

5-3. A shear force  $V \sim N(35, 3^2)$  kN is applied to a wide-flange beam with the cross section as shown. If the allowable shear stress on the web at  $A$  is  $\tau_a \sim N(4, 0.5^2)$  MPa, determine the probability of failure of the beam. Assume that  $\tau_a$  and  $V$  are independent.

(Ans.  $p_f = 2.03 \times 10^{-6}$ )

