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M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, OCTOBER/NOVEMBER 2019

THIRD SEMESTER

Geology

Paper IV — GEOCHEMISTRY

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

(No additional sheet will be supplied)

PART A — (5 × 3 = 15 marks)

Answer any FIVE questions.

Each question carries 3 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 1 page.

1. Mineralogy of meteorites.
2. Composition of atmosphere.
3. Electro negativity.
4. Lattice energy of crystals.
5. Stable isotopes.
6. Decay scheme of U-Pb.
7. Pathfinders elements.
8. Threshold valves.

PART B — (4 × 15 = 60 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

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Each question carries 15 marks.

Each answer should not exceed 6 pages.

9. Describe the geochemical classification of elements.

Or

10. What is hydrosphere? Give a detailed account on the structure and physiochemical properties of water.
11. Write an essay on historical development of thermodynamics.

Or

12. Briefly explain a thorough understanding of the periodic table is basic to all aspects of Geochemistry.

13. What are stable Isotopes? Describe the carbon and sulphur isotopes add a note on its importance in the Geological studies.

Or

14. What is radioactivity? Write a detailed note on Rb-Sr and K-Ar Systematics.

15. Briefly explain the geochemical method for prospecting of petroleum and natural gas.

Or

16. Describe the primary and secondary dispersion of Halos sampling.

