dry and develops stresses.

Expansion of water: The variation of temperature

causes the expansion and Contraction of absorbed water and affects the micro-structure of the material.

Erosion: Transportation and attrition and abrasion of the material is quite evident effect of the water.

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Normal <sup>Wear and Tear.</sup> ~~water:~~

During the use of Structure it is subjected to abrasion and thereby it loses appearance and serviceability.

Failure of Structure.

Failure is defined as behaviour of Structure not in agreement with expected condition of stability & lacking freedom from necessary repair or non-compliance will deride use of and occupancy of the completed Structure.

Improper design,

Defective construction,

Improper use of Structure.

Lack of maintenance

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Q.2  
(a)

What is meant by inspection of period?  
& briefly describe stages of inspections

Ans-

Pre-Monsoon period:

The decide the maintenance program to be done before monsoon such as cleaning of drains, checking of roof leakage, collection materials etc.

Cleaning of drains checking of roof leakage  
Collection of materials and equipments  
Require during monsoon Repair bridges and other structures.

Monsoon period

It is needless to mention that the emergency work carried out in monsoon period. Example. Railway tracks collapse of roof etc. washing ways of Road, Railway tracks and Failure of wall.

Post-Monsoon period.

It is made to repair the damaged caused by water draw up the programme of Repair according to the priorities

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## Stages of Inspection:

A: Inspection:

Collect data at specified interval  
in specified form.

B: Analysis: Add Latest information to  
database

Examine progression of defects. Relate  
defects to action criteria

C: Action possibilities

Note and wait for the next inspection

Alter inspection frequency. institute repairs

Further detailed investigation

Put safety procedures in place

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(B)

What are the causes of Building Collaps? Briefly describe the role of cracks and Corrosion effect in the collapse of Building.

Ans:

Causes of Failure

The causes of Building collapse can be classified under certain head. Cracks and Corrosion, Thermal change, Bad Design, Faulty Construction, Foundation failure, fire accidents and many more.

Cracks & Corrosion

A properly designed and constituted concrete is initially water-tight and the reinforcement steel within it is well protected by a physical barrier of concrete cover which has low permeability and high density. Concrete also give steel within it is a chemical protection. Steel will not corrode as long as concrete around it is penetrate within the cover area.

Steel corrosion will also not occur as long as concrete surrounding it



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Q No 03 (a) what is meant ~~Faulty~~ <sup>insufficient</sup> Faulty Const  
Briefly describe <sup>insufficient</sup> Faulty  
beam-column Joint Support.

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Faulty Construction perhaps is the most important cause of structural failure. The lack of proper construction supervision and timely inspection by engineer & Architect is a key contribution. Some faulty practices to be firmly checked and stopped are the use of Salty Sand to make concrete the substitution of inferior steel for that specified, bad riveting improper tightening torque on nuts, excessive use of the drift pin to make holes line up, bad welds and all such practices well known as Taboo in Construction field.

- i) original position
- ii) Column head displaced laterally  
Lower beam flange yields  
web begins to buckle,  
Joists begin to disconnect.

Q No 03

(B) Elaborate Foundation Failure.  
What are the main causes of Foundation failure?

Ans

Houses and Commercial Buildings usually look very solid. Built with concrete and beam its hard to imagine what could cause them to crack and shift other than an each earthquake. A foundation rightly designed is a prerequisite for every structure to stand is carrying the earth beneath the building should be that structures loads can be sustained.

- There are many causes of Foundation failure so the main are these
- i) Soil type - especially expansive clay soil
  - ii) poorly compacted fill material
  - iii) Slope failure mass wasting.
  - iv) Erosion, v) poor construction

Q No

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(a) Describe the Role of Fire Accidents in the Collaps of Building.

Ans

Fire affects Concrete in extreme ways, some of which are listed below.

⇒ Uneven volume change in affected members ∴ Resulted in Distortion, Buckling & Cracking.

Spalling of rapidly expanding concrete surfaces from external heat near the source of fire. Some aggregates expand in bursts, spalling the adjacent mortar. Moisture rapidly changes to steam causing localized bursting of small pieces of concrete. The cement mortar converts to quick lime at temperatures of  $400^{\circ}\text{C}$  thereby causing disintegration of concrete. Reinforcement steel loses tensile capacity as temperature rise. Once the reinforcing steel is exposed to the spalling action, steel expands more rapidly than the surrounding concrete. Steel expands.

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Q No 04 B Differentiate b/w Structural Failure and economic failure.

Ans

Structural Failure  
This failure is a breakdown in one or more components of the structure systems. Such failures include common concrete cracking which may or may not be of any consequences depending upon the degree of the failure. In addition structural failures do not always require correction and in structural failure without some functional failure or impairment is of limited value. Furthermore the failure of structural steel connector caused by a design defect could be catastrophic and demands immediate attention.

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## Economic Failure

This is a condition that results in economic loss or the need to expand unplanned moves to keep a structure, component or system in order. The loss could take the form of excessive maintenance, shortened useful life or added repairs. The installation of improper bearing in an organ can result in the economic failure of the equipment.

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No. 08

Define following failure of  
~~Concrete Structure.~~

- i) Failure of Concrete Structure.
- ii) Component failure,
- iii) Fundamentals failure,
- iv) Non-progressive failure,
- v) Progressive failure.

Ans  
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i) Failure of Concrete Structure.  
When the mix components such as cement sand and coarse aggregate are of less value or standard, if there are a tendency that the concrete structure will fail because of the inadequate mix ratio of the components.

⇒ Component Failure:  
Building components tends to fail depending on materials designs method of construction, environmental conditions and the use to which the building is put.

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### Foundation Failure

Foundation failure can cause the building to collapse. Foundation is the best first element of building where construction starts but it fails it can cause of many defects in the building including failure or collapse of building.

### Non-Progressive Failure:

Non-Progressive failure or condition is one that is not likely to deteriorate. Generally the non-Progressive failure of an under-specified component such as building insulation can result from design.

### Progressive Failure

This type of failure is one that is likely to worsen over time. In the legal and insurance fields a progressive failure that is the basis of a defective work claim is often described as a continuous defect such as expansive soil under a failure basement slab, can we structural and progressive slab failure and may need be corrected.