

UNIT I - GENERAL GEOLOGY

Origin, Interior and Age of the Earth - Weathering - Types and products - Geological work of Wind, River, Sea and Groundwater - Volcanoes - Earthquakes - causes and effects - Seismic zonation - Richter Scale - Principles of Plate Tectonics – fundamental and geomorphology.

UNIT II – STRATIGRAPHY

Principles of Stratigraphy - Correlation - Geological Time Scale - General characteristics, descriptive and economic importance of Archean, Cuddapah, Vindhyan and Gondwana systems of Peninsular India -Cretaceous system of Tamil Nadu.

UNIT III - STRUCTURAL GEOLOGY

Folds - Faults - Joints - Unconformities - Recognition of overturned beds –Stress and strain relationship – Attitude of beds – Measurement of dip, apparent dip, strike using Cino and Brunton Compass .

UNIT IV - PALAEONTOLOGY

Fossils – Definitions, Conditions, mode of preservation, uses of Fossils – General morphology and classification of Graptolites, Mollusca, Coelenterata, Brachiopod, Trilobita, Echinoids and Foraminifera.

UNIT V – CRYSTALLOGRAPHY

Definition of crystals – Inter facial angles – Goniometer -Symmetry Elements - Study of Normal Classes of Isometric, Tetragonal, Hexagonal, Orthorhombic, Monoclinic and Triclinic systems - Twin crystals.

UNIT VI - MINERALOGY

Physical properties of minerals - Petrological Microscope and its parts, accessory plates and uses – optical properties - Isotropic and Anisotropic Minerals - Descriptive study of quartz and its varieties - Feldspar Group - Pyroxene Group - Amphibole Group - Mica Group - Garnet Group - Descriptive study of Calcite, Dolomite, Tourmaline, Topaz, Staurolite, Chlorite and Zircon.

UNIT VII - IGNEOUS PETROLOGY

Definition of magma - Composition and constitution of magma - Forms and structures of Igneous Rocks, Textures and Micro structures - classification of Igneous rocks - Bowen's Reaction principle - Descriptive Study of Granite - Syenite - Diorite - Gabbro – Dolerite - Ultramafics (Dunite,Peridotite, Pyroxenite and Anorthosite) - Differentiation - Assimilation.

UNIT VIII - SEDIMENTARY AND METAMORPHIC PETROLOGY

Classification - Texture and structures of sedimentary rocks - Descriptive study of Residual, Clastic, Chemical and organic deposits - Metamorphism - Agents and kinds of metamorphism - classification of metamorphic rocks - Textures and structure - Different facies - Marble – Schist and Gneiss - Amphibolite - Granulite (Charnockite).

UNIT IX - ECONOMIC GEOLOGY I

Definition of Ore - Tenor - Gangue - Lindgren and Bateman's classification of ore deposits - Ore forming processes - Magmatic concentration – Hydrothermal Process Oxidation and Supergene Enrichment – Evaporation - Sedimentation – Placer deposits. Important ores, their composition, physical properties, mode of occurrence, distribution in India and uses of Gold, Iron, Aluminium, Manganese, Copper, Magnesium and Lead and Zinc - Lignite, Coal and Petroleum - their occurrence in India - Building Stones, their characters, distribution and mode of occurrence in India - Mineral Wealth of Tamil Nadu.

UNIT X - APPLIED GEOLOGY

Principles of Geological mapping - Field Techniques - Drilling methods - Borehole problems from borehole data – Geological investigation and conditions for dams, tunnels and roads - Landslides – Mining methods, role of geology - problems in mines including groundwater – Application of Remote sensing in Geology.