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**NOIDA INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, GREATER NOIDA**  
**(An Autonomous Institute Affiliated to AKTU, Lucknow)**

**M.Tech**

**SEM: II - THEORY EXAMINATION (2024- 2025)**

**Subject: Advanced Finite Element Analysis**

**Time: 3 Hours**

**Max. Marks: 70**

**General Instructions:**

**IMP:** Verify that you have received the question paper with the correct course, code, branch etc.

1. This Question paper comprises of **three Sections -A, B, & C**. It consists of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ's) & Subjective type questions.
2. Maximum marks for each question are indicated on right -hand side of each question.
3. Illustrate your answers with neat sketches wherever necessary.
4. Assume suitable data if necessary.
5. Preferably, write the answers in sequential order.
6. No sheet should be left blank. Any written material after a blank sheet will not be evaluated/checked.

**SECTION-A**

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1. Attempt all parts:-

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|------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| 1-a. | Which method is commonly used for formulating FEM mathematically? (CO1, K1)                                             | 1 |
|      | (a) Variational and Weighted residual approaches                                                                        |   |
|      | (b) Differential equations                                                                                              |   |
|      | (c) Algebraic equations                                                                                                 |   |
|      | (d) Geometric equations                                                                                                 |   |
| 1-b. | Which property of materials is considered in plate bending problems with anisotropic materials using FEM? (CO2, K1)     | 1 |
|      | (a) Directional stiffness                                                                                               |   |
|      | (b) Isotropic conductivity                                                                                              |   |
|      | (c) Uniform density                                                                                                     |   |
|      | (d) Homogeneous elasticity                                                                                              |   |
| 1-c. | What are the limitations of relying on idealized stiffness in beam elements for analyzing beam-slab problems? (CO3, K1) | 1 |
|      | (a) Neglects local deformations                                                                                         |   |
|      | (b) Ignores global structural behavior                                                                                  |   |
|      | (c) Assumes linear material properties                                                                                  |   |
|      | (d) Increases computational complexity                                                                                  |   |
| 1-d. | What role does mesh generation play in Finite Element Analysis? (CO4, K1)                                               | 1 |

- (a) It discretizes the domain into smaller elements
  - (b) It specifies boundary conditions
  - (c) It solves numerical equations
  - (d) It optimizes computational efficiency
- 1-e. What advantage does Finite Element Method (FEM) offer in terms of design optimization compared to conventional analysis methods? (CO5, K1) 1
- (a) Allows for detailed exploration of design space
  - (b) Limits design exploration opportunities
  - (c) Increases reliance on simulation tools
  - (d) Requires extensive computational resources
2. Attempt all parts:-
- 2.a. What do you mean by Discretization? (CO1, K1) 2
- 2.b. What is meant by axisymmetric analysis in FEM? (CO2, K1) 2
- 2.c. What is meant by “idealization” in structural modeling? (CO3, K1) 2
- 2.d. What is the significance of computer graphics in FEA? (CO4, K1) 2
- 2.e. What is the output of a typical FEM simulation? (CO5, K1) 2

### **SECTION-B**

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3. Answer any five of the following:-

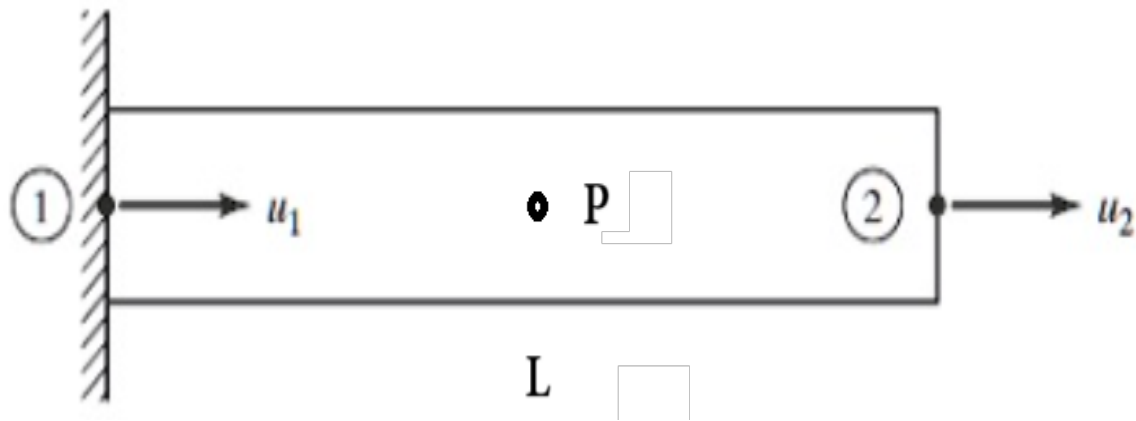
- 3-a. What are the advantages and disadvantages of using FEM over FDM? (CO1, K1) 4
- 3-b. What are the applications and limitation of FEM? (CO1, K1) 4
- 3-c. Discuss plate bending problems under FEM with focus on isotropic vs. anisotropic material behavior. (CO2, K2) 4
- 3-d. State the important considerations when modeling heat conduction using FEM. (CO2, K2) 4
- 3-e. What are the boundary conditions taken to solve the simply supported beams problem using FEM? (CO3, K2) 4
- 3-f. What are the challenges in data preparation for FEA? (CO4, K2) 4
- 3.g. What is the basic purpose of integrating FEM with CAD? (CO5, K2) 4

### **SECTION-C**

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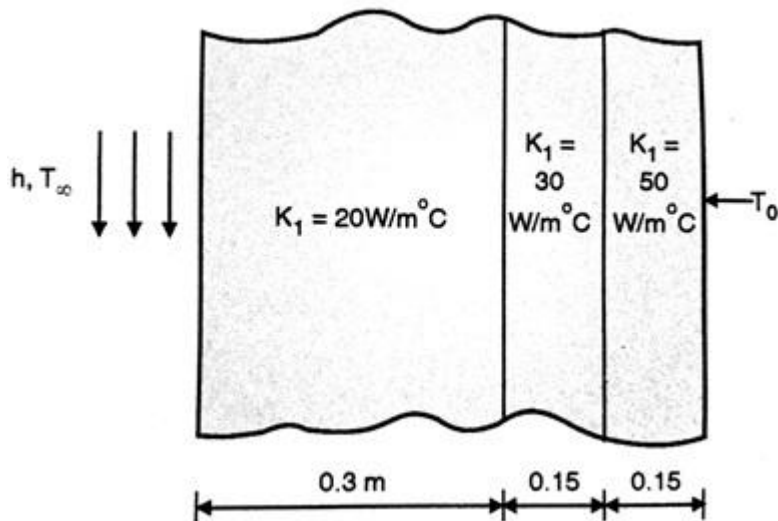
4. Answer any one of the following:-

- 4-a. Write short notes on the following method to solve FEM problem: (CO1, K2) 7
  - (a) Galerkin method
  - (b) Weighted residual method
- 4-b. Find the nodal displacement of a mid-point P of a bar of length L whose one end is fixed. (CO1, K3) 7



5. Answer any one of the following:-

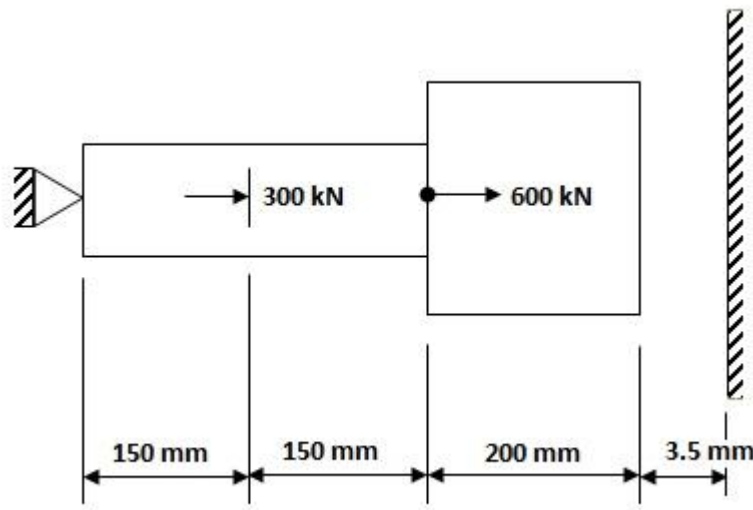
- 5-a. A composite wall consisting of three material as shown in figure. The outer temperature is  $T_o = 20^\circ\text{C}$ , convection heat transfer takes place on the inner surface of the wall  $T_{co} = 800^\circ\text{C}$  and  $h = 25 \text{ W/m}^2\text{C}$ . Determine the temperature distribution in the wall. (CO2, K3)



- 5-b. The nodal coordinates of triangular element are  $P_1 (1, 2)$ ,  $P_2 (5, 3)$ , and  $P_3 (4, 6)$ . The x coordinate of inner point P is (3, 3) and shape function  $N_1 = 0.3$ . Determine  $N_2$ ,  $N_3$  and y coordinate of the point P. (CO2, K3)

6. Answer any one of the following:-

- 6-a. Determine the element stiffness matrix for a simply supported beam of length L subjected to point load at mid of beam. (CO3, K3)
- 6-b. Determine the nodal displacements, element stresses and support reactions for the bar shown in figure below. The cross-sectional areas are  $250 \text{ mm}^2$  and  $400 \text{ mm}^2$ . Young modulus  $E = 200 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$ . (CO3, K3)



7. Answer any one of the following:-

- 7-a. What are the different types of elements? How does the choice of element type affect the accuracy of a finite element model? Explain in brief. (CO4, K2) 7
- 7-b. Describe the function of the preprocessor and postprocessor in an FEA program. (CO4, K2) 7

8. Answer any one of the following:-

- 8-a. What are the features are desirable in FEM packages for solving engineering problems? Also explain general purpose vs special purpose programs in FEM. (CO5, K2) 7
- 8-b. Describe a complete case study or example where FEM was used to refine or validate an existing product design which include meshing, boundary conditions, and results interpretation. (CO5, K2) 7