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Geology (Paper I)

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## GEOLOGY

### Paper – I

Time Allowed : Three Hours

Maximum Marks : 200

#### Question Paper Specific Instructions

*Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions :*

*There are **ELEVEN** questions divided under **SIX** sections.*

*Candidate has to attempt **SIX** questions in all. The **ONLY** question in Section A is **compulsory**. Out of the remaining **TEN** questions, the candidate has to attempt **FIVE**, choosing **ONE** from each of the other Sections B, C, D, E and F.*

*The number of marks carried by a question / part is indicated against it.*

*Symbols, abbreviations and notations have their usual standard meanings.*

*Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly.*

*Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.*

*Answers must be written in **ENGLISH** only.*

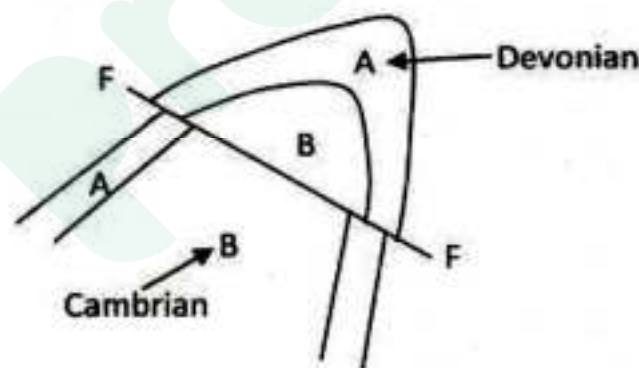
*Neat sketches are to be drawn to illustrate answers, wherever required.*

*Wherever required, graphs/tables are to be drawn on the Question-cum-Answer Booklet itself.*

**SECTION A**  
**(Compulsory Section)**

**Q1. Answer and/or describe the following in brief with diagrams wherever necessary : 5×10=50**

- (a) Differentiate between raster and vector data. Discuss their utility in Geology. 5
- (b) Discuss the formation of four different types of sand dunes with relation to sand supply, vegetation and wind. 5
- (c) Differentiate between glacial deposits and fluvial deposits. Discuss three examples each of glacial depositional landforms and fluvial depositional landforms. 5
- (d) In a toposheet 45 D-11 (1 : 50,000 scale) the distance between two places is 10 cm. What is the actual distance on ground ? What are the other toposheets that occur to N, S, E, W of the above number toposheet ? Show in a diagram. 5
- (e) In a horizontal topography, two beds A and B are involved in deformation. Describe the details about the structure and sequence of their development. 5



- (f) Discuss the seismic character of convergent plate boundaries with suitable example. 5
- (g) Karewa Group 5
- (h) Geological Time Scale 5
- (i) Biocoenose and thanatocoenose fossil assemblages 5
- (j) Ecology of diatoms 5

## SECTION B

(Attempt any one question)

- Q2.** (a) Define 'resolution'. Discuss the different types of resolutions in satellite remote sensing. Can we have all the resolutions very high/fine in a particular satellite data ? What is resolution trade-off ? Discuss the spatial and temporal resolutions suitable/optimum for geological study, climatic study and geological hazard study. 15
- (b) Write short notes on the following : 15
- (i) Shutter Ridges
  - (ii) Fault-line Scarp
  - (iii) Horst and Graben
  - (iv) Triangular Facet
  - (v) Pull-apart Basin
- Q3.** (a) Discuss the image elements and geotechnical elements for visual classification of satellite images. 10
- (b) Discuss the difference among multispectral, hyperspectral and thermal images and their advantages. Give one example each of these three types of satellite images. 10
- (c) What is a glacier and where does it form ? Discuss how glaciers move. Describe four pre-glacial landforms and four post-glacial landforms. 10

## SECTION C

(Attempt any one question)

- Q4.** (a) Write about the buckling mechanism of folding. How does it explain the association of folds of different wavelength and amplitude ? 15
- (b) Draw 3D diagrams for normal, thrust and strike slip faults and show the orientation of  $\sigma_1$ ,  $\sigma_2$  and  $\sigma_3$  responsible for generation of faults. 15
- Q5.** (a) In a progressive deformation, write the significance of slaty cleavage, crenulation cleavage, boudinaged fold and folded boudin. 10
- (b) Write about the different forms of salt diapirs and the structures associated with these. 10
- (c) In a stereoplot, the poles of axial plane schistosity of  $F_1$  folds lie on a girdle. When the  $F_1$  fold axes are plotted in the same diagram, they lie very close to the pole of the girdle. Show the plot and interpret the structure. 10

**SECTION D**  
**(Attempt any one question)**

- Q6.** (a) Write short notes on the following : 15
- (i) Accretionary Prism
  - (ii) Back-arc Basin
  - (iii) Blueschist Facies Rocks
- (b) Define a rift zone. Distinguish between active and passive rifts. Describe the structure and typical rock associations of a continental rift zone. 15
- Q7.** (a) What is a collisional orogeny ? Discuss the structural and lithological characters of a collisional orogenic belt. 10
- (b) Discuss the structure of a 'divergent plate boundary'. What are the main geochemical signatures of basalts associated with mid-oceanic ridges ? 10
- (c) Compare and contrast the following : 10
- (i) Lithosphere and Asthenosphere
  - (ii) Subduction and Obduction

## SECTION E

(Attempt any one question)

- Q8.** (a) Outline the palaeogeography of India near the Precambrian/Cambrian boundary. 15
- (b) Discuss the salient events of the fragmentation of the Gondwanaland during the Permian-Cretaceous interval. 15
- Q9.** Write brief notes on the following :
- (a) India-Asia collision and the rise of the Himalayas 10
- (b) Maximum Flooding Surface (MFS) in sequence stratigraphy 10
- (c) Radiometric dating of rocks 10

**SECTION F**  
**(Attempt any one question)**

- Q10.** (a) Describe the bathymetric distribution of organisms. 15  
(b) Throw light in brief on the evolution of vertebrate life through the ages. 15
- Q11.** (a) Describe oculo-genital rings of echinoids. 10  
(b) Differentiate between the Pelecypoda and Brachiopoda. 10  
(c) Explain macroevolution with examples. 10

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