# 01. The ratio Liquid Limit- Water content

**Plasticity Index** 

For a soil mass is called

- a. Liquidity index
- b. Shrinkage ratio
- c. Consistency index
- d. Toughness index
- When the plastic limit of a soil is greater than the limit, then plasticity index is reported
  - a. Negative
  - b. Zero
  - c. Non-plastic (NP)

## 03. Toughness index is defined as the ratio of

- a. Plasticity index to consistency index
- b. Plasticity index to flow index
- c. Liquidity index to flow index
- d. Consistency index to liquidity index

# 04. If the plasticity index of a soil mass is zero the soil is

- a. Sand
- b. Silt
- c. Clay
- d. Clayey silt

#### 05. Select the correct statements.

- a. A uniform soil has more strength and stability than a non-uniform soil
- b. Decrease in liquid limit and no change in plasticity index
- c. Decrease in both liquid limit and plasticity index
- d. Increase in both liquid limit and plasticity index

## 06. Select the correct statement.

- a. A uniform soil has more strength and stability than a non-uniform soil
- b. A uniform soil has less strength and stability than a nonuniform soil
- c. Uniformity coefficient does not affect strength and stability
- d. Uniformity coefficient of a poorly grade soil is more than that of a well graded soil.

### 07. The following index properties were determined for four soils A, B, C and D

Soil Property	Α	В	С	D
Liquid limit	0.50	0.49	0.43	0.47
Plastic limit	0.23	0.17	0.21	0.26

Which of these soils contains more clay particles?

- a. Soil A
- b. Soil B
- c. Soil C
- d. Soil D
- 08. The water content of soil which represents the boundary between plastic state liquid state, is known as
- a. Liquid limit
- b. Plastic limit
- Shrinkage limit
- d. Plasticity index

# 09. Which of the following soils has more plasticity index

- a. Sand
- b. Silt
- c. Clay
- d. gravel

## 10. At liquid limit, all soils possess

- Same shear strength of small magnitude
- b. Same shear strength of large magnitude
- Different shear strength of small magnitude
- d. Different shear strength of large magnitude

## 11. If the material of the base of the casgrande liquid limit device on which the cup containing soil paste drops is softer than the standard hard rubber, then

- a. The liquid limit of soil always increases
- b. The liquid limit of soil always decreases
- c. The liquid limit of soil may increase
- d. The liquid limit of soil may decrease

#### 12. According IS classification the range of silt size particles

is

- a. 4.75 mm to 2.00 mm
- b. 2.00 mm to 0.425 mm
- c. 0.425 mm to 0.075 mm
- d. 0.075 mm to 0.002 mm

## 13. Highway research board (HRB) classification of soils is based on

- a. Particle size composition
- b. Plasticity characteristics
- c. Both particle size composition and plasticity characteristics
- d. None of the above

# 14. Inorganic soils with low compressibility are represented by

- a. MH
- b. SL
- c. ML
- d. CH

## 15. Sand particles are made of

- a. Rock minerals
- b. Kaolinite
- c. illite
- montmorillonite

## 16. The clay mineral with the largest swelling and shrinkage characteristics is

- a. Kaolinite
- b. Illite
- c. Montmorillonite
- d. None of the above

# 17. Dispersed type of soil structure in and arrangement comprising particles having

- a. Face to face or parallel orientation
- b. Edge to edge orientation
- c. Edge to face orientation
- d. All of the above

## 18. Effective stress is

- a. The stress at particles contact
- b. A physical parameter that can be measured
- c. Important because it is a function of engineering properties of soil
- d. All of the above

## 19. Rise of water table above the ground surface causes

- a. Equal increase in pore water pressure and total stress
- b. Equal decreases in pore water pressure and total stress
- c. Increase in pore water pressure but decrease in total stress
- d. Decrease in pore water pressure but increase in total stress
- 20. The total and effective stresses at a depth of 5 m below the top level of water in a swimming pool are respectively
- a. Zero and zero
- b. 0.5 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> and zero
- c. 0.5 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 0.5 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>
- d. 1.0 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 0.5 kg/cm<sup>2</sup>
- 21. Α quality good undisturbed soil sample is one which is obtained using a sampling tube having an area ratio of
  - a. 8%
  - b. 16%
  - c. 24%
  - d. 32%
- 22. Which one of the following tests cannot be done without undisturbed sampling
- a. Shear strength of sand
- b. Shear strength of clay
- c. Determination of compaction parameters
- d. Atterberg limits
- 23. Consider the following statements:

The standard penetration test (SPT) in soils is the most commonly used field test SPT is used to determine

- 1. consistency of clay
- 2. un-drained shear strength of soft sensitive clay
  - 3. relative density of sands.
- 4. drained shear strength of fine loose sand. of these statements
  - a. 1 and 2 are correct
  - b. 2 and 4 are correct
  - c. 1 and 3 are correct
  - d. 3 and 4 are correct

24. Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

List I List II A. Void ratio 1. V./V **B.** Porosity 2. W<sub>w</sub> /W<sub>s</sub> C. Degree of saturation 3. Www/Ww D. Water content 4. W\V 5. V<sub>v</sub> \V<sub>s</sub>

- a. A-4 B-3 C-5 D-1 b. A-5 B-4 C-3 D-1 c. A-4 B-1 C-5 D-2
- d. A-5 B-1 C-3 D-2
- 25. Match List I (Field problems) with List II (type of laborator shear test) and select the correct answer using the codes

given below the Lists
List I

A. Stability of a clay found of an embankment, whose rate of construction is such that

- some consolidation occurs
  B. Initial stability of a footing on saturated clay
  C. Long-term stability of a slope in stiff, fissured clay
  D. Foundation on soft marine clay deposits
  a. A.18-3-4.0-2
  b. A.1.B.3-4.0-2
  b. A.1.B.3-4.0-2
  b. A.1.B.3-4.0-2

- 26. If an unconfined compressive strength of 4 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> in the natural state of slay reduced by four times in the remoulded state, then its sensitivity will be
  - a. 1
  - b. \_2
  - 8
- 27. In a direct shear test, the shear stress and normal stress on a dry sand sample at failure are 0.6 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> and 1 kg/cm<sup>2</sup> respectively. The angle of internal friction of the sand will be nearly
  - a. 25<sup>0</sup>
  - b. 310
  - 370
  - d. 43°
- 28. If an infinite slope of clay at a depth 5 m has cohesion of 1 t/m2 and unit wt. of 2 t/m , then the stability number will be
  - a. 0.1
  - b. 0.2
  - c. 0.3
  - d. 0.4

29. Which one of the following typical pressure distribution on braced sheeting in stiff clay with temporary support, as given by tschebotrioff









- 30. Given that  $c = 2 t/m^2$ ,  $\phi = 0^0$ and  $\gamma = 2t/m^2$ , the depth of tension crack developing in a cohesive soil backfill would be
- a. 1 m
- b. 2 m
- c. 3 m
- d. 4 m