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SIXTH SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2017

(CUCBCSS—UG)

Geology

GLY 6B 24 (E1)—ENVIRONMENTAL GEOLOGY

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 80 Marks

Draw neat sketches wherever necessary.

Part A

Answer all ten questions in one word or one sentence each.

- 1. Anything we get from our environment that meets our needs and wants.
- 2. Slow movement of wet soil over impermeable material is called —
- 3. A measure of the damaging effects on an earthquake.
- 4. Chain of volcanic islands formed parallel to a subduction zone, on an overriding plate.
- 5. Water containing dissolved chemicals; applied particularly to fluids escaping from waste disposal sites.
- 6. What is the rate of increase of temperature with depth in the earth called ?
- 7. The warming of the atmosphere due to trapping of infrared rays by atmospheric gases.
- 8. The point on earth's surface directly above the focus of an earthquake is known as
- 9. Precipitation with a pH less than 5.0.
- 10. The concentration of calcium and magnesium ions in water.

 $(10 \times 1 = 10 \text{ marks})$

Part B (Short Answer Type Questions)

Explain any ten of the following. Each question carries 2 marks.

- 11. Liquefaction.
- 12. Magnitude of earthquake.
- 13. Aftershocks.
- 14. Sustainable development.
- 15. Rock fall.
- 16. Wet lands.
- 17. Infiltration capacity.

Turn over

- 18. Point source pollutant.
- 19. Cone of depression.
- 20. Miscible contaminant.
- 21. Anthracite coal.
- 22. Nuclear waste.

 $(10 \times 2 = 20 \text{ marks})$

Part C (Paragraph Type Questions)

Describe any five of the following. Each question carries 6 marks.

- 23. Renewable and non-renewable resources.
- 24. The role of gravity in mass movement.
- 25. Saltwater intrusion.
- 26. Solar-thermal power plant.
- 27. Geothermal energy.
- 28. Global warming.
- 29. Sources and types of marine pollution.
- 30. Slope stabilization techniques.

 $(5 \times 6 = 30 \text{ marks})$

Part D (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any two questions. Each question carries 10 marks.

- 31. Distinguish between earthquake forecasting and earthquake prediction and describe the kinds of precautions that can be taken.
- 32. Write an essay on the types of environmental degradation and the remedial measures.
- 33. What are landslides? Explain the causes of landslides. Add note on the preventive measures to control landslides.
- 34. Write an essay on natural disasters. Explain the action plan to reduce such disasters.

 $(2 \times 10 = 20 \text{ marks})$