



## BRAINWARE UNIVERSITY

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Course Name – Building Material and Construction

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Full Marks : 60

Time : 2:30 Hours

[The figure in the margin indicates full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.]

### Group-A

(Multiple Choice Type Question)

1 x 15=15

1. Choose the correct alternative from the following :

- (i) Select the correct characteristic of a good building stone:
  - a) High porosity
  - b) Low durability
  - c) Resistance to weathering
  - d) High water absorption
- (ii) Select the property that is NOT a general characteristic of a good building stone:
  - a) High compressive strength
  - b) Low porosity
  - c) High water absorption
  - d) Resistance to chemical attacks
- (iii) Select the correct application of asphalt emulsion:
  - a) Salad dressing
  - b) Road construction
  - c) Coffee brewing
  - d) Airplane manufacturing
- (iv) Select the industry that commonly uses bitumen for corrosion protection and insulation of pipelines:
  - a) Fashion
  - b) Telecommunications
  - c) Oil and gas
  - d) Music production
- (v) Identify the characteristic of a good brick that relates to its ability to withstand high temperatures:
  - a) Color
  - b) Soundness
  - c) Hardness
  - d) Refractoriness
- (vi) Identify the property that defines the density of a good brick:
  - a) Low compressive strength
  - b) High water absorption
  - c) Low porosity
  - d) High specific gravity
- (vii) Identify the type of engineered wood product that consists of layers of wood veneers glued together with alternating grain patterns:
  - a) Particle board
  - b) MDF (Medium-Density Fiberboard)
  - c) Plywood
  - d) Chipboard
- (viii) Select the engineered wood product that is made by compressing wood particles and adhesive under high pressure:

- a) Chipboard
- b) Plywood
- c) MDF (Medium-Density Fiberboard )
- d) Veneer board
- (ix) Identify or select the term that refers to a decorative wall treatment or molding often used in interior design, especially in kitchens and bathrooms:
  - a) Concrete floors
  - b) Wooden flooring
  - c) Skirting
  - d) Dado
- (x) Identify or select the flooring type that is ideal for areas where moisture is a concern, such as basements and bathrooms:
  - a) Concrete floors
  - b) Wooden flooring
  - c) Skirting
  - d) Dado
- (xi) Identify or select the material commonly used for skirting in residential and commercial buildings:
  - a) Concrete
  - b) Wood
  - c) Tile
  - d) Metal
- (xii) Choose the step that typically follows surface cleaning, filling, and sanding in the preparation process:
  - a) Applying primer
  - b) Selecting paint colors
  - c) Applying the finish coat
  - d) Drying the surface
- (xiii) Choose the purpose of applying primer before painting:
  - a) To add color
  - b) To seal the surface
  - c) To create texture
  - d) To remove contaminants
- (xiv) Choose the requirement of formwork that ensures it can withstand the weight of wet concrete and construction loads:
  - a) Adequate bracing
  - b) Proper alignment
  - c) Sufficient strength
  - d) Decorative finish
- (xv) Choose the requirement of formwork that involves using braces, ties, and supports to keep the formwork in position and prevent bulging:
  - a) Adequate bracing
  - b) Proper alignment
  - c) Sufficient strength
  - d) Decorative finish

### Group-B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

$$3 \times 5 = 15$$

2. Discuss the eco-friendliness of materials affect civil engineering projects. (3)
3. Explain the relationship between specific gravity and the durability of a stone. (3)
4. Describe the primary types of flooring tiles used in construction. (3)
5. List the key requirements for a stone to be considered a good building stone. (3)
6. Compare bitumen and tar in terms of production and use. (3)

**OR**

Differentiate bitumen and asphalt in terms of production and use. (3)

### Group-C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

$$5 \times 6 = 30$$

7. Differentiate between wall footing and combined footings. (5)
8. Describe the advantages and disadvantages of flat roofs. (5)
9. Describe how a wall footing differ from other types of footings. (5)
10. Explain the primary purpose of the superstructure in a building. (5)
11. Differentiate between pain and varnish. (5)
12. Explain the use of rapid hardening cement and ordinary Portland cement. (5)

**OR**

Explain the purpose of conducting field tests on cement in construction. (5)