

**GEO-PHYSICS**  
**Paper – I**

*Time Allowed : Three Hours*

*Maximum Marks : 200*

**Question Paper Specific Instructions**

*Please read each of the following instructions carefully before attempting questions :*

*There are **TEN** questions divided under **TWO** sections.*

*Candidate has to attempt **SIX** questions in all.*

*Questions No. 1 and 6 are **compulsory**.*

*Out of the remaining **EIGHT** questions, **FOUR** questions are to be attempted choosing **TWO** from each section.*

*The number of marks carried by a question / part is indicated against it.*

*Neat sketches may be drawn to illustrate answers, wherever required. These shall be drawn in the space provided for answering the question itself.*

*Unless otherwise mentioned, symbols and notations have their usual standard meanings.*

*Assume suitable data, if necessary, and indicate the same clearly.*

*Attempts of questions shall be counted in sequential order. Unless struck off, attempt of a question shall be counted even if attempted partly.*

*Any page or portion of the page left blank in the Question-cum-Answer Booklet must be clearly struck off.*

*Answers must be written in **ENGLISH** only.*

## SECTION A

- Q1.** (a) An earthquake causes an average of 2.5 m strike-slip displacement over an 80 km long, 23 km deep portion of a transform fault. Assuming that the rock along the fault has an average rupture strength of 175 kPa, estimate the seismic moment ( $M_0$ ) and moment magnitude ( $M_w$ ) of the earthquake. 10
- (b) Derive the expression for electric potential due to a point current source placed on the surface of a homogeneous medium. Explain with a neat sketch of current flow and equipotential lines. 10
- (c) Explain different sources of heat on the Earth's surface. Show the variation of heat flow with depth within the internal structure of the Earth. 10
- (d) Define Singular Value Decomposition (SVD). Verify the SVD problem for the given rectangular matrix :

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \quad \text{3+7}$$

- Q2.** (a) (i) Define Gauss divergence theorem and explain its significance.
- (ii) The region  $r \leq l$  in spherical coordinates has an electric field intensity

$$\bar{E} = \frac{\rho r}{3\epsilon} \bar{a}_r$$

where ' $l$ ' is the radius of the spherical volume and  $\bar{a}_r$  is the unit vector.

Prove the divergence theorem for the  $\bar{E}$  field. 5+5

- (b) Discuss ray theory for horizontally stratified earth and explain how to get velocity of fairly thick layers and series of thin layers. 10
- (c) Using Maxwell's equations, relating the electric and magnetic field vectors, derive the expression for skin depth associated with electromagnetic induction phenomenon. 10
- (Note : Consider the inducing magnetic field is of the form,  $H = H_0 e^{i\omega t}$ )

- Q3.** (a) Estimate the surface rupture length, rupture area and maximum surface displacements for earthquake of  $M_w = 6.0$ , assuming the earthquake has occurred along strike-slip fault. 10
- (b) (i) Define sensitivity matrix in inverse problems and describe the methodology to determine it.
- (ii) Explain the Benioff – Wadati zone with a neat sketch. In what type of tectonic setting is it observed? 5+5
- (c) Discuss the procedure for linearization of the non-linear problem in geophysical inverse theory. 10
- Q4.** (a) (i) A sinusoidal EM wave is propagating in free space with a period of  $2 \times 10^{-6}$  sec. Calculate the phase difference in electric fields at two points at distances of 1200 m and 1500 m from the source.
- (ii) An infinitely long conducting thick cylindrical shell of inner radius  $r_1$  and outer radius  $r_2$  has its axis along z-axis. z-axis carries a line charge density of  $\lambda$ /unit length. Find the electric field at points in 3 regions :
- (I)  $\rho < r_1$
- (II)  $r_1 < \rho < r_2$
- (III)  $\rho > r_2$
- where  $\rho$  is the distance of field point from z-axis. 5+5
- (b) Draw p-wave velocity, s-wave velocity and density variation with depth from the surface of the Earth with a neat sketch diagram. Explain major discontinuities with these physical parameters. 10
- (c) Which seismic phases are observed in shadow zones? Explain their travel path with appropriate diagram. 10
- Q5.** (a) When the transmitter (Tx) and receiver (Rx) placed on the surface of the Earth are separated by a large distance, show that the magnetic field measured at Rx is much smaller and weaker, compared to that at Tx. 10
- (b) Compute the p-wave and s-wave velocities of a material whose specific gravity is  $7.85 \times 10^3 \text{ kg/m}^3$  and Young's modulus is  $2.8 \times 10^5 \text{ MPa}$  and shear modulus is  $7.9 \times 10^4 \text{ MPa}$ . 10
- (c) (i) Define Königsberger's ratio (Q). Write the examples of the classification of rocks for  $Q \gg 1$  and  $Q \ll 1$ .
- (ii) Distinguish between absolute and relative gravity. Briefly explain the methodology of absolute gravity measurements. 5+5

**SECTION B**

**Q6.** (a) Show that the integral

$$\int_A^B P dx + Q dy,$$

where  $P = 3x^2y$ ,  $Q = x^3 + 1$ , is independent of path joining points A and B. Find the value of integral when A has coordinates (1, 2) and the point B is (4, 5). 10

(b) Use Simpson's rule to find the numerical value of  $\int_1^5 x^2 dx$  by taking  $\Delta x = 1$ . 10

- (c) (i) Write down the Maxwell's equation in the interior of a perfect waveguide. 4+6
- (ii) What are 'TE' wave, 'TM' wave and 'TEM' wave ?
- (d) (i) Briefly discuss  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  band in GPS communication system.
- (ii) Define C/A-code and P-code in GPS system. Make a comparison of C/A-code and P-code.
- (iii) Name India's first satellite launched for GPS communication. 3+6+1

**Q7.** (a) Use the method of contour integration in complex plane to show that

$$\int_0^{\infty} \frac{dx}{(x^2 + 1)(x^2 + 9)(x^2 + 16)} = \frac{\pi}{420}. \quad 10$$

(b) A dipole rotating with angular frequency  $\omega$  is given by

$$\vec{p} = p_0 [\hat{x} \cos \omega t + \hat{y} \sin \omega t]$$

$\hat{x}$ ,  $\hat{y}$  are unit vectors along the X and Y axes respectively. Find the potentials  $\vec{A}$ ,  $\phi$  due to the rotating dipole. You may use the following formula for dipole  $p_0$  along z-axis :

$$\phi(x, y, z, t) = \frac{-p_0 \omega}{4\pi \epsilon_0 c} \left( \frac{z}{x^2 + y^2 + z^2} \right) \sin[\omega(t - rk)]$$

$$A(x, y, z, t) = \frac{-\mu_0 \omega p_0}{4\pi r} \sin \left[ \omega \left( t - \frac{r}{c} \right) \right] \frac{z}{r} \quad 10$$

- (c) (i) Explain with diagram the height profile of atmosphere with respect to atmospheric density, pressure, velocity of sound and temperature.
- (ii) Find the transmitting range for an antenna of height 100 metres. 7+3

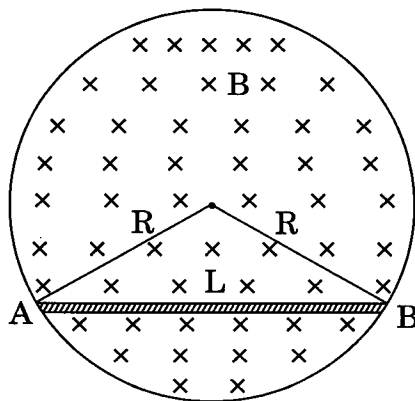
Q8. (a) Use Laplace transform to solve the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = \cos x \quad 10$$

- (b) Explain the laws of electromagnetic induction. A conducting rod of length  $L$  is kept in a magnetic field which fills a cylindrical volume of radius  $R$ . It is given that the magnetic field is uniform and is increasing with time

$$B = B_0 t$$

and points along the axis of cylinder. Find the potential difference between the ends of the rod. 10

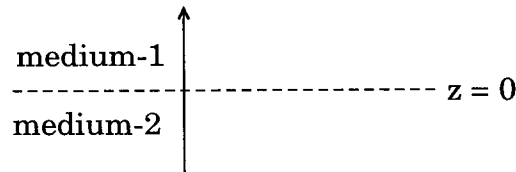


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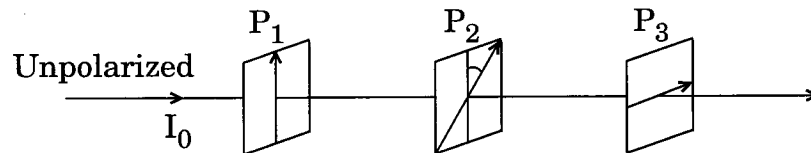
- (c) Consider the atmospheric pressure and temperature at sea level are  $P_0$  and  $T_0$  respectively. Assume that the temperature decreases uniformly with increase in height at a rate of  $\tau$  K/km. Derive the relationship for the height ' $z$ ' of a pressure surface  $P$ . 10
- (Note : Consider the air as ideal gas)

- Q9.** (a) Two infinitely extended homogeneous isotropic dielectric media (medium-1 and medium-2 with dielectric constant  $\frac{\epsilon_1}{\epsilon_0} = 2$  and  $\frac{\epsilon_2}{\epsilon_0} = 5$ , respectively) meet at the  $z = 0$  plane as shown in the figure. A uniform electric field is given by  $\vec{E}_1 = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 5\hat{k}$ . The interface separating the two media is charge free. Calculate the electric displacement vector in the medium-2.

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- (b) (i) What are the uses of a polaroid ?  
(ii) Consider three polarizers  $P_1$ ,  $P_2$  and  $P_3$  placed along an axis as shown in the figure.



The pass axes of  $P_1$  and  $P_3$  are at right angles to each other while the pass axis of  $P_2$  makes an angle  $\theta$  with that of  $P_1$ . A beam of unpolarized light of intensity  $I_0$  is incident on  $P_1$  as shown. Calculate the intensity of light emerging from  $P_3$ .

2+8

- (c) Find the Green's function  $G(x, x_0)$  satisfying the differential equation

$$\frac{d^2G(x, x_0)}{dx^2} = \delta(x - x_0)$$

and obeying the boundary conditions

$$G(-a, x_0) = 0; \quad G(a, x_0) = 0.$$

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- Q10.** (a) Starting from Maxwell's equations in free space, define scalar and vector potentials  $\phi(\vec{r}, t)$ ,  $\vec{A}(\vec{r}, t)$ . Show that  $\phi'(\vec{r}, t)$  and  $\vec{A}'(\vec{r}, t)$  related by

$$\phi'(\vec{r}, t) = \phi(\vec{r}, t) - \Lambda(\vec{r}, t)$$

$$\vec{A}'(\vec{r}, t) = \vec{A}(\vec{r}, t) + \nabla\Lambda(\vec{r}, t)$$

give rise to same fields as  $\phi$  and  $\vec{A}$ . Here  $\Lambda(\vec{r}, t)$  is an arbitrary function of space time.

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- (b) (i) Write down the differences between ground wave and sky wave.  
(ii) What is VSAT communication system ? Draw the basic building block of a VSAT system. 4+6

- (c) (i) Write down the Lorentz gauge transformations of scalar potential  $\phi$  and vector potential  $\vec{A}$ .

- (ii) A plane electromagnetic wave is propagating in a lossless dielectric medium. The electric field is given by

$$\vec{E}(x, y, z, t) = E_0(\hat{x} + A\hat{z}) \exp [ik_0\{-ct + (x + \sqrt{3}z)\}]$$

where  $c$  is the velocity of light in vacuum,  $E_0$ ,  $A$  and  $k_0$  are constants and  $\hat{x}$  and  $\hat{z}$  are unit vectors along the  $x$  and  $z$  axes. Calculate the relative dielectric constant of the medium  $\epsilon_r$  and constant  $A$ . 2+8

