

ST5203 EXPERIMENTAL TECHNIQUES

DETAILED SYLLABUS

UNIT I FORCES AND STRAIN MEASUREMENT

Choice of Experimental stress analysis methods, Errors in measurements - Strain gauge, principle, types, performance and uses. Photo elasticity - principle and applications - Hydraulic jacks and pressure gauges – Electronic load cells – Proving Rings – Calibration of Testing Machines – Longterm monitoring – vibrating wire sensors– Fibre optic sensors.

UNIT II MEASUREMENT OF VIBRATION AND WIND FLOW

Characteristics of Structural Vibrations – Linear Variable Differential Transformer (LVDT) – Transducers for velocity and acceleration measurements. Vibration meter – Seismographs – Vibration Analyzer – Display and recording of signals – Cathode Ray Oscilloscope – XY Plotter – wind tunnels – Flow meters – Venturimeter – Digital data Acquisition systems.

UNIT III DISTRESS MEASUREMENTS AND CONTROL

Diagnosis of distress in structures – Crack observation and measurements – corrosion of reinforcement in concrete – Half cell, construction and use – damage assessment – controlled blasting for demolition – Techniques for residual stress measurements – Structural Health Monitoring.

UNIT IV NON DESTRUCTIVE TESTING METHODS

Load testing on structures, buildings, bridges and towers – Rebound Hammer – acoustic emission – ultrasonic testing principles and application – Holography – use of laser for structural testing – Brittle coating, Advanced NDT methods – Ultrasonic pulse echo, Impact echo, impulse radar techniques, GECOR , Ground penetrating radar (GPR).

For Syllabus, Question Papers, Notes & many More

UNIT V MODEL ANALYSIS

Model Laws – Laws of similitude – Model materials – Necessity for Model analysis – Advantages – Applications – Types of similitude – Scale effect in models – Indirect model study – Direct model study - Limitations of models – investigations – structural problems – Usage of influence lines in model studies.

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OBJECTIVE:

To learn the principles of measurements of static and dynamic response of structures and carryout the analysis of results.