

1. For conducting a Standard Proctor Compaction Test, the weight of hammer (P in kg), the fall of hammer (Q in mm), the number of blows per layer (R) and the number of layers (S) required are respectively

IES-1995

P	Q	R	S
(a) 5.89	550 50	50	3
(b) 4.89	450 25	25	3
(c) 3.60	310 35	35	4
(d) 2.60	310 25	25	5

2. Sheep-foot rollers are recommended for compacting

IES-1996

- (a) granular soils**
- (b) cohesive soils**
- (c) hard rock**
- (d) any type of soil**



4. Consider the following statements:

IES-1996

- 1. Relative compaction' is not the same as 'relative density'.**
- 2. Vibro floatation is not effective in the case of highly cohesive soils**
- 3. Zero air void line' and '100% saturation line' are not identical.**

Of these statements

- (a) 1 and 2 are correct**
- (b) 1 and 3 are correct**
- (c) 2 and 3 are correct**
- (d) 3 alone correct**

6. Match List I (Test) with List II (Property) and select the correct answer:

IES-2001

List – I

- A. Proctor Test**
- B. Vane Test**
- C. Penetration Test**
- D. Hydrometer Test**

List – II

- 1. Grain Size Analysis**
- 2. Shear Strength**
- 3. Bearing Capacity**
- 4. Compaction**

Codes :

- A. A – 2, B – 4, C – 1, D – 3**
- B. A – 4, B – 2, C – 1, D – 3**
- C. A – 4, B – 2, C – 3, D – 1**
- D. A – 2, B – 4, C – 3, D – 1**

7. Match List I (Roller type) with List II (Soil type) and select the correct answer:

IES-2002

List – I

- A. Pneumatic roller**
- B. Smooth wheeled roller**
- C. Sheep foot roller**
- D. Vibratory roller**

Codes :

- A. A – 4, B – 2, C – 1, D – 3**
- B. A – 3, B – 1, C – 2, D – 4**
- C. A – 4, B – 1, C – 2, D – 3**
- D. A – 3, B – 2, C – 1, D – 4**

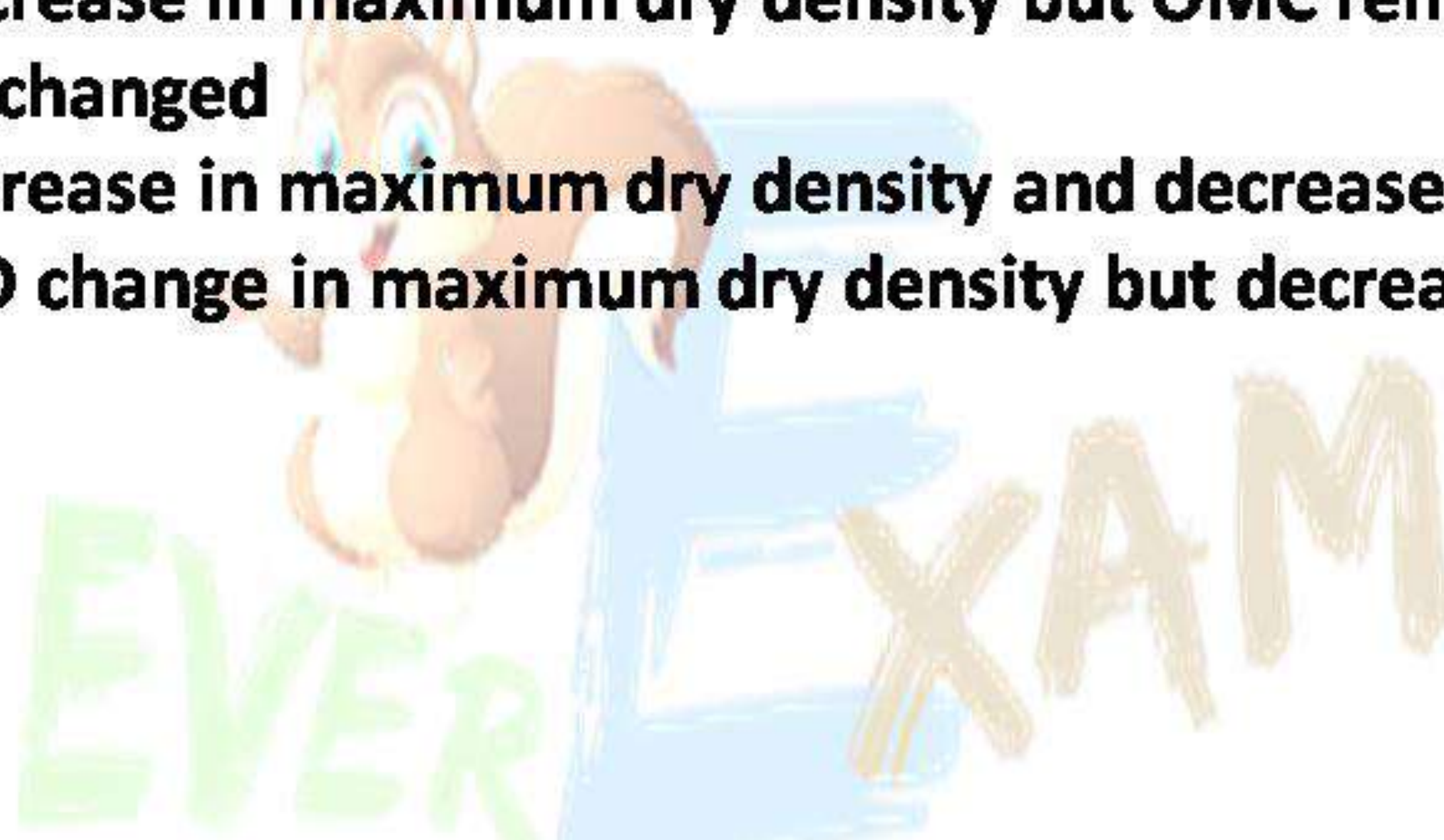
List – II

- 1. Cohesive and granular soils**
- 2. Plastic soils of moderate cohesion**
- 3. Cohesionless soils**
- 4. Silty soils of low plasticity**

8. In a compaction test if the compacting effort is increased, it will result in

IES-2003

- (a) Increase in maximum dry density and OMC**
- (b) Increase in maximum dry density but OMC remains unchanged**
- (c) Increase in maximum dry density and decrease in OMC**
- (d) NO change in maximum dry density but decrease in OMC**



9. Match List-I (Equipment) with List-II (Use) and select the correct answer using the codes given below: IES-2004

List – I

- A. Vibratory rollers**
- B. Sheep foot rollers**
- C. Frog hammers**
- D. Vibrofloats**

Codes :

- A. A – 4, B – 2, C – 1, D – 3**
- B. A – 4, B – 2, C – 3, D – 1**
- C. A – 2, B – 4, C – 1, D – 3**
- D. A – 2, B – 4, C – 3, D – 1**

List – II

- 1. To compact soils in confined areas and at corners**
- 2. To compact road and railway embankments of sandy soils**
- 3. To densify sandy soils over a large area and to a larger depth**
- 4. To compact clayey soils fills**

10. Soil is compacted at which one of the following when a higher compactive effort produces highest increase in dry density?

IES-2004

- (a) Optimum water content**
- (b) Dry side of the optimum moisture content**
- (c) Wet side of the optimum moisture content**
- (d) Saturation moisture content**

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12. Match List-I (Equipment) with List-II (Purpose) and select the correct answer using the code given below the Lists:

IES-2005

List – I

- A. Sheep foot roller**
- B. Frog hammer**
- C. Vibratory roller**

Codes :

- A. A – 4, B – 1, C – 2**
- B. A – 2, B – 1, C – 4**
- C. A – 4, B – 3, C – 2**
- D. A – 2, B – 3, C – 4**

List – II

- 1. To densify cohesionless soils to relatively larger depths**
- 2. To compact lumpy cohesive soil fills**
- 3. To compact soils at corner and places where bigger rollers cannot access**
- 4. To compact cohesionless soils of shallow depth**

13. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the code given below the lists

IES-2006

List – I

- A. Smooth wheel rollers**
- B. Sheep foot rollers**
- C. Pneumatic tyred rollers**
- D. Rammers**

List – II

- 1. Most suitable for compacting**
- 2. Most suited for compacting coarse grained soils**
- 3. Used for compacting soils in confined places**
- 4. Suitable for both cohesion less and cohesive soils**

Codes :

- A. A – 4, B – 3, C – 2, D – 1**
- B. A – 2, B – 1, C – 4, D – 3**
- C. A – 4, B – 1, C – 2, D – 3**
- D. A – 2, B – 3, C – 4, D – 1**

15. The following soils are compacted at the same compactive effort in the field. Which one of the following is the correct sequence in the increasing order of their maximum dry density?

IES-2007

- (a) Silt clay - Clay - Sand - Gravel sand clay mixture**
- (b) Sand - Gravel sand clay mixture - Silty clay – Clay**
- (c) Clay - Silty clay - Sand - Gravel sand clay mixture**
- (d) Sand - Gravel sand clay mixture - Clay - Silty clay**

16. An increase in compaction effort will lead to which of the following?

IES-2007

- (a) Decrease in the optimum moisture content (OMC) and maximum dry density**
- (b) Decrease in both the optimum moisture content (OMC) and increase in the maximum dry density**
- (c) Increase in the optimum moisture content (OMC) and decrease in the maximum dry density**
- (d) Increase in both the optimum moisture content (OMC) and maximum dry density**

18. Consider the following:

- 1. Increase in shear strength and bearing capacity**
- 2. Increase in slope stability**
- 3. Decrease in settlement of soil**
- 4. Decrease in permeability**

Which of the above with respect to compaction of soil is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only**
- (b) 1 and 2 only**
- (c) 2 and 3 only**
- (d) 1,2, 3 and 4**

24. The field density and field moisture content of a soil can be determined by

IES-2012

- 1. Core cutter method**
- 2. Sand replacement method**
- 3. Proctor compaction test**
- 4. Modified proctor compaction test**

- (a) 1,2 3 and 4**
(b) 1 and 2 only
(c) 2 and 3 only
(d) 2 and 4 only

27. The specific gravity of a soil sample is 2.7 and its void ratio is 0.945. When it is fully saturated, the moisture content of the soil will be

IES-2015

(a) 25%

(b) 30%

(c) 35%

(d) 40%



28. A soil deposit has a void ratio of 1.0. If the void ratio is reduced to 0.60 by compaction, the percentage volume loss is

IES-2015

- (a) 10%
- (b) 20%
- (c) 30%
- (d) 40%



1. If during a permeability test on a soil sample with a falling head permeameter, equal time intervals are noted for drop of head from h_1 to h_2 and again from h_2 to h_3 then which one of the following relations would hold good?

IES-1995

- (a) $h_3^2 = h_1 h_2$
- (b) $h_2^2 = h_1 h_3$
- (c) $h_1^2 = h_2 h_3$
- (d) $(h_1 - h_2) = (h_2 - h_3)$

5. Due to rise in temperature, the viscosity and unit weight of percolating fluid are reduced to 70% and 90% respectively. Other things being constant, the change in coefficient of permeability will be

IES-1996

- (a) 20.0%
- (b) 28.6%
- (c) 63.0%
- (d) 77.8%



4. A bed of sand consists of three horizontal layers of equal thickness. The value of Darcy's k for the upper and lower layers is 1×10^{-2} cm/sec and that for the middle layer is 1×10^{-1} cm /see, The ratio of the permeability of the bed in the horizontal direction to that in the vertical direction is

IES-1996

- (a) 10.0 to 1**
- (b) 2.8 to 1**
- (c) 2.0 to 1**
- (d) 1 to 10**

7. Consider the following statements:

IES-1998

- 1. Constant head permeameter is best suited for determination of coefficient of permeability of highly impermeable soils.**
- 2. Coefficient of permeability of a soil mass decreases with increase in viscosity of the pore fluid.**
- 3. Coefficient of permeability of a soil mass increases with increase in temperature of the fluid.**

Of these statements

- (a) 1 and 2 are correct**
- (b) 1 and 3 are correct**
- (c) 2 and 3 are correct**
- (d) 1, 2 and 3 are correct**

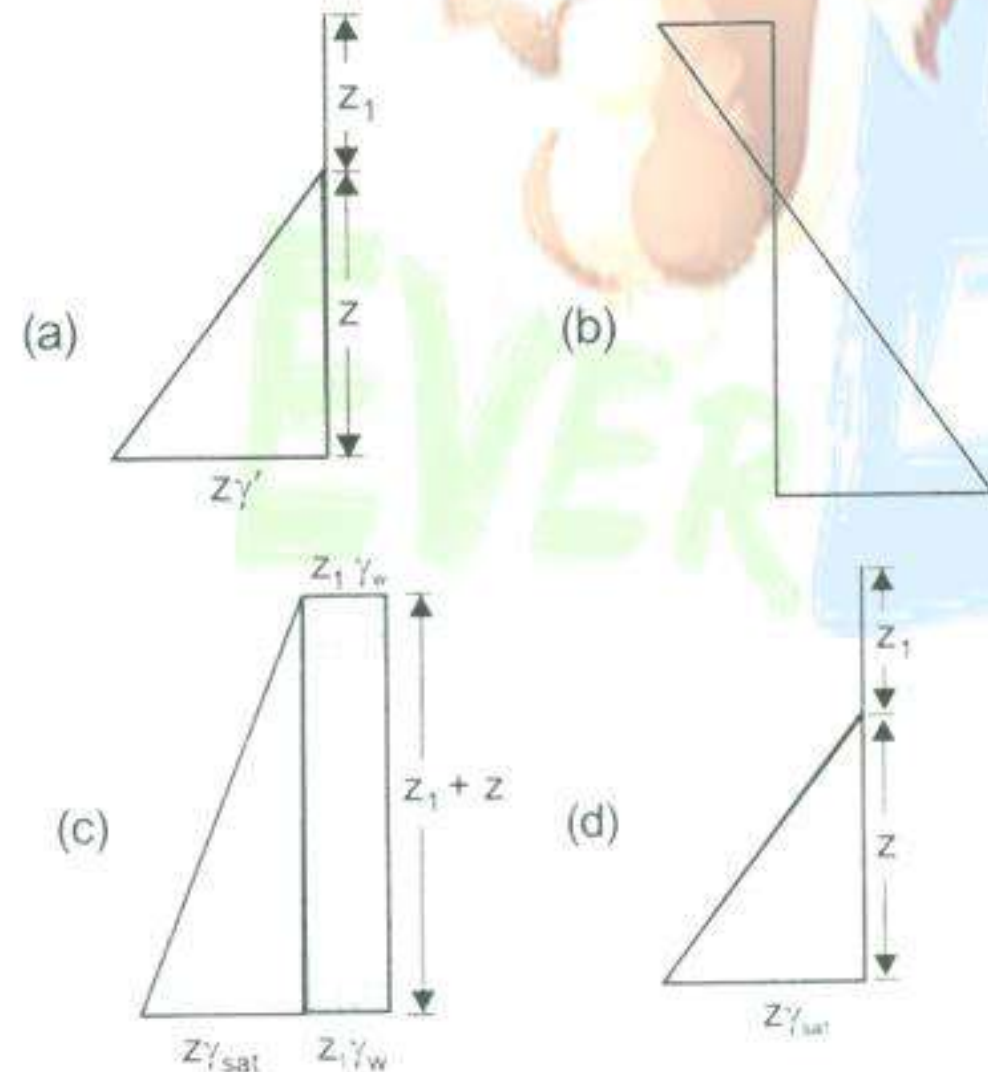
8. In a two-layer soil system, the top soil and bottom soil are of same thickness but the coefficient of permeability of the top soil is twice that of the bottom soil of coefficient of permeability 'k'. When horizontal flow occurs, the equivalent coefficient of permeability of the system will be

IES-2000

- (a) $2k$**
- (b) $1.5 k$**
- (c) $1.25 k$**
- (d) $1.2 k$**

9. Which one of the following diagrams represents the effective pressure distribution for a saturated soil mass of depth z submerged under water of height Z_1 above its top level (γ' = submerged density of soil γ_{sat} = saturated density of soil and γ_w = unit weight of water)?

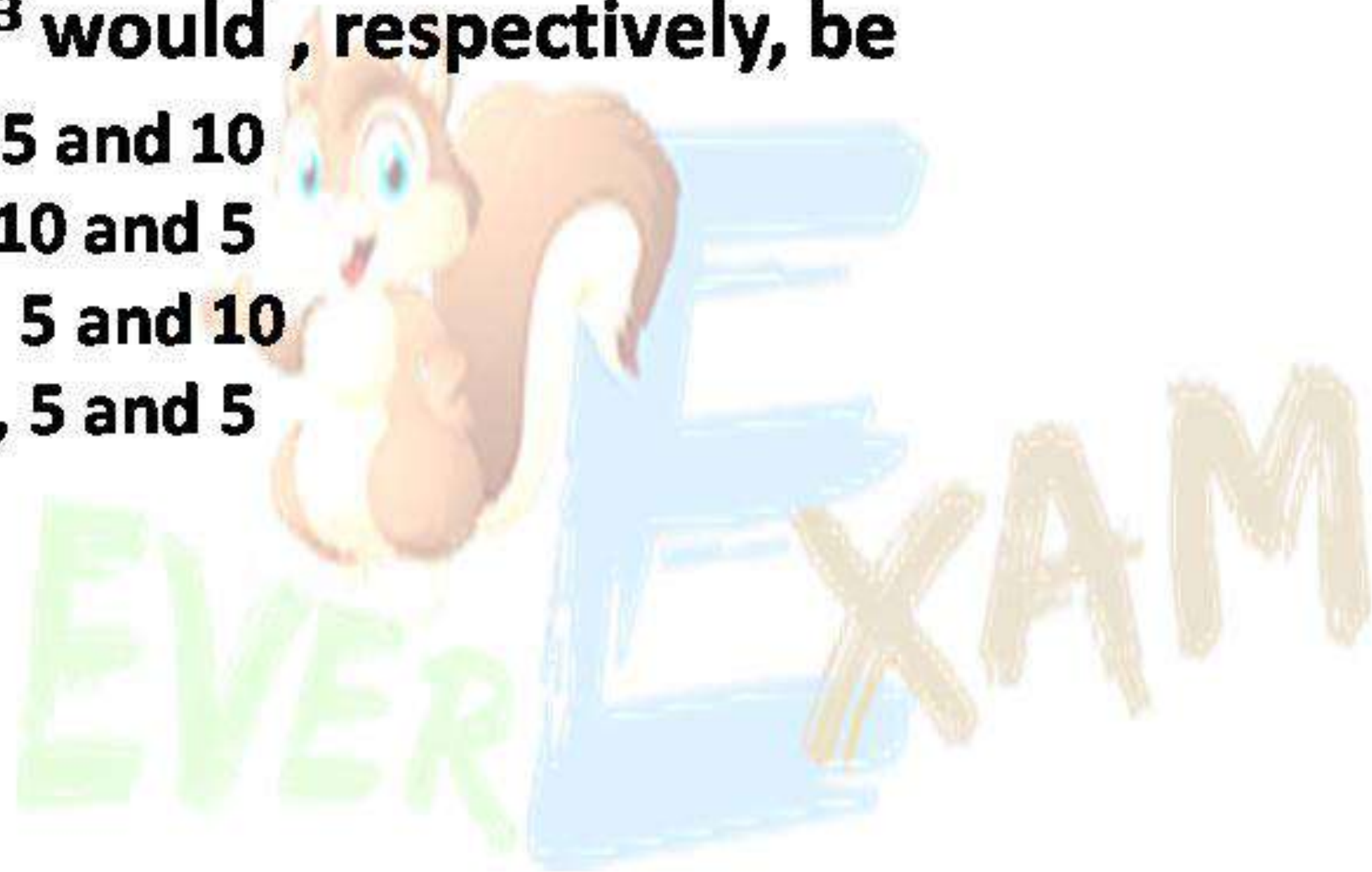
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13. The total, neutral and effective vertical stresses (in Um^2) at a depth of 5m below the surface of a fully saturated soil deposit with a saturated density of 2t/m^3 would , respectively, be

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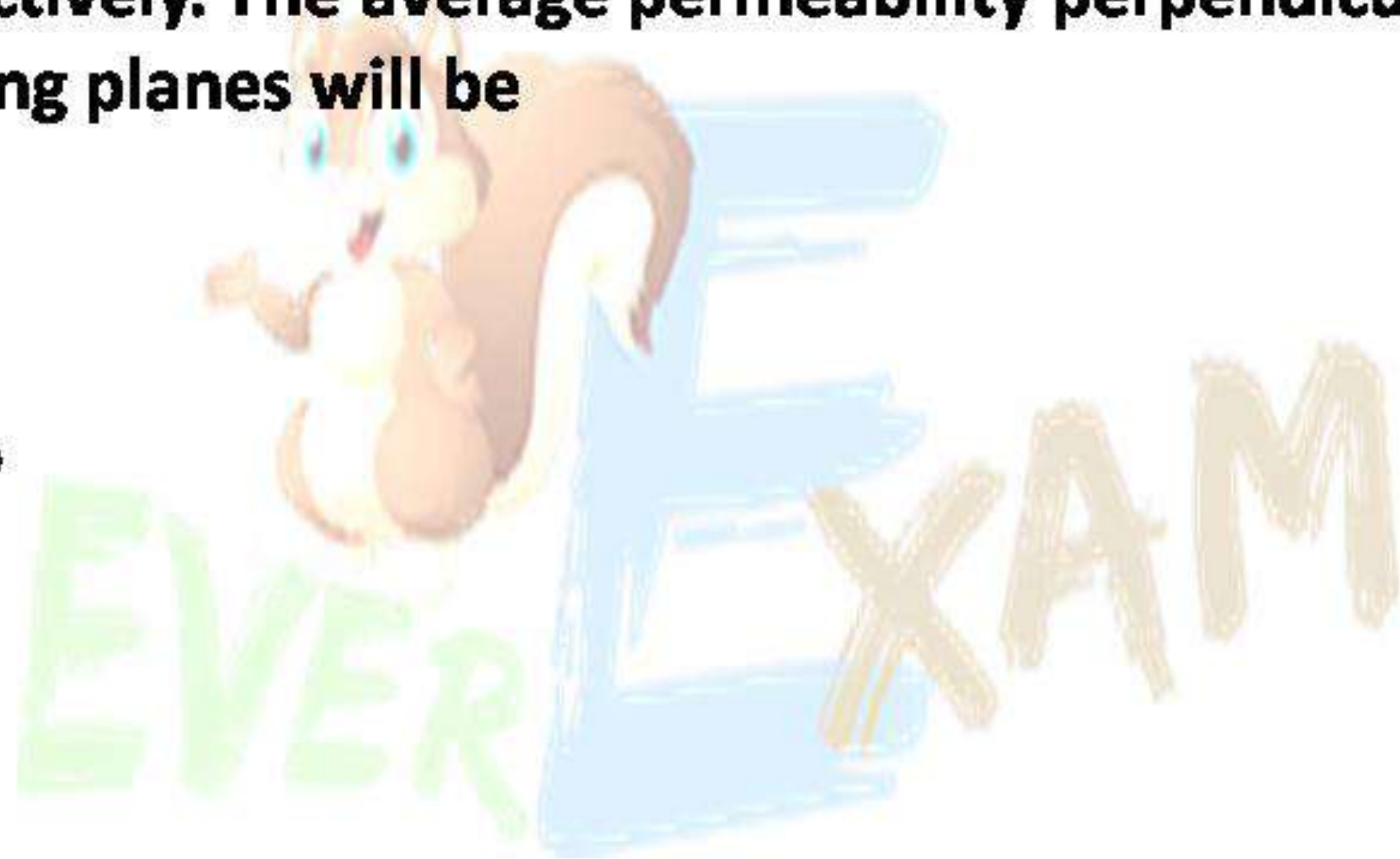
- (a) 5, 5 and 10**
- (b) 5, 10 and 5**
- (c) 10, 5 and 10**
- (d) 10, 5 and 5**



14. A stratified soil deposit has three layers of thicknesses: $Z_1 = 4$, $Z_2 = 1$, $Z_3 = 2$ units and the corresponding permeability of $K_1 = 2$, $K_2 = 1$ and $K_3 = 4$, respectively. The average permeability perpendicular to the bedding planes will be

IES-2003

- a. 4**
- b. 2**
- c. 8**
- d. 16**



19. The installation of sand drains in clayey soil causes the soil adjacent to the sand drains to undergo which one of the following?

IES-2004

- (a) Increase in porosity**
- (b) Increase in compressibility**
- (c) Decrease in horizontal permeability**
- (d) Decrease in shear strength**

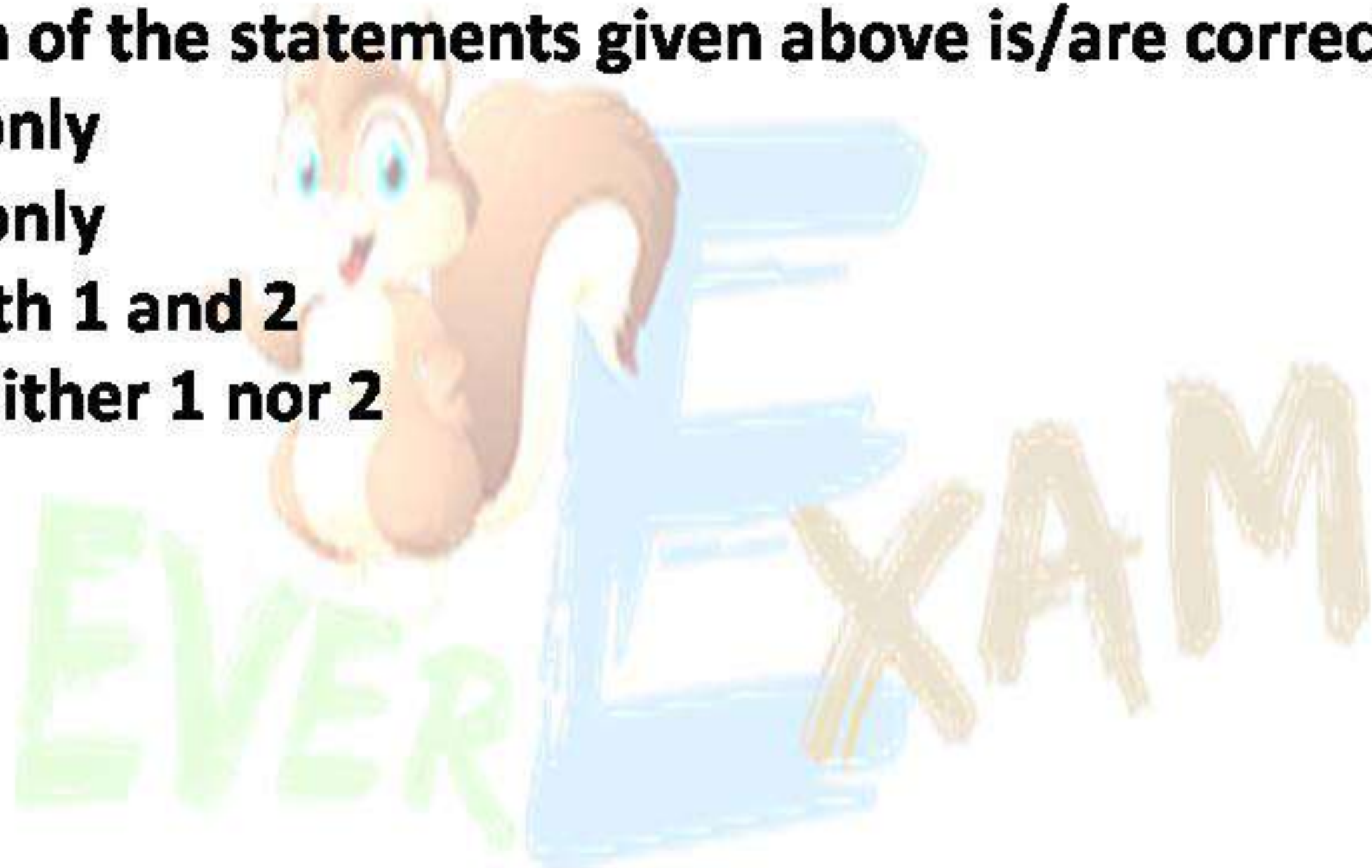


21. Consider the following statements:

- 1. Organic matter increases the permeability of a soil**
- 2. Entrapped air decreases the permeability of a soil**

Which of the statements given above is/are correct?

- (a) 1 only**
- (b) 2 only**
- (c) Both 1 and 2**
- (d) Neither 1 nor 2**



23. Consider the following statements:

The coefficient of permeability K depends upon

IES-2010

- 1. Void ratio of the soil.**
- 2. Duration of flow.**
- 3. Equivalent diameter of the soil grains.**
- 4. Shape of the particle.**

Which of the above statements are correct?

- (a) 1, 2, 3 and 4**
- (b) 2 and 3 only**
- (c) 1, 3 and 4 only**
- (d) 3 and 4 only**

24. A soil has discharge velocity of 5×10^{-7} m/s and a void ratio of 0.50. Its seepage velocity will be

IES-2007

- (a) 15×10^{-7} m/s**
- (b) 10×10^{-7} m/s**
- (c) 20×10^{-7} m/s**
- (d) 30×10^{-7} m/s**



27. Coefficient of permeability of an underground stratum is 0.001 m/s. Discharge obtained from a well of area 20 m² dug into this stratum (with drawdown of 2 m) will be

IES-2012

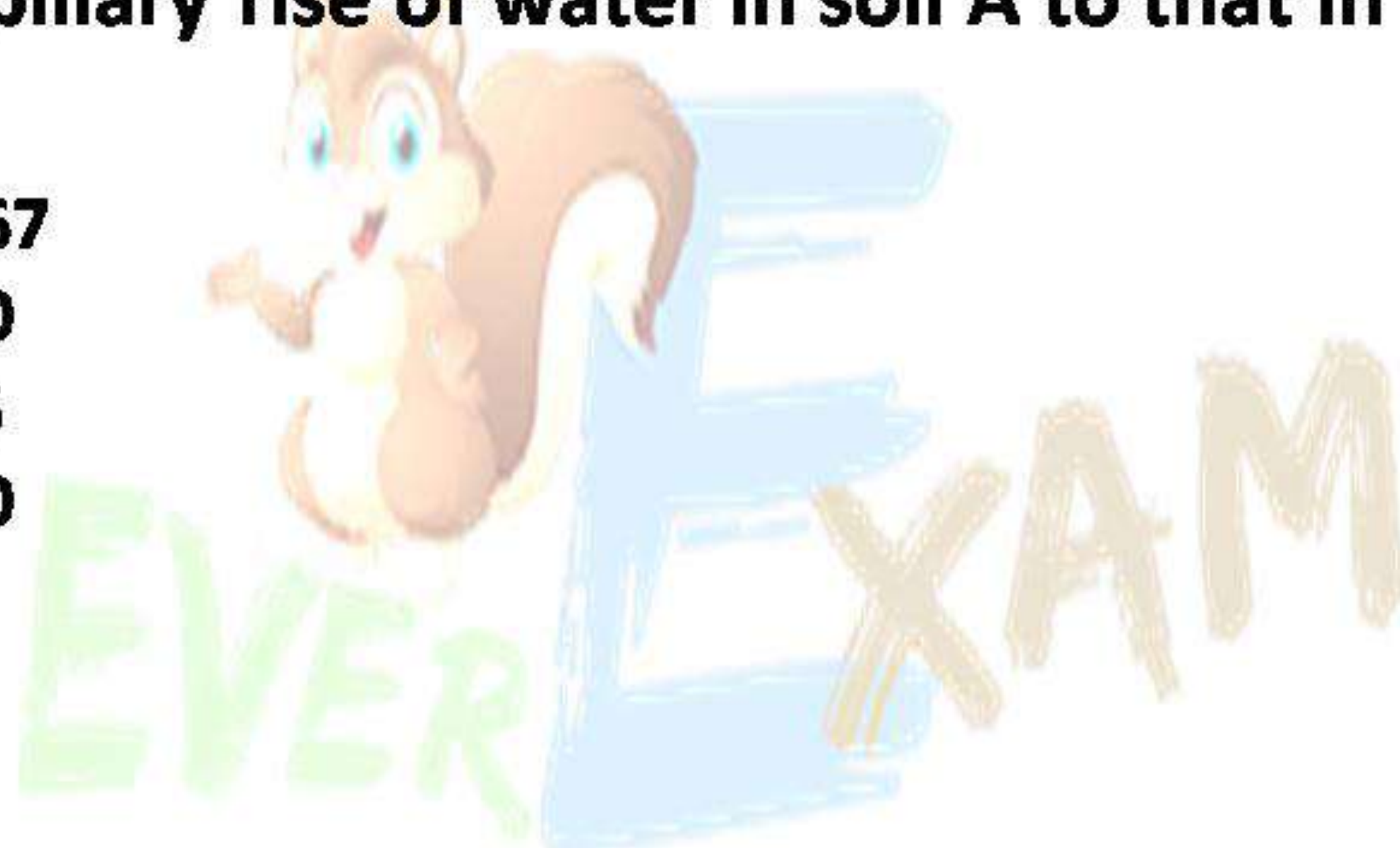
- (a) 2400 lpm**
- (b) 2000 lpm**
- (c) 1200 lpm**
- (d) 1000 lpm**



31. The void ratio of a given soil A is twice that the another soil B, while the effective size of particles of soil A is one-third of that of .soil B. The ratio of height of capillary rise of water in soil A to that in soil B will be

IES-2014

- (a) 0.67**
- (b) 1.0**
- (c) 1.5**
- (d) 2.0**



32. A stratum of soil consists of three layers of equal thickness. The permeability of both the top and the bottom layers is 10^{-4} cm/s; and that of the middle layer is 10^{-3} cm/s then the value of the horizontal coefficient of permeability for the entire composite of the soil layers is

IES-2015

- (a) 2×10^{-4} cm/s**
- (b) 3×10^{-4} cm/s**
- (c) 4×10^{-4} cm/s**
- (d) 5×10^{-4} cm/s**