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**DIPLOMA IN BUILDING  
DIPLOMA IN CIVIL ENGINEERING  
DIPLOMA IN HIGHWAY ENGINEERING**

STRUCTURES

3 hours

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

*You should have the following for this examination:*

*Answer booklet*

*Mathematical tables/Pocket calculator*

*Drawing instruments.*

*Answer any FIVE of the EIGHT questions in this paper.*

*ALL questions carry equal marks.*

*Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown.*

*Relevant design tables are provided.*

**This paper consists of 11 printed pages.**

**Candidates should check the question paper to ascertain that  
all the pages are printed as indicated and that no questions are missing.**

1. (a) Using the method of sections, determine the magnitude and nature of forces in the members of the frame shown in figure 1. (7 marks)

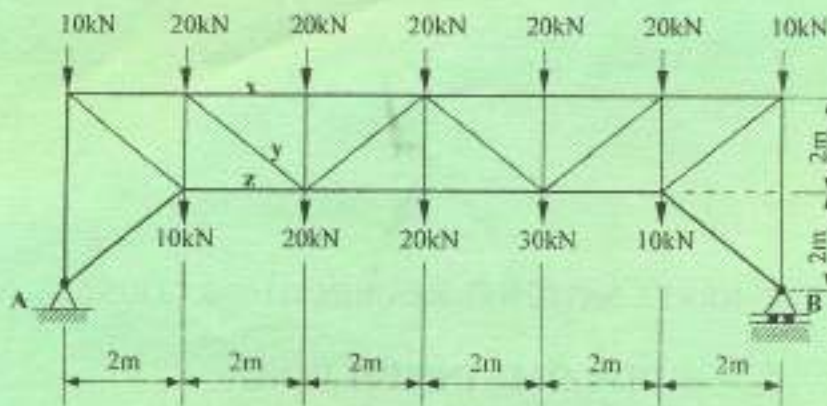


Fig 1

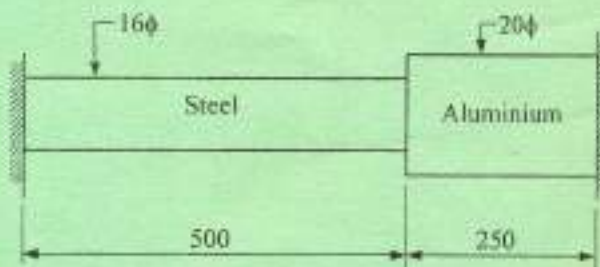
- (b) A composite bar is made up of two materials as shown in figure 2. If the bars are stress free at  $40^{\circ}\text{C}$ , determine the stresses developed in the bars when temperature drops to  $20^{\circ}\text{C}$ , when;
- the supports are unyielding
  - the supports come nearer to each other by  $0.12\text{mm}$ .

Given:

Aluminium:  $E_a = 70\text{kN/mm}^2$   
 $\alpha_a = 23.4 \times 10^{-6}$  per  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

Steel:  $E_s = 210\text{kN/mm}^2$   
 $\alpha_s = 11.7 \times 10^{-6}$  per  $^{\circ}\text{C}$

(13 marks)



Note: Dimensions in mm

Fig 2



2. Figure 3 shows a beam ABCDE built in at A and supported on rollers at B, C and D, with DE being an overhung. The values of moment of inertia of the section over each of these lengths are  $3I$ ,  $2I$ ,  $I$  and  $I$  respectively, the loading being as shown. Analyse the beam using the three moments theorem, and hence draw the bending moment diagram, indicating all the critical values. (20 marks)

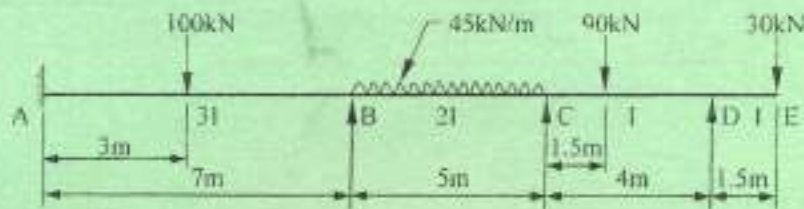


Fig 3

3. Using the method of moment distribution, analyse the frame shown in figure 4 and plot the bending moment diagram indicating all the critical values. (20 marks)

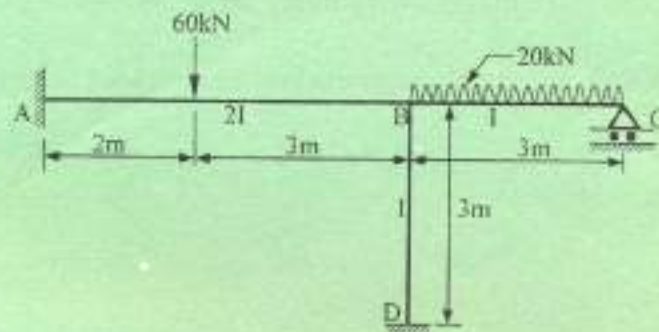


Fig 4

4. (a) A horizontal simply supported girder 14m long is of uniform section, and carries two point loads as shown in figure 5. Using Macaulay's method, determine the deflection under each point load. Take  $I = 1.6 \times 10^9 \text{mm}^4$ , and  $E = 210 \text{kN/mm}^2$ . (9 marks)

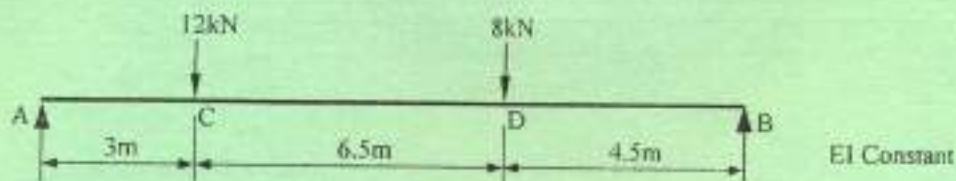


Fig 5

- (b) Figure 6 shows a loaded simply supported beam and its cross-section. Draw the shear stress distribution diagram indicating the critical values for the maximum shear force. (11 marks)

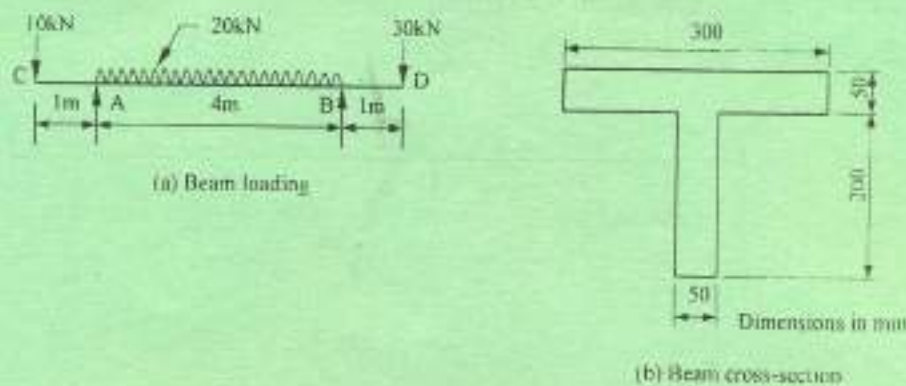


Fig 6

5. Figure 7 shows the plan and section through a precast concrete floor. Using the load factor method, design the beam given the following information:
- Concrete mix 1:2:4
  - Beams are 200mm wide and simply supported on 200mm load bearing walls.
  - live load = 3 kN/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Finishes = 1kN/m<sup>2</sup>
  - Density of concrete = 2400kg/m<sup>3</sup>
  - Pst = 230N/mm<sup>2</sup>.
- (20 marks)

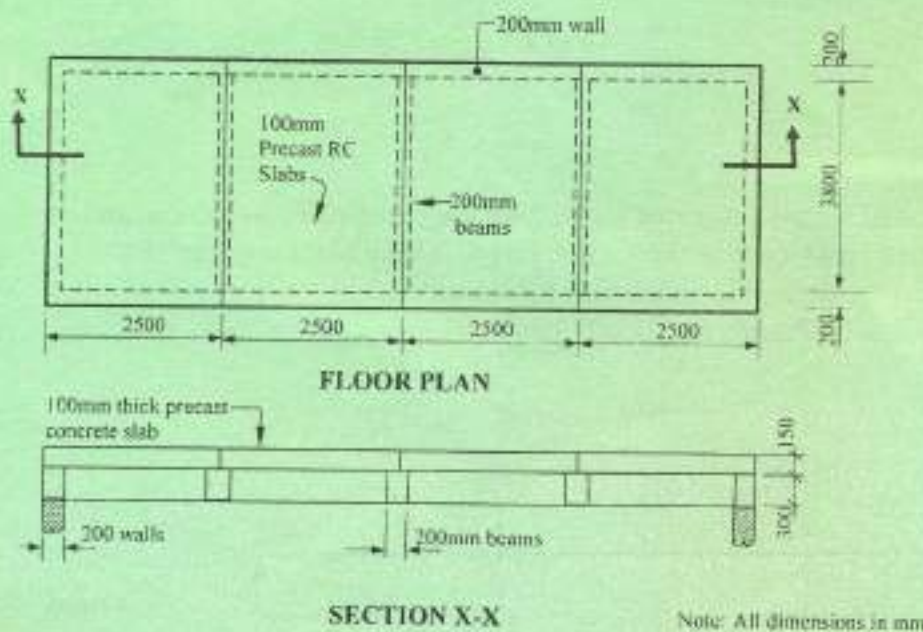


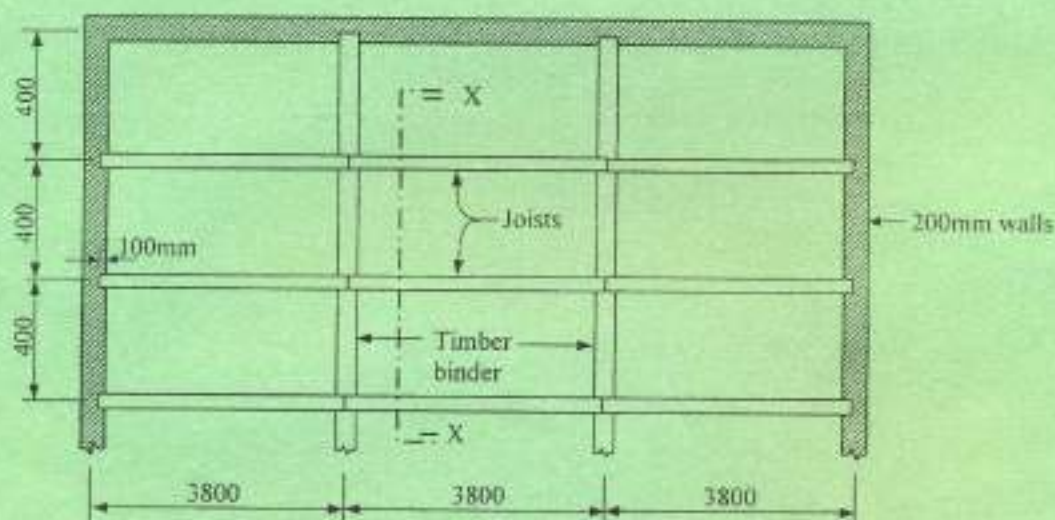
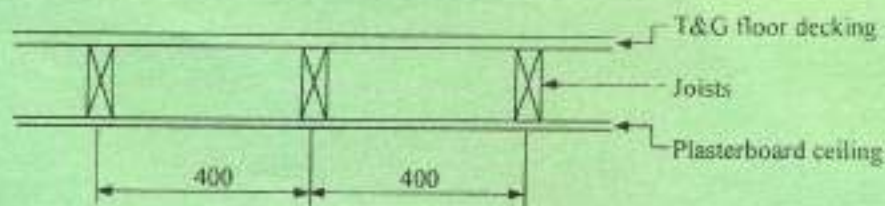
Fig 7



6. (a) A square column of size 300 X 300mm is to transmit an axial load of 700kN to its base. The column height centre to centre of floors is 3m, and is properly restrained at both ends in position and direction. Design the column and its base given the following information:
- concrete mix 1:1½:3
  - $P_{st} = 140\text{N/mm}^2$
  - $P_{cc} = 6.5\text{N/mm}^2$
  - $P_{sc} = 125\text{N/mm}^2$
  - $m = 15$
  - bearing capacity of soil =  $250\text{kN/m}^2$
  - Assume any other relevant information. (18 marks)
- (b) Detail the reinforcement for the column and its base as designed in (a). (2 marks)
7. (a) (i) Differentiate between 'basic stress' and 'green stress' as applied to timber.
- (ii) Explain each of the following in stress grading of timber:
- visual stress grading
  - machine stress grading. (6 marks)

- (b) Figure 8 shows the plan and section through a timber floor for a domestic dwelling. Design the timber joists for strength class SC2 given the following information:
- Joists are spaced at 400mm centres
  - Joists have an effective span of 3.8m
  - Self weight of T & G boards =  $0.1 \text{ kN/m}^2$
  - Self weight of plasterboard ceiling =  $0.2 \text{ kN/m}^2$
  - Imposed loading on floor =  $1.5 \text{ kN/m}^2$
  - Depth of joist limited to 200mm
  - Density of timber of SC2 class =  $540 \text{ kg/m}^3$
  - Modification factor  $K3$  is as given in Table 1
  - Modification factor for load sharing systems,  $K8 = 1.1$
  - Depth factor,  $K7 = \left(\frac{300}{h}\right)^{0.11}$ , where  $h$  = depth of beam
  - Maximum depth to breadth ratio is as given in Table 2
  - Grade stresses and modulus of elasticity for SC2 class is as given in Table 3.

(14 marks)

**PLAN****SECTION X-X**

Note: All dimensions in mm

**Fig 8**



8. (a) Figure 9 shows the roof plan of a proposed hall. The roof consists of 125mm thick reinforced concrete slab support on universal beams. Check the adequacy of 533 X 165mm X 73 kg/m universal beams in grade 43 steel for the roof given the following information:

- spacing of universal beams = 2.5m centres
- roof finish together with waterproof layer of thickness 75mm is of average specific weight  $20\text{kN/m}^3$
- Live load on roof finish =  $0.75\text{kN/m}^2$ .
- Density of reinforced concrete =  $2400\text{kg/m}^3$ .
- $E = 210\text{kN/mm}^2$
- $f_b = 165\text{N/mm}^2$
- $P_q = 100\text{N/mm}^2$
- Assume any other relevant information.

(12 marks)

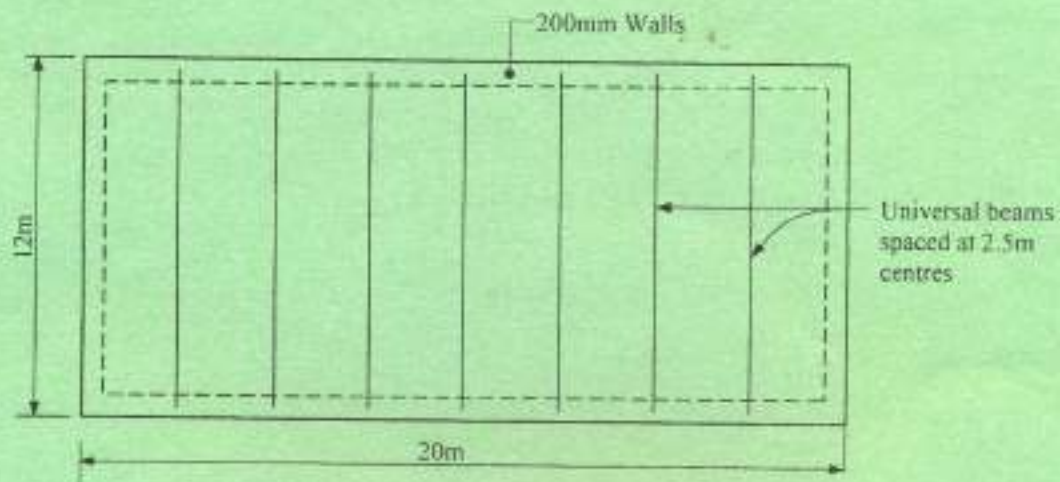


Fig 9

- (b) Figure 10 shows a proposed bolted connection. Determine the safe load  $P$ .  
 Take  $f_u = 95\text{N/mm}^2$ ,  $f_t = 155\text{N/mm}^2$  and  $f_{bc} = 300\text{N/mm}^2$

(8 marks)

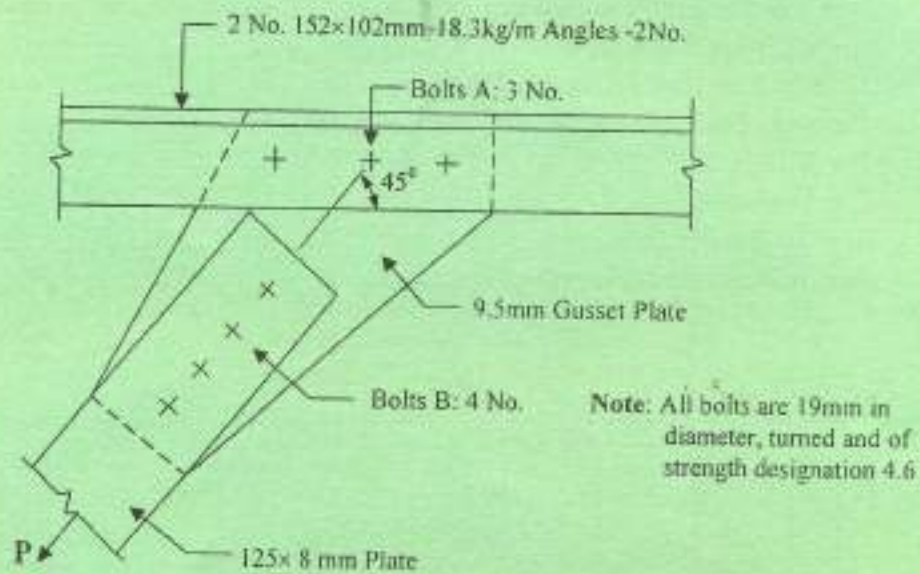


Fig 10



Duration of loading	Value of $K_3$
Long term (e.g. dead + permanent imposed)	1.00
Medium term (e.g. dead + snow, dead + temporary imposed)	1.25
Short term (e.g. dead + imposed + wind, dead + imposed + snow + wind)	1.50
Very short term (e.g. dead + imposed + wind)	1.75

**Table 2:** Depth factor,  $K_7$  (BS 5268)

1. $K_7 = 1.17$ for solid beams having a depth $< 72\text{mm}$
2. $K_7 = (300/h)^{0.11}$ for solid beams with $72\text{mm} < h < 300\text{mm}$
3. $K_7 = 0.81(h^2 + 92300)/(h^2 + 56800)$ for solid beams with $h < 300\text{mm}$

**Table 3:** Grade stresses, modulus of elasticity and density for strength class SC2 for the dry exposure condition (Table 9, BS 5268)

Strength Class	Bending parallel to grain ( $\text{Nmm}^{-2}$ )	Tension parallel to grain ( $\text{Nmm}^{-2}$ )	Compression parallel to grain ( $\text{Nmm}^{-2}$ )	Compression perpendicular to grain*		Shear parallel to grain ( $\text{Nmm}^{-2}$ )	Modulus of elasticity		Approximate Density ( $\text{kgm}^{-3}$ )
				( $\text{Nmm}^{-2}$ )	( $\text{Nmm}^{-2}$ )		( $E_{\text{parallel}}$ ) ( $\text{Nmm}^{-2}$ )	( $E_{\text{perpendicular}}$ ) ( $\text{Nmm}^{-2}$ )	
SC1	2.8	2.2	3.5	2.1	1.2	0.46	6800	4500	540
SC2	4.1	2.5	5.3	2.1	1.6	0.66	8000	5000	540
SC3	5.3	3.2	6.8	2.2	1.7	0.67	8800	5800	540
SC4	7.5	4.5	7.9	2.4	1.9	0.71	9900	6600	590
SC5	10.0	6.0	8.7	2.8	2.4	1.00	10700	7100	590/760
SC6	12.5	7.5	12.5	3.8	2.8	1.50	14100	11800	840
SC7	15.0	9.0	14.5	4.4	3.3	1.75	16200	13600	960
SC8	17.5	10.5	16.5	5.2	3.9	2.00	18700	15600	1080
SC9	20.5	12.3	19.5	6.1	4.6	2.25	21600	18000	1200

\* When the specification specifically prohibits wane at bearing areas, the higher values of compression perpendicular to the grain stress may be used; otherwise the lower values apply.



Table 4: Reinforcement-bar areas ( $\text{mm}^2$ ) per metre width for various bar spacings.

Bar Diameter (mm)	Bar spacing (mm)									
	75	100	125	150	175	200	225	250	275	300
6	377	283	226	189	162	142	126	113	103	94
8	671	503	402	335	287	252	223	201	183	168
10	1047	785	628	523	449	393	349	314	286	262
12	1508	1131	905	754	646	566	503	452	411	377
16	2681	2011	1608	1340	1149	1005	894	804	731	670
20	4189	3142	2513	2094	1795	1571	1396	1257	1142	1047
25	6545	4909	3927	3272	2805	2454	2182	1963	1785	1636
32	-	8042	6434	5362	4596	4021	3574	3217	2925	2681
40	-	-	10050	8378	7181	6283	5585	5027	4570	4189

Areas of group of reinforcement bars ( $\text{mm}^2$ )

Bar Diameter (mm)	Number of bars									
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
6	28	57	85	113	141	170	198	226	254	283
8	50	101	151	201	251	302	352	402	452	503
10	79	157	236	314	393	471	550	628	707	785
12	113	226	339	452	565	679	792	905	1017	1131
16	201	402	603	804	1005	1206	1407	1608	1809	2011
20	314	628	942	1257	1571	1885	2199	2513	2827	3142
25	491	982	1473	1963	2454	2945	3436	3927	4418	4909
32	804	1608	2412	3216	4021	4825	5629	6433	7237	8042
40	1256	2513	3769	5026	6283	7539	8796	10050	11310	12570





# UNIVERSAL BEAMS

DIMENSIONS AND PROPERTIES

Serial No.	Moment of Inertia			Radius of Gyration		Elastic Modulus		Ratio D/T
	Axis X-X	Axis Y-Y	Net	Axis X-X	Axis Y-Y	Axis X-X	Axis Y-Y	
mm	cm <sup>4</sup>	cm <sup>4</sup>	cm <sup>4</sup>	cm	cm	cm <sup>2</sup>	cm <sup>2</sup>	
914 x 418	71225	47481	639177	38.1	9.27	15580	3023	25.2
	623846	26251	555835	27.8	9.11	13681	1753	28.5
914 x 305	503781	14793	409903	37.0	8.24	10874	901.3	28.0
	405504	12512	325120	30.8	8.23	8480	819.2	32.9
838 x 292	375111	303206	10425	35.3	8.05	8241	685.8	38.1
	324718	303783	8632	35.8	8.81	7192	569.1	44.7
762 x 287	339130	10661	10661	34.3	8.08	7935	728.2	31.9
	278833	259425	8364	33.9	8.83	6833	573.8	38.2
686 x 254	245412	23687	7111	33.1	8.84	5879	487.8	44.4
	229468	23128	7689	30.9	8.94	4923	574.6	30.3
610 x 305	204787	189341	6378	30.5	8.30	5374	478.1	36.3
	169035	158213	5002	30.0	8.15	4671	377.1	43.1
810 x 229	109843	158106	6225	28.0	8.25	4828	482.8	29.2
	139962	157968	5381	27.8	8.28	4364	423.7	32.7
810 x 178	139972	123580	4789	27.8	8.18	3978	377.5	36.0
	117700	108980	3882	27.2	8.00	3472	315.5	41.8
810 x 229	207252	192303	14073	26.1	7.83	3549	361.3	20.2
	151212	40269	10571	25.3	8.83	4503	388.6	28.2
810 x 178	124341	115333	6471	25.4	8.88	4079	302.9	30.9
	111673	101899	4263	25.0	8.89	3620	309.6	27.9
833 x 230	68408	83675	3678	24.8	8.80	3217	331.1	18.8
	87260	79648	3184	24.8	8.70	3074	310.1	21.1
833 x 210	75649	69132	2668	24.2	8.64	2608	233.0	25.1
	62970	57238	1427	23.6	8.51	2134	180.0	40.7
533 x 165	56779	50076	1303	22.1	8.39	1866	135.2	46.1
	141682	121777	16004	22.9	7.72	5198	983.2	18.8
467 x 191	109109	93847	12057	22.8	7.84	4657	649.6	31.6
	86510	68719	3208	21.9	7.53	4091	730.3	24.2
533 x 165	40614	36752	1027	20.8	8.32	1628	124.1	39.2
	39083	31144	863	20.5	8.31	1528	104.5	40.6
467 x 191	49653	40489	2216	19.1	8.31	1954	225.9	23.8
	40986	36313	1960	19.0	8.15	1747	204.2	26.2
467 x 191	27039	32889	1746	18.8	8.09	1610	182.5	28.8
	33324	29570	1547	18.7	8.04	1468	162.4	31.6
467 x 191	29337	26072	1328	18.5	8.06	1583	159.9	35.7

# UNIVERSAL BEAMS

DIMENSIONS AND PROPERTIES

Serial No.	Depth of Section H mm	Width of Section B mm	Thickness		Mean Radius r mm	Depth between Flange Fillet f mm	Area of Section cm <sup>2</sup>
			Web t mm	Flange T mm			
914 x 418	920.5	420.5	21.5	36.6	26.1	381.5	483.9
	911.4	418.6	19.4	32.0	26.1	381.5	426.8
914 x 305	928.6	307.8	19.6	32.0	19.1	355.5	365.5
	918.5	305.5	17.3	27.9	19.1	355.5	322.8
838 x 292	810.3	304.1	19.3	30.2	18.1	319.2	284.9
	803.0	303.4	18.2	30.2	18.1	319.2	256.1
762 x 287	850.9	293.0	16.1	28.6	17.8	295.4	280.4
	840.7	290.4	14.7	21.7	17.8	295.4	248.0
686 x 254	834.9	291.8	14.0	18.6	17.8	295.4	233.8
	763.8	268.0	15.5	25.4	16.8	261.2	210.8
610 x 305	782.0	266.7	14.2	21.6	16.8	261.2	220.2
	753.9	265.3	12.8	17.5	16.8	261.2	191.8
810 x 229	692.9	256.8	14.5	23.7	15.2	210.6	218.2
	687.6	254.6	13.2	21.0	15.2	210.6	193.6
810 x 178	683.5	253.7	12.4	18.0	15.2	210.6	184.4
	677.3	253.0	11.7	16.2	15.2	210.6	159.4
810 x 229	633.0	311.8	10.6	31.4	16.5	231.8	303.5
	617.5	307.0	9.1	23.6	16.5	231.8	277.7
810 x 178	609.6	304.6	11.9	18.7	16.5	231.8	188.0
	617.0	290.1	13.1	22.1	12.7	202.1	178.2
833 x 230	611.3	288.2	11.9	19.6	12.7	202.1	159.4
	607.3	287.2	11.2	17.3	12.7	202.1	144.3
833 x 210	602.2	287.6	10.8	14.8	12.7	202.1	129.0
	602.5	178.4	10.8	15.0	12.7	119.9	119.9
533 x 165	598.2	177.8	10.1	12.8	12.1	104.4	104.4
	545.1	333.6	18.7	21.8	18.5	450.1	289.8
467 x 191	399.6	331.7	14.9	25.0	16.6	400.1	241.2
	333.4	330.2	13.4	22.0	16.6	400.1	212.7
833 x 210	644.6	211.8	12.8	19.8	12.7	155.6	155.6
	639.5	210.1	11.6	18.8	12.7	155.6	138.4
533 x 165	633.1	208.3	10.3	15.6	12.7	117.6	117.6
	628.3	208.7	9.6	13.2	12.7	104.3	104.3
533 x 165	638.8	165.0	8.3	13.6	12.7	92.0	92.0
	628.8	165.1	6.8	11.6	12.7	83.8	83.8
467 x 191	467.4	192.3	11.4	18.0	10.7	404.4	120.2
	463.6	191.3	10.6	17.7	10.7	404.4	112.8
467 x 191	460.2	191.3	8.8	15.0	10.2	404.4	104.4
	457.2	190.5	8.1	14.5	10.2	404.4	94.9
467 x 191	453.6	189.9	6.8	12.7	10.2	404.4	85.4

