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1.(a) What is re-tempering of concrete? In which case is re-tempering of concrete done?

(b) What is the normal RPM of the agitator of a transit mixer? What is the minimum limitation of total revolutions of agitator in a transit mixer set by ASTM before concrete placement?

Ans: Re-tempering of concrete:

_____When water is added to a stiffened concrete or partially set fresh concrete in order to bring it back to the desired consistency or workability, then it is called "retempering of concrete.

Case:

Retempering is done owing to loss of workability or undue stiffness of concrete at actual site in case of long tunnels, road construction etc. where batching plant is few kilometres away.

(b):

Transit mixers have capacity ranging from 4-7m³. Speed of agitator varies from 2 to 5rpm. A limit of 300 revolutions has been set by ASTM before placing.

2.(a) What will be the expected loss in strength of 3000psi concrete if it curing has not been performed at all?

(b) What is the percentage efficiency of membrane curing as compared to water curing?

(c) What is meant by retrogression of strength in concrete? Which method of curing promotes retrogression in concrete strength?

Ans:(a). The expected loss in strength of 3000 psi concrete if curing has not been performed at all will be 60%.

(b). Membrane curing is 80% efficient as compared to water curing.

(c). Strength retrogression is defined as a change in the hydration products that are formed when **cement** is exposed to high temperatures ($>110^{\circ}\text{C}$ / 230°F). It can be described as a decline of **cement strength** at elevated temperatures where decreased **strength** is observed with increasing time.

Application of heat promotes retrogression in concrete strength.

3.(a) What do you mean by endurance level? What is the endurance level of concrete and steel?

(b) What is the difference between attrition and erosion of concrete?

(c) What steps should be taken to improve bond strength of reinforcement in concrete?

Ans: (a) Endurance level:

_____ A fluctuating stress i.e. with positive and negative phase is the root cause of fatigue failure. ... Thus, there is existence of hypothesis that there exists stress amplitude below which it can take infinite number of load cycles; this limit is defined as endurance level or fatigue endurance limit.

The endurance limit for steel range from 0.3 to 0.6.

Plain **concrete** has a **fatigue** endurance **level** of 50 to 55 percent of its static flexural **strength** (15-17).

(b) Attrition of concrete:

It increases the shear strength of structural concrete by providing a more homogeneous mix.

It reduces the water (and hence the cement) content in ready-mixed concrete for a given structural strength, thereby reducing the cost per cubic metre.

It increases the skid-resistance of asphalt wearing courses by presenting more angular faces to the tyre than a series of very flat particles.

It helps to reduce aquaplaning in wet weather when used for asphalt wearing courses because it reduces the amount of flat surfaces in contact with the tyre.

Erosion in concrete:

Erosion is the deterioration of **concrete** surface as a result of particles in moving water scrubbing the surface.

(c) steps to improve bond strength in reinforcement concrete:

Strength of bond depends upon the friction between steel and concrete.

.The bond strength increase with increase in compressive strength of concrete.

.Deformed (ribbed) bars should be used to increase friction between reinforcement and concrete.

4.What is creep? What are the factors affecting creep? What difference is between creep and strain relaxation?

Ans. Creep:

_____The increase in strain of concrete with in passage of time under sustained stress is known as creep.

Factors effecting creep:

. Stifer the aggregate lower the creep. More the content of aggregate per unit volume of concrete, lower the creep.

. Decrease in W/C causes decrease in creep. In other

words strength and creep and inversely proportional.

. Creep is smaller when concrete is cured at high temperature because strength is higher than when cured and loaded at high temperature.

. Creep also depends upon the applied stress. The relationship is directly proportional.

. Creep also depends on the type of cement. High alumina cement experiences less creep as compared to Ordinary Portland Cement.

Difference b/w creep & strain relaxation:

two terms are sometimes used interchangeably, although they are really **different**. **Creep** is an increase in plastic strain under constant **stress**. **Strain relaxation** is a decrease in **stress** under constant strain. **Creep** is an increased tendency toward more strain and plastic deformation with no change in **stress**.

5. What is the difference between drying shrinkage and plastic shrinkage? Is drying and plastic shrinkage reversible?

Ans. Drying shrinkage:

 Drying shrinkage results from the loss of capillary water from the hardened cement mixture, leading to contraction and crack formation within concrete. According to the previous studies, the addition of plant fibers, such as sisal, to cement mortar increases its **drying shrinkage**.

Plastic shrinkage:

Plastic shrinkage is caused by the loss of water by evaporation from the surface of newly laid concrete or by suction of dry concrete underneath. At the surface, **plastic shrinkage** occurs when the rate of evaporation exceeds the rate of bleeding.

Reversible or not:

A part of drying shrinkage is reversible through moisture movement (40 to 70%).

While plastic shrinkage is not reversible at all.

6.(a) What are risks to concrete structure exposed to sea water? How do you increase resistance of concrete to sea water? (b) Concrete is required for the internal columns of a building. The specified 28 days strength is $(x+y+15)$ MPa (where x and y are the last two digits of your Roll no.) The following equations may be used to find average compressive strength The slump required is 50mm and a maximum size of 25mm is required. The fine aggregate has a Fineness modulus of 2.60. Preliminary tests indicate that FA and CA have a specific gravity of 2.65 and 2.7, with 1 percent absorption in C.A and 2% free moisture in F.A. The Bulk density of C.A is 1600 kg/m^3 . Find the required quantities of ingredients.

Ans: (a)Risks to concrete expose to sea water:

1. The constituents of seawater reacts chemically with constituents of cement concrete which results damage to the concrete structure in several ways. The magnesium sulfate present in seawater reacts with calcium hydroxide of cement and forms calcium sulfate as well as magnesium hydroxide precipitation.

2.Magnesium sulfate also reacts with hydrated calcium alumnat and forms calcium sulpho aluminate. These final formations are the primary reasons for chemical attack on concrete structures.

3.The deterioration of concrete structures by seawater is more due to leaching rather than expansion of concrete. Leaching more effects the small concrete structures than expansion while large concrete structures are effected by leaching as well as expansion.

4.Sulfates attack the concrete and cause expansion but due to the presence chlorides in seawater the swelling of concrete retards. Hence, erosion and loss of concrete takes place without showing much Expansion.

5. Concrete is not 100% impervious. When seawater enters into the pores of concrete and reaches the reinforcement then corrosion will occur. It will affect the durability of structure etc.

Resistance of concrete to seawater:

1. Cement with low C_3A content should be preferable to make concrete.
2. Prepare rich concrete with low water cement ratio which makes the concrete impervious. Then the pores in concrete are very small and they cannot hold seawater results in the prevention of expansion by freezing of water and crystallization of salt in the pores.
3. The concrete is of low water cement ratio. To make it workable for construction, Water reducing admixtures can be added to the concrete which is recommended by ACI 318 and ACI 357.
4. The admixtures should not contain chloride in any form otherwise corrosion of reinforcement takes place.
5. Adequate cover should be provided for reinforcement in concrete structure to enhance durability.
6. Good compaction and well-made construction joints in the structure helps the concrete structure to withstand against expansion caused by seawater.
7. Use of pozzolanic material in the preparation of concrete is good against salt water.
8. For better durability, High pressure steam cured concrete elements can be used for construction of structure in marine conditions.

(b)

SOL: • Dry bulk volume of C.A per cum concrete is 35.7 m³.
 • Density of concrete is 2400 kg/m³.
 • Density of water is 1000 kg/m³.
 • Density of cement is 1440 kg/m³.
 • Density of sand is 1600 kg/m³.
 • Density of aggregate is 1450 kg/m³.
 • Density of steel reinforcement is 7850 kg/m³.
 • Density of brick is 1920 kg/m³.
 • Density of plaster is 1500 kg/m³.
 • Density of floor finish is 2000 kg/m³.
 • Density of wall finish is 2000 kg/m³.
 • Density of roof finish is 2000 kg/m³.
 • Density of window frame is 2000 kg/m³.
 • Density of door frame is 2000 kg/m³.
 • Density of staircase is 2000 kg/m³.
 • Density of lift shaft is 2000 kg/m³.
 • Density of chimney is 2000 kg/m³.
 • Density of water tank is 2000 kg/m³.
 • Density of electrical conduits is 2000 kg/m³.
 • Density of other items is 2000 kg/m³.

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