

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH BENGAL

B.Sc. Honours 6th Semester Examination, 2022

## **DSE-P4-GEOLOGY**

## PHYSICS AND CHEMISTRY OF EARTH

Time Allotted: 2 Hours Fu			ull Marks: 40
		The figures in the margin indicate full marks.	
1.		Answer any <i>five</i> questions from the following:	$1 \times 5 = 5$
	(a)	Mid-ocean ridges	
	(b)	Slab pull	
	(c)	Conrad hiscontinuity	
	(d)	Hotspot	
	(e)	Stable isotopes	
	(f)	Urey's effect	
	(g)	Sublithospheric mantle	
	(h)	Polarity reversal.	
2.		Answer any <i>three</i> questions from the following:	$5 \times 3 = 15$
	(a)	Define Isostasy. Explain free-air anomaly and Bouguer anomaly.	1+2+2
	(b)	What are the advantages of the potassium-argon dating (K-Ar method) for dating? What is the limitation of the K-Ar method for dating?	3+2
	(c)	What is Shadow zone? Does it give any idea about the internal configuration of the earth?	1+4
	(d)	Write a note on abundance of elements in the solar system.	
	(e)	How are hot spots related to plate tectonics?	
3.		Answer any <i>two</i> questions from the following:	$10 \times 2 = 20$
	(a)	What is Paleomagnetism? What is blocking temperature? How does Paleomagnetism and seafloor spreading help to explain plate tectonics?	2+2+6
	(b)	What caused continental drift? What are the evidences of continental drift?	4+6
	(c)	What is Tonalite-trondhjemite-granodiorite (TTG)? How does the TTG form? Define the sanukitoids and komatiite rocks.	2+4+2+2
	(d)	What do you mean by whole rock isochron? Why is zircon used for radiometric dating? What are the advantage and disadvantage of the Samarium-neodymium (Sm/Nd) method for dating?	

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