PGQP20 -- Syllabus for CUCETT

Section – A


Structural Geology:  Introduction to Structural Geology; contours, topographic and geological maps; Elementary idea of bed, dip and strike; Outcrop, effects of various structures on outcrop. Clinometer/Brunton compass and its use. Elementary idea of types of deformation; Folds: nomenclature and types of folds. Faults: nomenclature, geometrical and genetic classifications, normal, thrust and slip faults. Definition, kinds and significance of joints and unconformity.

Hydrology:  Definition of hydrogeology,


Tectonics and its Associated Features. 4. Fluvial Cycle of Erosion – Davis and Penck. 5. Hydrosphere – Hydrological Cycle, Ocean Bottom Relief Features, Tides and Current

**Fundamentals of Remote sensing & GIS:** Remote sensing systems; remote sensing sensors; signatures of rocks, minerals and soils. Application of remote sensing in geoscience and geomorphological studies. Types of Indian and Foreign Remote Sensing Satellites, Digital image processing; fundamental steps in image processing; elements of pattern recognition and image classification. Introduction to Geographic Information System (GIS); components of GIS; product generation in GIS; tools for map analysis; integration of GIS with remote sensing.

**Section-B**

**Crystallography:** Crystals and their characters, form, face, edge, solid angle; Interfacial angle and their measurements; Crystallographic axes and angles. Crystal parameters, Weiss and Miller system of notations. Symmetry elements and description of normal class of Isometric, Tetragonal, Hexagonal, Trigonal, Orthorhombic, Monoclinic and Triclinic systems.

**Mineralogy:** Introduction to Mineralogy, Definition and characters of mineral. Physical properties of minerals. Chemical composition and diagnostic physical properties of minerals such as: Quartz, Orthoclase, Microcline, Hypersthene, Hornblende, Garnet, Muscovite, Biotite, Chlorite, Olivine, Epidote, Calcite. Polarizing microscope, its parts and functioning; Ordinary and polarized lights; Common optical properties observed under ordinary, polarized lights and crossed nics. Optical properties of some common rock forming minerals (Quartz, Orthoclase, Microcline, Olivine, Augite, Hornblende, Muscovite, Biotite, Garnet, Calcite).

**Geochemistry:** Introduction to geochemistry; basic knowledge about crystal chemistry. Types of chemical bonds, coordination number; Colloids in geological systems, ion exchanges and geological evidence for earlier colloids. Elementary idea of Periodic Table: Cosmic abundance of elements; Composition of the planets and meteorites; Geochemical evolution of the earth and geochemical cycles. Gold Schmidt's geochemical classification of elements; Distribution of major, minor and trace elements in igneous, metamorphic and sedimentary rocks. Elements of geochemical thermodynamics; Isomorphism and polymorphism.

**Petrology:** **Igneous Petrology:** Magma: definition, composition, types and origin; Forms of igneous rocks; textures of igneous rocks. Reaction principle; Differentiation and Assimilation; Crystallization of unicomponent and bicomponent (mix-crystals) systems; Bowen’s reaction series. Mineralogical and chemical classification of igneous rocks. Detailed petrographic description of Granite, Granodiorite, Rhyolite, Syenite, Phonolite, Diorite, Gabbro. Processes of formation of sedimentary rocks; Classification, textures and structures of sedimentary rocks. Petrographic details of important siliciclastic and carbonate rocks such as - conglomerate, breccia, sandstone, greywacke, shale, limestones.
Process and products of metamorphism; Type of metamorphism. Factors, zones and grades of metamorphism. Textures and structures of metamorphic rocks. Classification of metamorphic rocks. Petrographic details of some important metamorphic rocks such as - slate, schists, gneiss, quartzite, marble.

**Economic Geology:** Concept of ore and ore deposits, ore minerals and gangue minerals; Tenor of ores; Metallic and non-metallic ore minerals; Strategic, Critical and essential minerals. Processes of formation of ore deposits; Magmatic, contact metasomatic, hydrothermal, sedimentation. Study of important metallic (Cu, Pb, Zn Mn, Fe, Au, Al) and non-metallic (industrial) minerals (gypsum, magnesite, mica). Distribution of coal and petroleum in India.

**Mineral exploration:** Elementary idea of geological, geochemical and geophysical prospecting. Elementary idea of mining and environmental considerations for mining.

**Stratigraphy:** Definition, Principle of stratigraphy; Geological Time Scale and stratigraphic classification; Physiographic division of India. Study of following Precambrian succession: Dharwar, Cuddapah, Vindhyan and Delhi Supergroups; Brief idea of Palaeozoic succession of northwestern Himalaya; Triassic of Spiti; Mesozoic type succession of Kutch and Rajasthan; Cretaceous of Tiruchirapalli. Study of following type localities: Gondwana and Deccan Trap. Palaeogene-Neogene sequences of northwest Himalaya and Assam.

**Palaeontology:** Definition, Fossils: definition, characters, binomial nomenclature in taxonomy, mode of preservation, condition of fossilization and significance of fossils. Morphology and geological distribution of brachiopods, pelecypods, cephalopods. Morphology and geological distribution of trilobite, echinoidea. Evolutionary history of horse. Morphology, distribution and significance of Gondwana flora

**Human Geography**


**General Cartography**

Representation of Data – Symbols, Dots, Choropleth, Isopleth and Flow Diagrams, Interpretation of Thematic Maps.

Environmental Geography:

Concepts and Approaches; Ecosystem – Concept and Structure; Ecosystem Functions. 2. Human-Environment Relationship in Equatorial, Desert, Mountain and Coastal Regions. 1. Environmental Problems and Management: Air Pollution; Biodiversity Loss; Solid and Liquid Waste. 2. Environmental Programmes and Policies: Developed Countries; Developing Countries. 3. New Environmental Policy of India; Government Initiatives.

Geography of India


Economic Geography


Disaster Management


Geography of Tourism

1. Concepts, Nature and Scope; Inter-Relationships of Tourism, Recreation and Leisure; Geographical Parameters of Tourism by Robinson. 2. Type of Tourism: Nature Tourism, Cultural Tourism, Medical Tourism, Pilgrimage 3. Recent Trends of Tourism: International and
Regional; Domestic (India); EcoTourism, Sustainable Tourism, Meetings, Incentives, Conventions and Exhibitions (MICE) 4. Impact of Tourism: Economy; Environment; Society 5. Tourism in India: Tourism Infrastructure; Case Studies of Himalaya, Desert and Coastal and Heritage; National Tourism Policy

**Sustainability and Development**

1. Sustainability: Definition, Components and Sustainability for Development.
2. The Millennium Development Goals: National Strategies and International Experiences
3. Sustainable Development: Need and examples from different Ecosystems.
4. Inclusive Development: Education, Health; Climate Change: The role of higher education in sustainability; The human right to health; Poverty and disease; Sustainable Livelihood Model; Policies and Global Cooperation for Climate Change
5. Sustainable Development Policies and Programmes: Rio+20; Goal-Based Development; Financing for Sustainable Development; Principles of Good Governance; National Environmental Policy, CDM.