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Long-Term Pavement Performance (LTPP) Seasonal Monitoring program (SMP) instrumentation was installed in pavement sections at the Ohio SHRP Test Road. The pavements are monitored for the seasonal variations of moisture, temperature and frost penetration. Data from the instrumentation is subjected to quality checks and prepared for uploading to the FHWA Information Management System (IMS). Findings from the testing are to be incorporated into future pavement design procedures.

Numerous highway embankments experience post-construction settlement problems, such as bridge approach settlement that results in the 'bump at the end of the bridge'. One of the causes may be wetting-induced collapse settlement or simply, collapse settlement. One-dimensional oedometer tests were conducted to study the potential for collapse settlement of 22 Oklahoma soils and shales under conditions typically encountered in compacted fills.

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The first edition of *Understanding Vineyard Soils* has been praised for its comprehensive coverage of soil topics relevant to viticulture. However, the industry is dynamic--new developments are occurring, especially with respect to measuring soil variability, managing soil water, possible effects of climate change, rootstock breeding and selection, monitoring sustainability, and improving grape quality and the "typicity" of wines. All this is embodied in an increased focus on the terroir or "sense of place" of vineyard sites, with greater emphasis being placed on wine quality relative to quantity in an increasingly competitive world market. The promotion of organic and biodynamic practices has raised a general awareness of "soil health", which is often associated with a soil's biology, but which to be properly assessed must be focused on a soil's physical, chemical, and biological properties. This edition of White's influential book presents the latest updates on these and other developments in soil management in vineyards. With a minimum of scientific jargon, *Understanding Vineyard Soils* explains the interaction between soils on a variety of parent materials around the world and grapevine growth and wine typicality. The essential chemical and physical processes involving nutrients, water, oxygen and carbon dioxide, moderated by the activities of soil organisms, are discussed. Methods are proposed for alleviating adverse conditions such as soil acidity, sodicity, compaction, poor drainage, and salinity. The pros and cons of organic viticulture are debated, as are the possible effects of climate change. The author explains how sustainable wine

production requires winegrowers to take care of the soil and minimize their impact on the environment. This book is a practical guide for winegrowers and the lay reader who is seeking general information about soils, but who may also wish to pursue in more depth the influence of different soil types on vine performance and wine character.

Adult learning systems play a crucial role in helping people adapt to the changing world of work and develop relevant skills. Community Education and Training has been brought forward as a possible way to foster adult learning in South Africa, especially among disadvantaged groups. South Africa

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This book is a collection of papers presented at the International Workshop on Geotechnical Natural Hazards held July 12–15, 2014, in Kitakyushu, Japan. The workshop was the sixth in the series of Japan–Taiwan Joint Workshops on Geotechnical Hazards from Large Earthquakes and Heavy Rainfalls, held under the auspices of the Asian Technical Committee No. 3 on Geotechnology for Natural Hazards of the International Society for Soil Mechanics and Geotechnical Engineering. It was co-organized by the Japanese Geotechnical Society and the Taiwanese Geotechnical Society. The contents of this book focus on geotechnical and natural hazard-related issues in Asia such as earthquakes, tsunami, rainfall-induced debris flows, slope failures, and landslides. The book contains the latest information and mitigation technology on earthquake- and rainfall-induced geotechnical natural hazards. By dissemination of the latest state-of-the-art research in the area, the information contained in this book will help researchers, designers, consultants, government officials, and academicians involved in the mitigation of natural hazards. The findings and other information provided here is expected to contribute toward the development of a new chapter in disaster prevention and

mitigation of geotechnical structures.

These books have been revised and written in accordance with the latest syllabus prescribed by the Council for the Indian School Certificate Examinations (CISCE). Answers to the objective questions and unit test papers are included at the end of each chapter.

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Soil physical measurements are essential for solving many natural resource management problems. This operational laboratory and field handbook provides, for the first time, a standard set of methods that are cost-effective and well suited to land resource survey. It provides: *practical guidelines on the soil physical measurements across a range of soils, climates and land uses; *straightforward descriptions for each method (including common pitfalls) that can be applied by people with a rudimentary knowledge of soil physics, and *guidelines on the interpretation of results and integration with land resource assessment. Soil Physical Measurement And Interpretation for Land Evaluation begins with an introduction to land evaluation and then outlines procedures for field sampling. Twenty detailed chapters cover pore space relations, water retention, hydraulic conductivity, water table depth, dispersion, aggregation, particle size, shrinkage, Atterburg limits and strength. The book includes procedures for estimating soil physical properties from more readily available data and shows how soil physical data can be integrated into land planning and management decisions. Each booklet in The Basics of Recharge and Discharge

series covers a specific technique for detecting, measuring or modelling groundwater recharge and discharge. Part 10 provides an overview of the use of plot scale models in estimating deep drainage. This booklet explains how such models can add understanding to deep drainage studies. It describes the different broad types of plot-scale models that are available and how they can be most appropriately used. Throughout the booklet, clear examples demonstrate the potential applications for a range of simulation models. They contrast the features and capabilities of the models and illustrate what can be achieved through modelling. The chapter finishes by describing how to test models and where to find more information on the models most commonly used in Australia.

The use of technology can significantly enhance educational environments for students. It is imperative to study new software, hardware, and gadgets for the improvement of teaching and learning practices. The Handbook of Research on Mobile Devices and Smart Gadgets in K-12 Education is a pivotal reference source featuring the latest scholarly research on the opportunities and challenges of using handheld technology devices in primary and secondary education. Including coverage on a wide variety of topics and perspectives such as blended learning, game-based curriculum, and software applications, this publication is ideally designed for educators, researchers, students, and technology experts seeking current research on new trends in the use of technology in education.

Prospective homeschoolers are parents looking for an alternative to the mainstream educational system for their offspring. But homeschooling children at high school level strikes fear into even the most dedicated of homeschoolers. They need information and answers to their questions. And with the current educational and unemployment problems in

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South Africa, young people need clear direction and guidance to help them achieve their goals. In addition to exploring the popular ways to gaining a recognised matric certificate outside the formal school system, Homeschooling High School also challenges readers to rethink their values, particularly the value they place on certification, and to consider some unconventional or alternative paths to success. In a clearly presented format, the book includes advice on legal matters, identifying appropriate courses, sourcing study material, tips on entrepreneurship, financing tertiary studies and the testimonies of successful homeschooled graduates. Homeschooling High School is a comprehensive guide to plotting a path through high school and beyond.

When Jonah and Katherine travel to early 1900s Switzerland and Serbia to return Albert Einstein's daughter, Lieserl, to history, her mother Mileva grasps entirely too much about time travel and has no intention of letting her daughter go. Includes, beginning Sept. 15, 1954 (and on the 15th of each month, Sept.-May) a special section: School library journal, ISSN 0000-0035, (called Junior libraries, 1954-May 1961). Also issued separately.

Several studies were undertaken by various investigators during the last five decades to better understand the engineering behaviour of unsaturated soils. These studies are justified as more than 33% of soils worldwide are found in either arid or semi-arid regions with evaporation losses exceeding water infiltration. Due to this reason, the natural ground water table in these regions is typically at a greater depth and the soil above it is in a state of unsaturated conditions. Foundations of structures such as the housing subdivisions, multi-storey buildings, bridges, retaining walls, silos, and other infrastructure constructed in these regions in sandy soils are usually built within the unsaturated zone (i.e.,

vadose zone). Limited studies are reported in the literature to understand the influence of capillary stresses (i.e., matric suction) on the bearing capacity, settlement and liquefaction potential of unsaturated sands. The influence of matric suction in the unsaturated zone of the sandy soils is ignored while estimating or evaluating bearing capacity, settlement and liquefaction resistance in conventional engineering practice. The focus of the research presented in the thesis has been directed towards better understanding of these aspects and providing rational and yet simple tools for the design of shallow foundations (i.e., footings) in sands under both static and dynamic loading conditions. Terzaghi (1943) or Meyerhof (1951) equations for bearing capacity and Schmertmann et al. (1978) equation for settlement are routinely used by practicing engineers for sandy soils based on saturated soil properties. The assumption of saturated conditions leads to conservative estimates for bearing capacity; however, neglecting the influence of capillary stresses contributes to unreliable estimates of settlement or differential settlement of footings in unsaturated sands. There are no studies reported in the literature on how capillary stresses influence liquefaction, bearing capacity and settlement behavior in earthquake prone regions under dynamic loading conditions. An extensive experimental program has been undertaken to study these parameters using several specially designed and constructed equipment at the University of Ottawa. The influence of matric suction, confinement and dilation on the bearing capacity of model footings in unsaturated sand was determined using the University of Ottawa Bearing Capacity Equipment (UOBCE-2011). Several series of plate load tests (PLTs) were carried out on a sandy soil both under saturated and unsaturated conditions. Based on these studies, a semi-empirical equation has been proposed for estimating the

variation of bearing capacity with respect to matric suction. The saturated shear strength parameters and the soil water characteristic curve (SWCC) are required for using the proposed equation. This equation is consistent with the bearing capacity equation originally proposed by Terzaghi (1943) and later extended by Meyerhof (1951) for saturated soils. Chapter 2 provides the details of these studies. The cone penetration test (CPT) is conventionally used for estimating the bearing capacity of foundations because it is simple and quick, while providing continuous records with depth. In this research program, a cone penetrometer was specially designed to investigate the influence of matric suction on the cone resistance in a controlled laboratory environment. Several series of CPTs were conducted in sand under both saturated and unsaturated conditions. Simple correlations were proposed from CPTs data to relate the bearing capacity of shallow foundations to cone resistance in saturated and unsaturated sands. The details of these studies are presented and summarized in Chapter 3. Standard penetration tests (SPTs) and PLTs were conducted in-situ sand deposit at Carp region in Ottawa under both saturated and unsaturated conditions. The test results from the SPTs and PLTs at Carp were used along with other data from the literature for developing correlations for estimating the bearing capacity of both saturated and unsaturated sands. The proposed SPT-CPT-based technique is simple and reliable for estimation of the bearing capacity of footings in sands. Chapter 4 summarizes the details of these investigations. Empirical relationships were proposed using the CPTs data to estimate the modulus of elasticity of sands for settlement estimation of footings in both saturated and unsaturated sands. This was achieved by modifying the Schmertmann et al. (1978) equation, which is conventionally used for settlement estimations in practice. Comparisons are

provided between the three CPT-based methods that are commonly used for settlement estimations in practice and the proposed method for seven large scale footings in sandy soils. The results of the comparisons show that the proposed method provides better estimations for both saturated and unsaturated sands. Chapter 5 summarizes the details of these studies. A Flexible Laminar Shear Box (FLSB of 800-mm³ in size) was specially designed and constructed to simulate and better understand the behaviour of model surface footing under seismic loads taking account of the influence of matric suction in an unsaturated sandy soil. The main purpose of using the FLSB is to simulate realistic in-situ soils behaviour during earthquake ground shaking. The FLSB test setup with model footing was placed on unidirectional 1-g shake table (aluminum platform of 1000-mm² in size) during testing. The resistance of unsaturated sand to deformations and liquefaction under seismic loads was investigated. The results of the study show that matric suction offers significant resistance to liquefaction and settlement of footings in sand. Details of the equipment setup, test procedure and results of this study are presented in Chapter 6. Simple techniques are provided in this thesis for estimating the bearing capacity and settlement behaviour of sandy soils taking account of the influence of capillary stresses (i.e., matric suction). These techniques are consistent with the methods used in conventional geotechnical engineering practice. The studies show that even low values of capillary stresses (i.e., 0 to 5 kPa) increases the bearing capacity by two to four folds, and the settlement of footings not only decreases significantly but also offers resistance to liquefaction in sands. These studies are promising and encouraging to use ground improvement techniques; such as capillary barrier techniques to maintain capillary stresses within the zone of influence below shallow foundations. Such techniques, not only contribute to the

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increase of bearing capacity, they reduce settlement and alleviate problems associated with earthquake effects in sandy soils.

Daft and Marcic's action-first approach turns the traditional learning model on its end. Instead of starting with concepts and moving to application, this text starts with application, an introductory problem or challenge that encourages you to first empty out your ideas so you are ready to understand new ideas and acquire new skills. Each chapter provides a menu of resources for engagement, application, and learning, everything you need to develop the spot-on management skills you'll need to be a successful manager. This new learning philosophy leads you through a seven-step learning process: 1. Manager Challenge, 2. Initial Response, 3. Discover Yourself, 4. Discover Knowledge, 5. Action Learning Exercises, 6. Test Your Mettle, and 7. Personal Skills Log. Shorter, highly-focused chapters take you through each of these seven steps, allowing you to capture the essence and critical points for each topic. The mass of research material has been condensed and focused into discrete learning packages (chapters) designed specifically for engagement. BUILDING MANAGEMENT SKILLS offers a unique new set of Challenge Videos that are specifically designed to help develop your decision-making and thinking skills. After you watch the video challenge you are asked to respond to the challenge by solving the problem, helping you see the relevance of the chapter material and answering the question Why do I need to know this material?. These innovative, decision-making Challenge Videos are also available in CengageNOW. Organized around a new learning philosophy, with new technology and a coherent learning package for you to acquire management skills through an active first do, then learn approach, Daft and Marcic have created a truly unique learning experience with BUILDING MANAGEMENT SKILLS.

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The principles and concepts for unsaturated soils are developed as extensions of saturated soils.

Addresses problems where soils have a matric suction or where pore-water pressure is negative.

Covers theory, measurement and use of the fundamental properties of unsaturated soils--permeability, shear strength and volume change. Includes a significant amount of case studies.

The thoroughly Revised & Updated Mental Ability for NTSE & Olympiad Exams for Class 10 (Quick Start for Class 6, 7, 8, & 9) 2nd Edition for class 10 is a comprehensive book written exclusively for students of all states preparing for the Stage 1 of the NTSE examination. The students can start using this book right from Grade 6. The book provides learning of all the concepts involved in the syllabus of NTSE examination for the Mental Ability Test (MAT). The book helps the students not only in building their APTITUDE but will also help in developing their ANALYTICAL SKILLS. Salient features of the book:

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- Maps, Diagrams and Tables to stimulate the

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Principles of Soil Physics examines the impact of the physical, mechanical, and hydrological properties and processes of soil on agricultural production, the environment, and sustainable use of natural resources. The text incorporates valuable assessment methods, graphs, problem sets, and tables from recent studies performed around the globe and offers an abundance of tables, photographs, and easy-to-follow equations in every chapter. The book discusses the consequences of soil degradation, such as erosion, inhibited root development, and poor aeration. It begins by defining soil physics, soil mechanics, textural properties, and packing arrangements. The text continues to discuss the theoretical and practical aspects of soil structure and explain the significance and measurement of bulk density, porosity, and compaction. The authors proceed to clarify soil hydrology topics including hydrologic cycle, water movement, infiltration, modeling, soil evaporation, and solute transport processes. They address the impact of soil temperature on crop growth, soil aeration, and the processes that lead to the emission of greenhouse gases. The final chapters examine

the physical properties of gravelly soils and water movement in frozen, saline, and water-repellant soils. Reader-friendly and up-to-date, Principles of Soil Physics provides unparalleled coverage of issues related to soil physics, structure, hydrology, aeration, temperature, and analysis and presents practical techniques for maintaining soil quality to ultimately preserve its sustainability.

Master's Thesis from the year 2017 in the subject Business economics - Investment and Finance, grade: 1,4, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (Business), language: English, abstract: In the past 30 years' information technology has had a widespread presence in many industries. Since the 1980s about half of all major capital investments in firms have been information technology based. The competitive nature of the economic business world has tremendously increased due to technological advancements. Additionally, Taylor suggests that research has proven that technology is a critical factor in the development of strategies for firms. Technology has allowed improvements to firm processes and enables firms to operate efficiently and profitably. In broad, technology has transformed various industries, with the financial services industry being one of the industries experiencing pervasive technological disruption and advancement. In the last ten years, the financial services industry has experienced a significant increase in technology

based services delivery. In fact, in 2002 Freedman and Goodlet identified technological change to be one of the key factors driving the development in the financial services industry.

Each chapter begins with basic concepts in the form of a flow chart. Important NCERT and NCERT EXEMPLAR Questions have also been included. Objective type questions include: Multiple Choice Questions Fill in the blanks Very Short Answer Questions based on latest CBSE Guidelines. HOTS (Higher Order Thinking Skills) based questions are given to think beyond rote learning. Proficiency Exercise is given at the end of each chapter for ample practice of the student. Self-assessment test is given chapterwise to check the knowledge grasped by the student. Three Periodic Tests which include Pen Paper Test and Multiple Assessment is given as a part of internal assessment. Five Model Papers are also provided to prepare the student for the examination. Solved CBSE 2020 Examination Paper

The theoretical understanding of fluids in unsaturated porous media has improved substantially over the last several decades. Water retention curves remain a central pillar in the theoretical framework for modeling of water flow in unsaturated porous media. Use of the average water retention function in models to simulate water flow in porous media can result in inaccurate predictions

due to the variations in water content and matric potential with elevation within the medium. As a result, point water retention curve data are needed for testing existing numerical and analytical models and for improving our ability to predict unsaturated water flow. Traditionally point water retention functions have been derived from average water retention curve data. The main objective of this research was to directly measure point water retention functions using neutron imaging. Neutron imaging provides a non-destructive tool for visualizing water flow in porous media due to its high sensitivity to hydrogen, and relative insensitivity to mineral solids. Using neutron imaging techniques we have explored the following research topics: (1) quantitative measurements of the equilibrium water content distribution in porous media, (2) measurement of average and point water retention functions using neutron radiography, (3) assessment of analytical models relating average and point water retention curves, and (4) investigation of the dynamics of unsaturated water flow. In the first two chapters of this dissertation we developed quantitative neutron imaging techniques to measure the 2-dimensional distribution of water in porous media and obtain the average water retention function for Flint sand by neutron radiography. In chapter III, point water retention functions were directly measured by neutron radiography and the

resulting point functions were parameterized using the Brooks & Corey equation. The point water retention function constructed from the median values of the fitted Brooks and Corey parameters corresponded closely with the point curve for Flint sand obtained by inverse modeling of the average water retention curve data. In the final chapter of this dissertation we investigated capillary uptake of water in Berea Sandstone and estimated the sorptivity and unsaturated diffusivity function from analyses of the neutron radiographs.

Provides additional explanations for some topics and complete, worked-out solutions to every third problem in the text that is not fully solved in Appendix B.

Clinoptilolite zeolite (CA) was studied for its application in agricultural loamy sand soils to reduce nitrogen fertilizer leaching and in riparian arid environments as a wicking material to sustain plant growth without irrigation. The effects of applying CZ to sandy soils on the retention and transport of nitrate-N (NO_3^- -N) and ammonium-N (NH_4^+ -N) ions are discussed in chapter 1. The results revealed an inverse relationship between NO_3^- -N adsorption and the amount of CZ mixed with soil, and a direct relationship between NH_4^+ -N adsorption and the amount of CZ added. In chapters 2 through 4, CZ was assessed for its application as a wicking material for re-vegetation of native riparian plants in

the flood plain of the Rio Grande in New Mexico, USA where the groundwater table was shallow but not easily accessible by plants. In-situ capillary fluxes in CZ-filled and unamended riparian soil (RS) boreholes were simulated using Hydrus-ID model, which is described in chapter 2. Simulated and measured soil water content at 15, 30, 90 cm borehole depths were in close agreement. Water content in CZ was consistently higher than in RS boreholes at matric potentials above the wilting point capable of sustaining plant growth. The two-year assessment of four native plant species (Emory baccharis, fourwing saltbush, giant sacaton, and saltgrass) grown in CZ and unamended RS boreholes is presented in chapter 3. The effect of CZ on biomass productivity and root length density of selected plants three years after planting is discussed in chapter 4. The results of this study demonstrate that CZ can be applied to conserve nitrogen fertilizers that do not contain NO_3^- in agricultural loamy sand soils. Results from field and modeling studies show that application of CZ as wicking material to grow plants in riparian arid environments with shallow groundwater table is promising.

The past thirty years have seen a rapid expansion of testing, exposing students worldwide to tests that are now, more than ever, standardized and linked to high-stakes outcomes. The use of testing as a policy

tool has been legitimized within international educational development to measure education quality in the vast majority of countries worldwide. The embedded nature and normative power of high-stakes standardized testing across national contexts can be understood as a global testing culture. The global testing culture permeates all aspects of education, from financing, to parental involvement, to teacher and student beliefs and practices. The reinforcing nature of the global testing culture leads to an environment where testing becomes synonymous with accountability, which becomes synonymous with education quality. Underlying the global testing culture is a set of values identified from the increasing literature on world culture. These include: education as a human right, academic intelligence, faith in science, decentralization, and neoliberalism. Each of these values highlights different aspects of the dialogue in support of high-stakes standardized testing. The wide approval of these values and their ability to legitimate various aspects of high-stakes testing reinforces the taken-for-granted notion that such tests are effective and appropriate education practices. However, a large body of literature emphasizes the negative unintended consequences – teaching to the test, reshaping the testing pool, the inequitable distribution of school resources and teachers' attention, and reconstructing the role of the student,

teacher, and parent – commonly found when standardized, census-based tests are combined with high-stakes outcomes for educators or students. This book problematizes this culture by providing critical perspectives that challenge the assumptions of the culture and describe how the culture manifests in national contexts. The volume makes it clear that testing, per se, is not the problem. Instead it is how tests are administered, used or misused, and linked to accountability that provide the global testing culture with its powerful ability to shape schools and society and lead to its unintended, undesirable consequences.

The process of slope failures in high-plasticity clays involves formation of surface cracks, moisture infiltration through the cracks into the soil mass, a reduction in suction and hence shearing resistance of the soil, and ultimately slope failure when the driving stresses exceed the shearing resistance of the soil. Similar processes can impact other earth structures such as retaining walls and pavements. Two issues addressed in this report are the rate of moisture diffusion into the soil mass and the practical limit to which suction and soil shearing resistance degrade.

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