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## **MARKING GUIDELINE**

**NATIONAL CERTIFICATE**

**APRIL EXAMINATION**

**BUILDING SCIENCE N2**

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**This marking guideline consists of 7 pages.**

**QUESTION 1**

- 1.1. Ratio between the density of the specific substance✓ and the density of pure water✓ at 4 °C✓ (3)
- 1.2. Capillary action is the rising of liquids✓ such as water and oil that can wet the surfaces (extra bonus mark if added✓) through the fine pores of certain solid substances✓ (2)
- 1.3. Thermal/Heat capacity of a material is the quantity of heat energy✓ required to raise the temperature✓ of the body by 1°C or 1 K✓ (3)
- 1.4. Torque is the effect of a force on an object fixed at a turning point✓ that will produce rotation movement about that fixed point.✓ (2)
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**QUESTION 2**

- 2.1 The working principles of a hydrometer is that all floating objects will displace its own weight in a liquid.✓  
Hydrometers will therefore float at different levels in different fluids.✓  
This variety in depth of floating can be celebrated to indicate the density of a specific fluid.✓ (3)
- 2.2 The bubbles are caused by water penetrating the pores in the brick✓ and displacing the air inside the pores. ✓ (2)
- 2.2.1 Bricks are baked and during this process heat drives the moisture out.✓  
This leaves hollows (pores) behind.✓ (2)
- 2.2.2 Shrinking wood cells leave vacuums✓ when the sap in the wood dries out.✓ (2)
- 2.3 First determine volume of pores  

$$\text{volume} = \text{Bulk volume} - \text{Solid volume}✓$$

$$v = 5,46 \text{ cm}^3 - 4,02 \text{ cm}^3 \checkmark$$

$$v = 1,44 \text{ cm}^3✓$$
  
 Now determine saturation coefficient  

$$\text{saturation coefficient} = \frac{\text{volume of water absorbed}✓}{\text{bulk volume} - \text{solid volume}}$$

$$s\ co = \frac{1,30 \text{ cm}^3}{1,44 \text{ cm}^3} \checkmark$$
  

$$\text{saturation coefficient} = 0,903✓$$
 (6)
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**QUESTION 3**

- 3.1 Only very durable materials are selected for use in exposed areas.✓  
All possible precautions are taken to reduce absorption of water by any exposed features.✓ (2)
- 3.2 A heat source will raise temperature of the water at the bottom of the cylinder.✓  
Convection current will circulate the hot water to the top.✓  
Cold water will replace the raised hot water.✓  
A thermostat would control the temperature levels in the cylinder.✓ (4)
- 3.3 Heat required =  $m \times \Delta t \times SHC$ ✓  
 $700\text{kJ} = m \times (90 - 60) \times 4,2\text{kJ/kg}^\circ\text{C}$ ✓  
 $m = \frac{700}{30 \times 4,2}$ ✓  
 Mass of water = 5,56kg✓ (4)
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**QUESTION 4**

- 4.1 The extent to which a roofing material allows water to pass through it is called its permeability.✓ (1)
- 4.2 No – corrugated iron will not be suitable.✓  
It rusts easily✓ and the maintenance is high.✓ (3)

4.3

ROOF COVERING	DURABLE	HAIL RESISTANT	HEAVY
Clay tiles	Yes✓	Fair✓	Yes✓
Glass fibre sheets	Yes✓	Fair✓	No✓
Slate tiles	Yes✓	Fair✓	Yes✓
Thatch	No✓	Yes✓	No✓

(12 x ½)

(6)  
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## QUESTION 5

5.1 Take moments about R  
 $\sum CM = \sum ACM \checkmark$   
 $(L \times 10) + (6 \times 2) = (2 \times 8) + (8 \times 11)$   
 $\checkmark \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$   
 $10L = 16 + 88 - 12 \checkmark$   
 $L = 92/10 \checkmark$   
 $L = 9,2 \checkmark$

Control:

$$\sum \uparrow F = \sum \downarrow F \checkmark$$

$$9,2 + 6,8 = 8 + 2 + 6 \checkmark \checkmark$$

$$16 = 16 \checkmark$$

Take moments about R  
 $\sum CM = \sum ACM \checkmark$   
 $(R \times 10) + (8 \times 1) = (2 \times 2) + (6 \times 12) \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark \checkmark$   
 $10R = 4 + 72 - 8 \checkmark$   
 $R = 68/10 \checkmark$   
 $R = 6,8 \checkmark$

(20 x ½) (10)

5.2 Add mass of beam to UDL  $\checkmark$   
 $8 + (10 \times 13) = 138 \text{ kN} \checkmark \checkmark$

Take moments about R  
 $\sum CM = \sum ACM \checkmark$   
 $(L \times 10) = (138 \times 4.5) \checkmark \checkmark$   
 $L = 621/10 \checkmark$   
 $L = 62.1 \checkmark$

Control:

$$\sum \uparrow F = \sum \downarrow F \checkmark$$

$$962.1 + 75.9 = 138 \checkmark \checkmark$$

Take moments about R  
 $\sum CM = \sum ACM \checkmark$   
 $(R \times 10) = (138 \times 5.5) \checkmark \checkmark$   
 $R = 759/10 \checkmark$   
 $R = 75.9 \checkmark$

(16 x ½) (8)  
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## QUESTION 6

6.1 Area of section:

$$A = l \times b = 120 \times 20 = 2\,400 \text{ units}^2 \checkmark$$

$$B = l \times b = 100 \times 20 = 2\,000 \text{ units}^2 \checkmark$$

$$C = l \times b = 60 \times 20 = 1\,200 \text{ units}^2 \checkmark$$

$$D = l \times b = 50 \times 25 = 1\,250 \text{ units}^2 \checkmark$$

$$E = l \times b = 100 \times 20 = 2\,000 \text{ units}^2 \checkmark$$

$$F = l \times b = 130 \times 20 = 2\,600 \text{ units}^2 \checkmark$$

True area of section =  $\sum$  of areas = 11 450 units<sup>2</sup>  $\checkmark$   
 ONLY CALCULATED RESULT WILL BE CONSIDERED

6.2 Centroid from A-B :

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \frac{1}{2} \times 20 = 10 \text{ units} \checkmark \\
 B &= \frac{1}{2} \times 20 + 20 = 30 \text{ units} \checkmark \\
 C &= \frac{1}{2} \times 20 + 40 = 50 \text{ units} \checkmark \\
 D &= \frac{1}{2} \times 50 + 60 = 85 \text{ units} \checkmark \\
 E &= \frac{1}{2} \times 20 + 110 = 120 \text{ units} \checkmark \\
 F &= \frac{1}{2} \times 20 + 130 = 140 \text{ units} \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

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6.3 Moment of area = area x distance from axis ✓

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= 2400 \times 10 = 24\,000 \text{ units}^3 \checkmark \\
 B &= 2000 \times 30 = 60\,000 \text{ units}^3 \checkmark \\
 C &= 1200 \times 50 = 60\,000 \text{ units}^3 \checkmark \\
 D &= 1250 \times 85 = 106\,250 \text{ units}^3 \checkmark \\
 E &= 2000 \times 120 = 240\,000 \text{ units}^3 \checkmark \\
 F &= 2600 \times 140 = 364\,000 \text{ units}^3 \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

True moment of section =  $\Sigma$  of moments = 854 250 units<sup>3</sup> ✓  
 ONLY CALCULATED RESULT WILL BE CONSIDERED

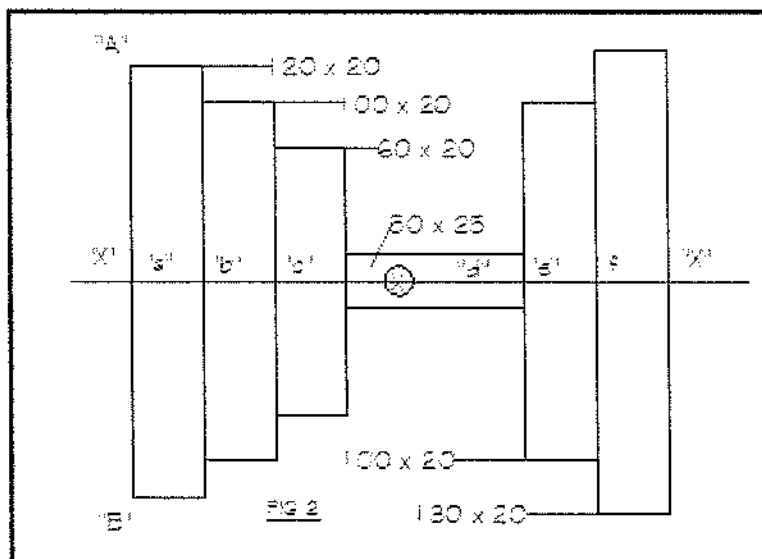
6.4  $y = \frac{\Sigma My}{\Sigma A}$  ✓

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 854\,250 \text{ units}^3 \\
 &11\,450 \text{ units}^2 \checkmark \\
 &= 74,6 \text{ units from A-B} \checkmark
 \end{aligned}$$

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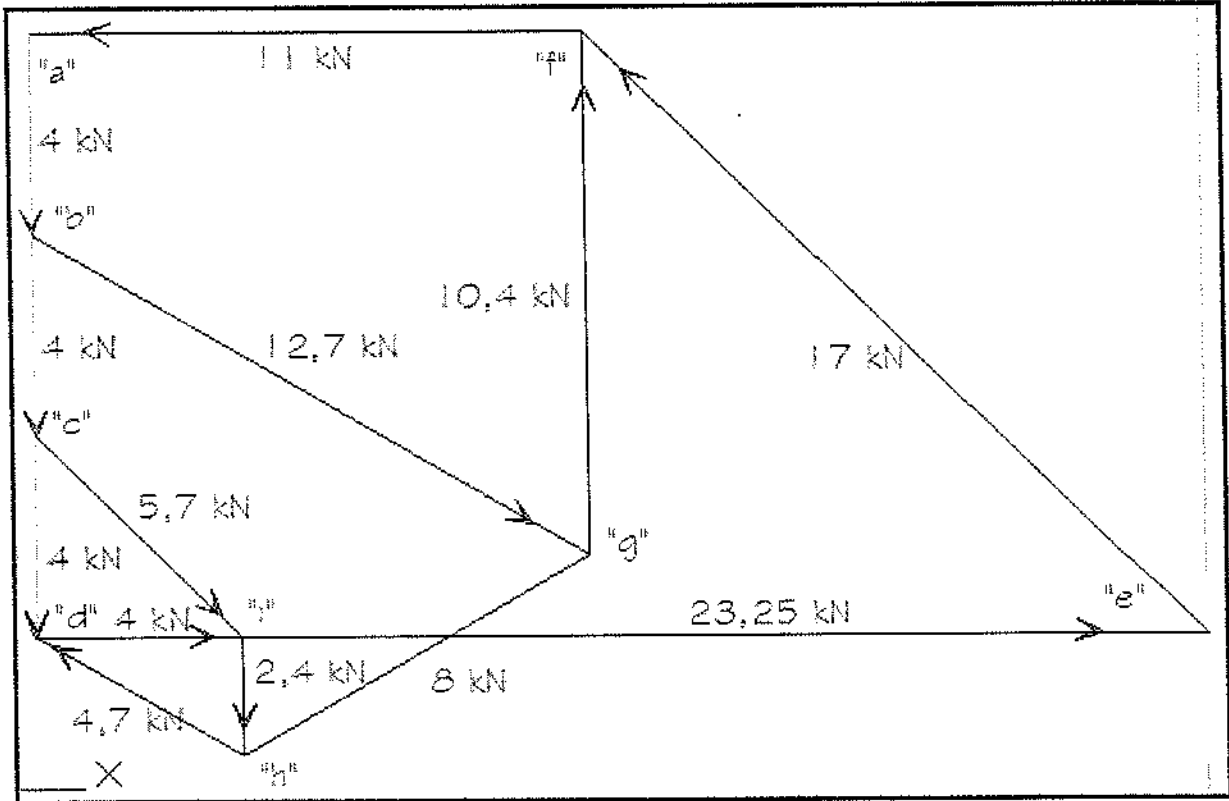
(24 x 1/2)

(12)  
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**QUESTION 7**

7.1 Use a scale of 1 kN = 1cm. Draw and measure – graphical drawing accurate to 5% of memo values will be acceptable.



**VECTOR DIAGRAM**

- 10 members drawn in the vector diagram = 1 mark each
- Showing the magnitudes in the vector diagram = ½ mark each x 10 = 5 marks

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7.2 Copy table and populate – loads net required in table

MEMBER	MAGNITUDE (kN)	NATURE	
		TIE	STRUT
a-b	4.0 LOAD		
b-g	12.7	X	
g-f	10.4		X
b-c	4.0 LOAD		
c-i	5.7	X	
i-h	2.4		X
h-g	8.0		X
c-d	4.0 LOAD		
d-h	4.7		X
d-e	23.25		X
e-f	17.0	X	
f-a	11.0	X	
d-i	4.0		X

- Showing the nature of the 10 members in space diagram = ½ mark each x 10 = 5 marks
- Filling in the table showing magnitudes and nature = ½ mark each x10 = 5 marks

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**TOTAL: 100**