Time Allotted: 2 Hours



UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.Sc. Honours 1st Semester Examination, 2021

CC1-GEOLOGY

EARTH SYSTEM SCIENCE

Full Marks: 40

The figures in the margin indicate full marks. 1. Answer any *five* questions of the following: $1 \times 5 = 5$ (a) Differentiate absolute and relative dating of geological events. (b) Mention the age of the oldest dated rock. (c) What is super-continent cycles? (d) Explain absolute zero. (e) Differentiate P-wave from S-wave of earthquake. (f) Explain epicenter and focus of an earthquake. (g) What is dwarf planet? (h) What is Island arc? 2. $5 \times 3 = 15$ Answer any *three* questions from the following: (a) Describe the process of locating epicenter of earthquake from seismograph data. 5 (b) ⁸⁷Sr / ⁸⁶Sr values increase with regression — Explain. 5 (c) What are the major types of spheres of the earth? How they interact to each 5 other? 5 (d) Explain the violent and mild eruption of volcanos. (e) What is Continental drift theory and state its supporting evidences. 3. Answer any *two* questions from the following: $10 \times 2 = 20$ (a) With the help of a suitable diagram, describe the internal structure of the Earth and its seismic discontinuities. 5+5 (b) Compare the inner planet and outer planet on the basis of size, composition and angular momentum. Discuss any conventional theory of solar system formation with proper sketches. (c) Discuss about the role of Argon isotopes for knowing atmospheric composition 5+5 through time. Explain the concentration of Oxygen peak at around 300 ma. (d) Differentiate glacio-eustasy from tectono-eustasy. Discuss the role of 5+5hydrothermal vent in the origin of life.

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