

Time: 3 hours

Full Marks: 300

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks.

Candidates should attempt Q. No. 1 from Section – A and Q. No. 5 from Section – B which are compulsory and any three of the remaining questions, selecting at least one from each Section.

## SECTION - A

- Answer any three of the following in about 200
   words each: 20×3 = 60
  - (a) Discuss the powder method of X-ray diffraction. How Bragg's law is applicable in the identification of minerals?
  - (b) Explain the elements of symmetry and forms present in the normal class of Isometric system.

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- (c) Name the alumino-silicate minerals that result from the partial substitution of aluminum for silicon in the tectosilicate framework. Having identified the group, mention the classification of common minerals put under this class.
- (d) Write a note on physical and optical properties, chemical composition of clay minerals. Mention the common method used for the identification of clay minerals.
- (a) Elaborate texture of igneous rocks. Outline the petrogenetic significance of each textural type. Illustrate your answer with representative diagrams.
  - (b) Why certain types of minerals tend to be found together while others are almost never associated with one another-discuss the observation in terms of Bowen's reaction series? In which year Prof. N.L. Bowen published his book, 'The Evolution of the Igneous Rocks'? 8+20+2 = 30

- 3. (a) What is metamorphism? Mention the processes of the development of metamorphic minerals and the factors controlling grain size of metamorphic rocks.
  5+15+10 = 30
  - (b) Discuss the petrography and petrogenesis of I-or S-type granite.
- 4. (a) Give a comprehensive summary of Deccan Basalt. 30
  - (b) Name a few heavy minerals that occur in sandstones. Add a note on the applications of heavy minerals. 10+20 = 30

## SECTION - B

- 5. Answer any **three** of the following in about **200** words each : 20×3 = 60
  - (a) Give an account of the processes of formation of magmatic deposits.
  - (b) What are the controlling mechanisms of ore localization? How structural control helps entrapment of hydrocarbon?
  - (c) Write about the geology and mineralization of Khetri copper deposits.

- (d) Importance of conservation and utilization of mineral resources. Give suitable examples.
- (a) Give an account of beach placer deposits of India, their distribution and mineralogical variation.
  - (b) Mention the sequence of geophysical methods for hydrocarbon exploration.

15+15 = 30

- 7. (a) What are the factors responsible for the occurrence of earthquake? How important is the zonations in predicting seismic vulnerability?

  25+5 = 30
  - (b) Write a note on the method of geobotanical survey for mineral exploration. Give suitable examples.
     15+15 = 30
- (a) Distinguish between opencast and underground mining methods. Discuss about the iron mining method of India. 15+15 = 30
  - (b) Why active volcanoes are confined to the subduction zones? What is Pacific ring of fire and what is its significance?

