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**MEGANIKA SWK122 – EINDEKSAMEN**

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**NB** ▶ All answers must be substantiated by the relevant units.  
**LW** Alle antwoorde moet deur die nodige eenhede bevestig word.

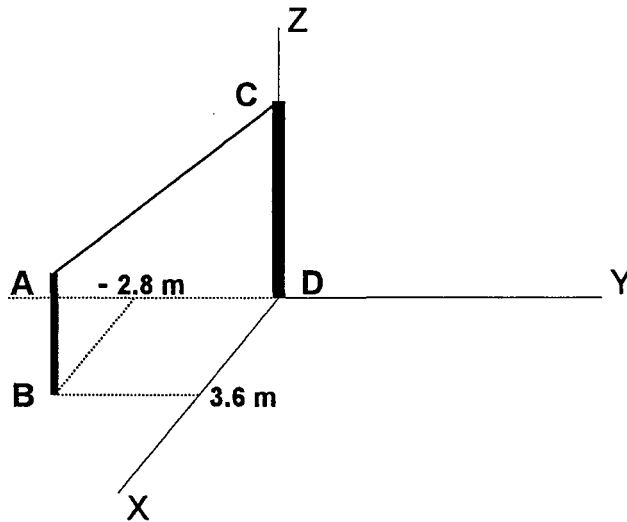
▶ All aspects as described in the EXAMINATION REGULATIONS are applicable.  
Alle aspekte soos vervat in die EKSAMENREGULASIES is van toepassing.

## QUESTION 1 / VRAAG 1

[12]

An anchor pole **AB** is 4.2 m high, has a mass of 184 kg and anchors an electrical mast **CD** [height 6 metres] by means of anchor cable **AC**.  
The force in anchor cable **AC** is 30 kN.

'n Ankerpaal **AB** is 4.2 meter hoog, het 'n massa van 184 kg en anker 'n elektriese mas **CD** [6 meter hoog] deur middel van 'n ankerkabel **AC**. Die krag in ankerkabel **AC** is 30 kN.



1[a] Draw the Free Body Diagram for anchor pole **AB**.

[3]

Teken die Vryliggaamskets vir ankerpaal **AB**.



1[b] Write the force in the cable in Cartesian format.

[2]

Skryf die krag in die kabel in Cartesiese vorm.

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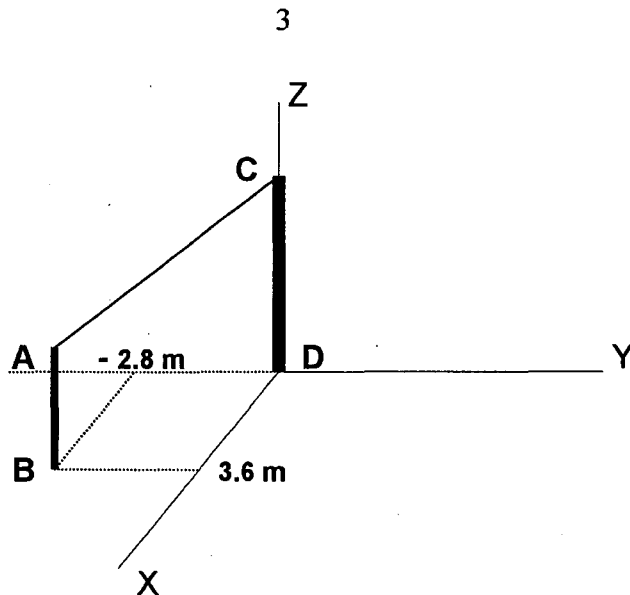
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1[c] Assume that the force in cable CA is given by  $(25 ; -19 ; -12)$  kN. [3]  
 Calculate the moment about B [in Cartesian format] as a result of the force in the cable.

Aanvaar die krag in kabel CA word gegee deur  $(25 ; -19 ; -12)$  kN  
 Bereken die moment [in Cartesiese formaat] wat die krag in die kabel om B veroorsaak.

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1[d] Calculate the magnitude of the component of this moment about BD. [4]  
 Bereken die grootte van die komponent van hierdie moment om BD.

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## QUESTION 3 / VRAAG 3

[12]

The figure shows a triangular concrete slab [CABHK] to be erected at a memorial site. The base of the slab [AC] is 3.4 metres long and the length of the slab [JB] is 8.4 metres.

The slab is supported by three cables NC; NA and NB at it's corners and hangs horizontal.

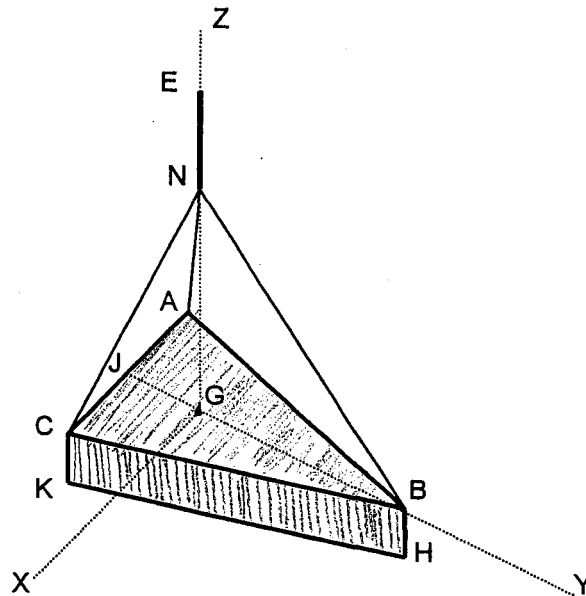
G is the centroid of triangle CAB, G is also the origin of the axis system and G is 3 metres lower than point N.

Die figuur toon 'n driehoekige betonblad [CABHK] wat by 'n erfenisterrein opgerig gaan word.

Die basis van die blad [AC] is 3.4 meter lank en die lengte van die blad [JB] is 8.4 meter.

Die blad word ondersteun deur drie kables NC; NA en NB by die hoeke en die blad hang horisontaal.

G is die sentroïde van driehoek CAB, G is ook die oorsprong van die assestelsel en G is 3 meter laer as punt N.

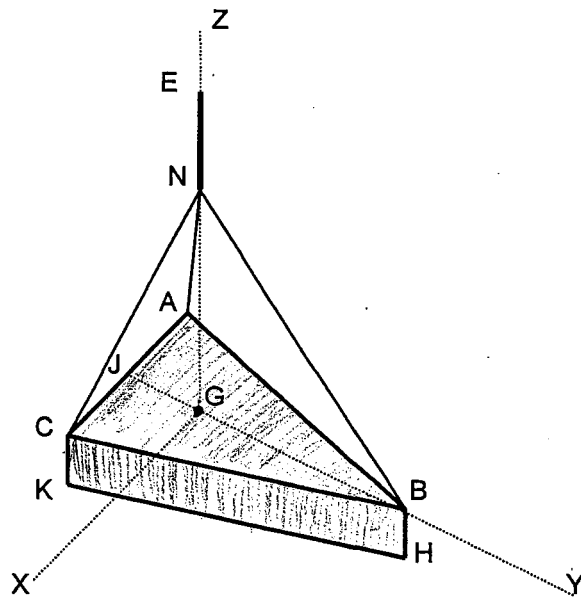


If the maximum force that can safely be negotiated by any one of the three cables NC; NA or NB is 61.4 kN and if the density of concrete is  $2\,400\text{ kg/m}^3$ , calculate the thickness of the slab [BH or CK] in mm.

Indien die maksimum krag wat veilig deur enige een van die drie kables NC; NA of NB hanteer kan word 61.4 kN is en die digtheid van beton  $2\,400\text{ kg/m}^3$  is, bereken die bladdikte [BH of CK] in mm.

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Spasie vir berekeninge op die volgende bladsy]



## QUESTION 4 / VRAAG 4

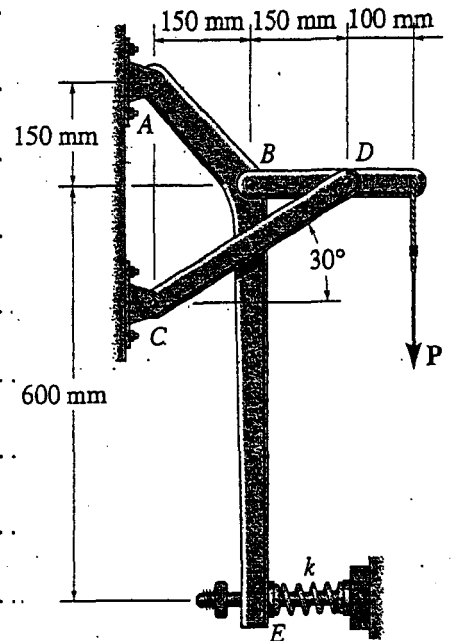
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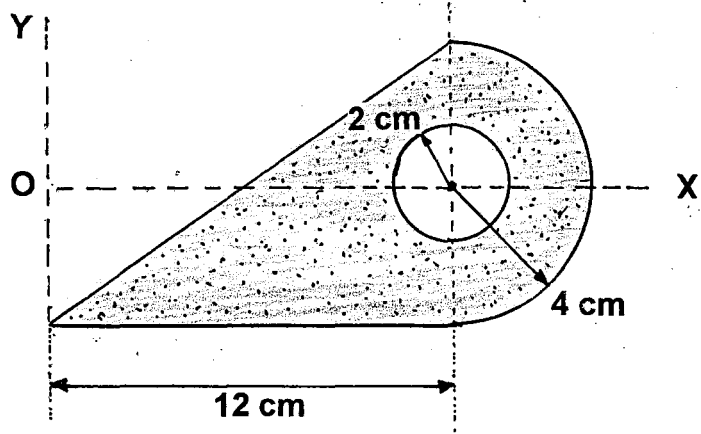
A force  $P = 200 \text{ N}$  is applied to the cable.

Determine the compression of the spring at E if the spring stiffness  $k = 10 \text{ kN/m}$ .

'n Trekkrag  $P = 200 \text{ N}$  word op die kabel toegepas.

Bepaal die samedrukking van die veer by E indien die veerstyfheid  $k = 10 \text{ kN/m}$ .





**5[a] Determine the x-coordinate of the centroid of the given thin flat metal sheet. [3]**

Bepaal die x-koördinaat van die sentroïde van die gegewe dun metaalplaat.

[illegible]

**5[a]** Determine the Moment of Inertia [ $I_Y$ ] of the given thin flat metal sheet about the y-axis. **[5]**

Bepaal die Traagheidsmoment  $[I_y]$  van die gegewe dun metaalplaat om die y-as.

[illegible]



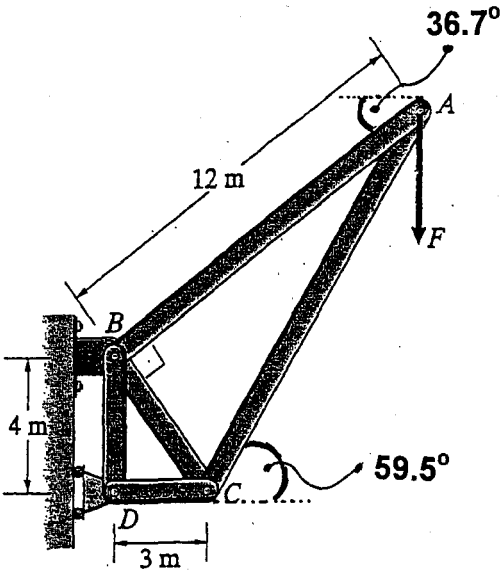


TABLE / TABEL 1

Zero force members  
Nul-krag stange


TABLE / TABEL 2

Member Stang	Force Krag	Nature [ C or T ] Aard [ C of T ]
LM	1.2F	C
AB		
BD		
DC		
BC		
CA		

6[a] Determine the zero force members [if any] in the given truss and note your answer in table 1. [2]

Bepaal die nul-krag stange [indien enige] in die gegewe vakwerk en noteer u antwoord in tabel 1.

6[b] Determine the force in terms of F as well as the nature [tension (T) or compression (C)] in each member of the given truss and note your answer similar to the example in line 1 of table 2. [6]

Bepaal die krag in terme van F asook die aard [trek (T) of druk (C)] in elk van die stange van die gegewe vakwerk en gee u antwoord ooreenkomstig die voorbeeld in lyn 1 van tabel 2.

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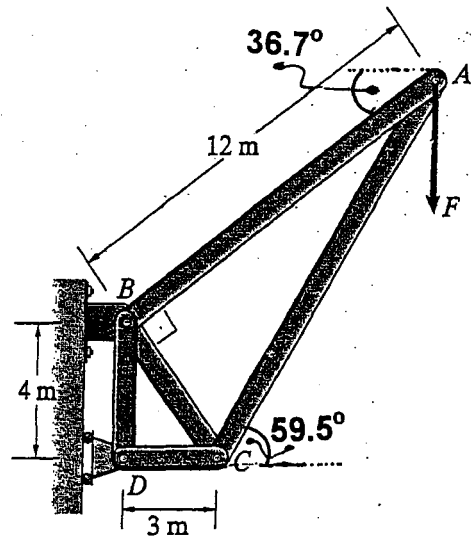
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**6[c]** Calculate the maximum value of **F** if the allowable compression in the members is 20 kN and if the allowable tension in the members is 30 kN.

**[4]**

Bepaal de maksimum waarde van  $F$  indien de toelaatbare drukkrag in die struktuurdele 20 kN is en die toelaatbare trekkrag in die struktuurdele 30 kN is.

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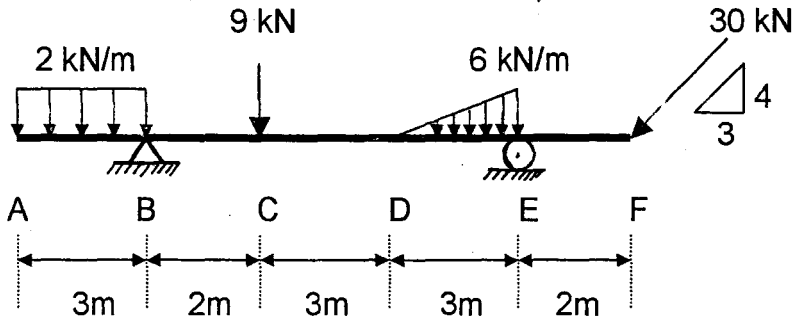
## QUESTION 7 / VRAAG 7

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7[a] Calculate the reactions of the given beam

Bereken die reaksies van die getoonde balk.

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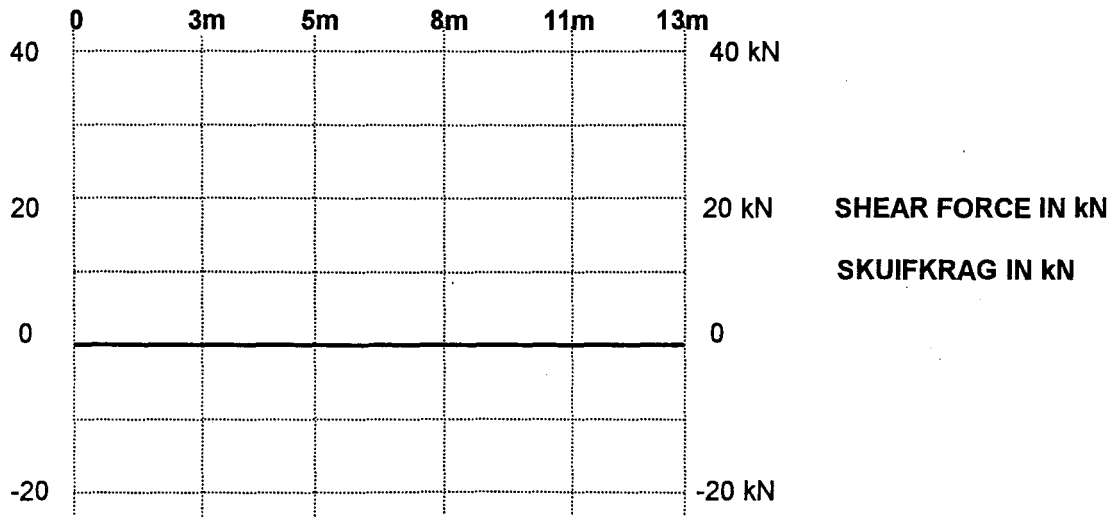
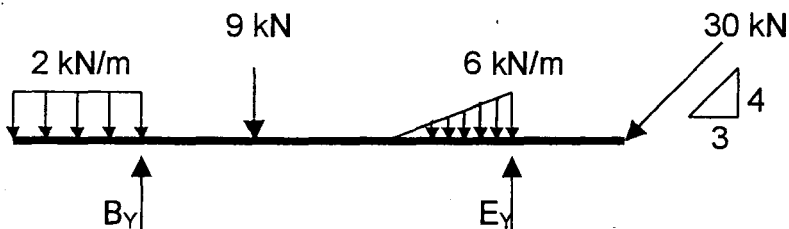
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7[b] Draw the shearforce diagram for the given beam.

Teken die skuifkragediagram vir die getoonde balk.

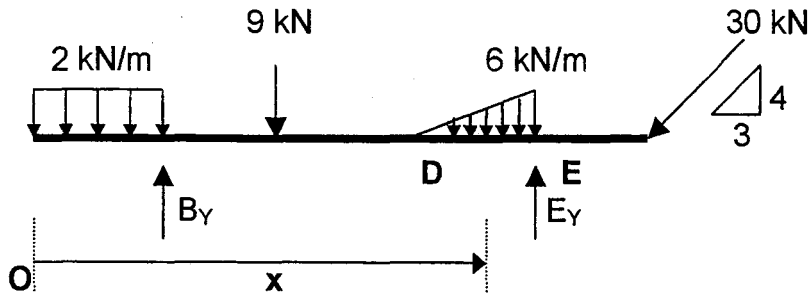
[4]



**7[c]** Develop an equation in [terms of  $x$ ] that gives the Bending Moment in the region DE of the beam.

[4]

Ontwikkel 'n vergelyking [in terme van  $x$ ] wat die Buigmoment in gebied DE weergee.



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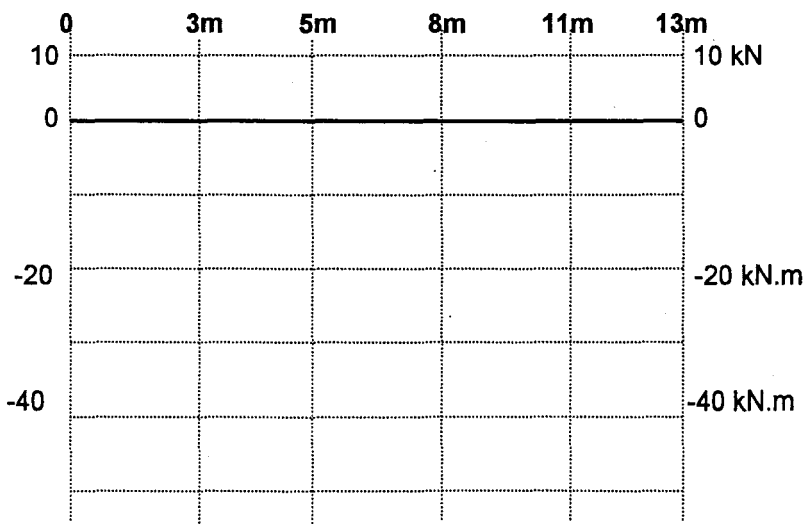
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**7[d]** Draw the bending moment diagram for the given beam.

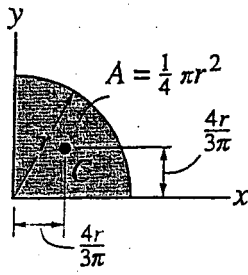
[6]

Teken die buigmomentdiagram vir die gegewe balk.



BUIGMOMENT IN kN.m  
BENDING MOMENT IN kN.m

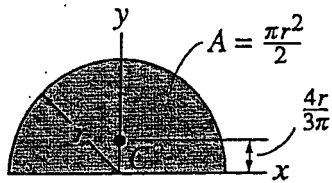
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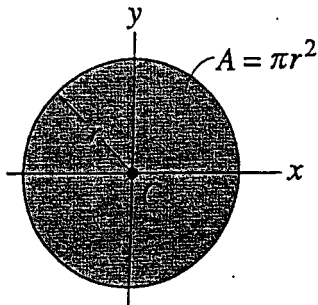
Quarter circle area



$$I_x = \frac{1}{8} \pi r^4$$

$$I_y = \frac{1}{8} \pi r^4$$

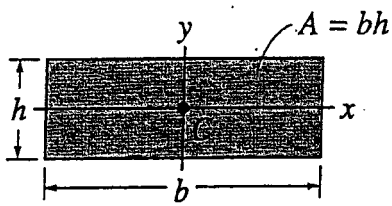
Semicircular area



$$I_x = \frac{1}{4} \pi r^4$$

$$I_y = \frac{1}{4} \pi r^4$$

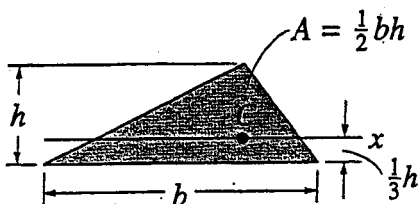
Circular area



$$I_x = \frac{1}{12} b h^3$$

$$I_y = \frac{1}{12} h b^3$$

Rectangular area



$$I_x = \frac{1}{36} b h^3$$

Triangular area