

III B.Tech II Semester Examinations, December 2010
GEOTECHNICAL ENGINEERING
Civil Engineering

Time: 3 hours

Max Marks: 80

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