Question_1. A concrete pavement to be constructed in Russia will be exposed to significant freeze-thaw effect (XF4) and chloride migration (XD3). Please determine the required material quantities for 1 m^3 of concrete production according to the exposure classes specified in TS EN 206 (see Table 1), considering the moisture content of the aggregates. It is assumed that 4% air content will be obtained as a result of the use of 0.1% air entraining admixture. The solid content of the air-entraining admixture is 30%.

Both the physical properties and the mix proportions of the aggregates are given in Table 2.

Table 1. Recommended limiting values for composition and properties of concrete

	Exposure classes																	
	No risk of corrosion or attack	Carbonation-induced corrosion				Chloride-induced corrosion						Freeze/thaw attack				Aggressive chemical environments		
						Sea water			Chloride other than from sea water									
	X0	XC 1	XC 2	XC 3	XC 4	XS 1	XS 2	XS 3	XD 1	XD 2	XD 3	XF 1	XF 2	XF 3	XF 4	XA 1	XA 2	XA 3
Maximum w/c^c	–	0,65	0,60	0,55	0,50	0,50	0,45	0,45	0,55	0,55	0,45	0,55	0,55	0,50	0,45	0,55	0,50	0,45
Minimum strength class	C12/15	C20/25	C25/30	C30/37	C30/37	C30/37	C35/45	C35/45	C30/37	C30/37	C35/45	C30/37	C25/30	C30/37	C30/37	C30/37	C30/37	C35/45
Minimum cement content^c (kg/m^3)	–	260	280	280	300	300	320	340	300	300	320	300	300	320	340	300	320	360
Minimum air content (%)	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4,0[a]	4,0[a]	4,0[a]	–	–	–
Other requirements	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	Aggregate in accordance with EN 12620 with sufficient freeze/thaw resistance				–	Sulfate-resisting cement[b]	

[a] Where the concrete is not air entrained, the performance of concrete should be tested according to an appropriate test method in comparison with a concrete for which freeze/thaw resistance for the relevant exposure class is proven.

[b] Where sulfate in the environment leads to exposure classes XA2 and XA3, it is essential to use sulfate-resisting cement conforming to EN 197-1 or complementary national standards.

[c] Where the *k*-value concept is applied the maximum *w/c* ratio and the minimum cement content are modified in accordance with 5.2.5.2.

Table 2. The properties of mix constituents

Materials	Specific Gravity (γ, kg/dm^3)	Ratio in the Mix (%)	Water Absorption (A_w, %)	Moisture Content (M, %)
Fine aggregate	2.65	45	1.5	3.5
Coarse aggregate 1	2.80	25	1.9	1.6
Coarse aggregate 2	2.80	30	0.5	0.5
Cement: CEM I 42.5 R	3.15			
Air-entraining admixture	1.04			

Question_2. The concrete design of the fuel tank of a nuclear facility to be built by the sea will be made. In the preliminary studies, it was determined that the concrete would be exposed to harmful chemical effects resulting from the ground water and tidal effects from sea water. The chemical analysis results of the ground water to which concrete is expected to be exposed are given in Table 3. Accordingly, indicate the exposure classes and the design parameters/limits (see Table 1, 4 & 5) that must be considered during the concrete production.

Table 3. The chemical analysis results of the ground water

SO_4^{2-} (mg/l)	700
pH	6.0
CO_2 (mg/l)	30
NH_4^+ (mg/l)	35
Mg^{2+} (mg/l)	400

Table 4. Exposure classes (TS EN 206)

Class designation	Description of the environment	Informative examples where exposure classes may occur
1 No risk of corrosion or attack		
X0	For concrete without reinforcement or embedded metal: All exposures except where there is freeze/thaw, abrasion or chemical attack. For concrete with reinforcement or embedded metal: Very dry	Concrete inside buildings with very low air humidity
2 Corrosion induced by carbonation		
Where concrete containing reinforcement or other embedded metal is exposed to air and moisture, the exposure shall be classified as follows:		
XC1	Dry or permanently wet	Concrete inside buildings with low air humidity; Concrete permanently submerged in water
XC2	Wet, rarely dry	Concrete surfaces subject to long-term water contact; Many foundations
XC3	Moderate humidity	Concrete inside buildings with moderate or high air humidity; External concrete sheltered from rain
XC4	Cyclic wet and dry	Concrete surfaces subject to water contact, not within exposure class XC2
3 Corrosion induced by chlorides other than from sea water		
Where concrete containing reinforcement or other embedded metal is subject to contact with water containing chlorides, including de-icing salts, from sources other than from sea water, the exposure shall be classified as follows:		
XD1	Moderate humidity	Concrete surfaces exposed to airborne chlorides
XD2	Wet, rarely dry	Swimming pools; Concrete exposed to industrial waters containing chlorides
XD3	Cyclic wet and dry	Parts of bridges exposed to spray containing chlorides. Pavements, Car park slabs

Class designation	Description of the environment	Informative examples where exposure classes may occur
4 Corrosion induced by chlorides from sea water		
Where concrete containing reinforcement or other embedded metal is subject to contact with chlorides from sea water or air carrying salt originating from sea water, the exposure shall be classified as follows:		
XS1	Exposed to airborne salt but not in direct contact with sea water	Structures near to or on the coast
XS2	Permanently submerged	Parts of marine structures
XS3	Tidal, splash and spray zones	Parts of marine structures
5 Freeze/thaw attack with or without de-icing agents		
Where concrete is exposed to significant attack by freeze/thaw cycles whilst wet, the exposure shall be classified as follows:		
XF1	Moderate water saturation, without de-icing agent	Vertical concrete surfaces exposed to rain and freezing
XF2	Moderate water saturation, with de-icing agent	Vertical concrete surfaces of road structures exposed to freezing and airborne de-icing agents
XF3	High water saturation, without de-icing agent	Horizontal concrete surfaces exposed to rain and freezing
XF4	High water saturation, with de-icing agent or sea water	Road and bridge decks exposed to de-icing agents; Concrete surfaces exposed to direct spray containing de-icing agents and freezing Splash zones of marine structures exposed to freezing
6 Chemical attack		
Where concrete is exposed to chemical attack from natural soils and ground water, the exposure shall be classified as follows:		
XA1	Slightly aggressive chemical environment	Concrete exposed to natural soil and ground water according to Table 2
XA2	Moderately aggressive chemical environment	Concrete exposed to natural soil and ground water according to Table 2
XA3	Highly aggressive chemical environment	Concrete exposed to natural soil and ground water according to Table 2

Table 5. Limiting values for exposure classes for chemical attack from natural soil and ground water (TS EN 206)

Chemical characteristic	Reference test method	XA1	XA2	XA3
Ground water				
SO_4^{2-} mg/l	EN 196-2	≥ 200 and ≤ 600	> 600 and ≤ 3 000	> 3 000 and ≤ 6 000
pH	ISO 4316	≤ 6,5 and ≥ 5,5	< 5,5 and ≥ 4,5	< 4,5 and ≥ 4,0
CO_2 mg/l aggressive	EN 13577	≥ 15 and ≤ 40	> 40 and ≤ 100	> 100 up to saturation
NH_4^+ mg/l	ISO 7150-1	≥ 15 and ≤ 30	> 30 and ≤ 60	> 60 and ≤ 100
Mg^{2+} mg/l	EN ISO 7980	≥ 300 and ≤ 1 000	> 1 000 and ≤ 3 000	> 3 000 up to saturation
Soil				
SO_4^{2-} mg/kg[a] total	EN 196-2[b]	≥ 2 000 and ≤ 3 000[c]	> 3 000[c] and ≤ 12 000	> 12 000 and ≤ 24 000
Acidity according to Baumann Gully ml/kg	prEN 16502	> 200	Not encountered in practice	

[a] Clay soils with a permeability below 10^{-5} m/s may be moved into a lower class.

[b] The test method prescribes the extraction of SO_4^{2-} by hydrochloric acid; alternatively, water extraction may be used, if experience is available in the place of use of the concrete.

[c] The 3 000 mg/kg limit shall be reduced to 2 000 mg/kg, where there is a risk of accumulation of sulfate ions in the concrete due to drying and wetting cycles or capillary suction.