Answers to the questions are given in the file" QUESTION PAPER-2010 WITH ANSWERS".

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Q. No.	Questions	Answers				
1.	The age of the Earth is million years.	A	В	C	D	
	A) 3900; B) 4200; C) 4600; D). 4800		0	0	0	
2.	Which is the most abundant element in the Earth's crust?	A	В	С	D	
	(A) silica; (B) iron; (C) oxygen; (D) aluminium					
3.	Which is the most common mineral in the Earth's crust?	0	0	0	0	
3.	(A) quartz; (B) mica; (C) amphibole; (D) feldspar	A	В	C	D	
	(-) 1, (-), (-), (-), (-)	0	0	0	0	
4.	is commonly referred to as "fool's gold".	A	В	C	D	
	(A) pyrite;(B) chalcopyrite;(C) pyrrhotite;(D) none of these – It is a joke!		0	0	0	
	(D) none of these – it is a joke:		Ŭ	Ū	Ŭ	
5.	What is emery powder used as?	Α	В	С	D	
	(A) A filler in ceramic material;	0	0	0	\cap	
	(B) For the manufacture of fine crystal glass(C) As abrasive		0	\circ)	
	(D) A mixture in paints					
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6.	The general process by which rocks and minerals are broken down at or	A	В	C	D	
	near the Earth's surface is called (A) weathering; (B) denudation; (C) erosion; (D) corrosion	0	0	0	0	
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7.	Which is the most widespread mineral group distributed in sedimentary,	A	В	С	D	
	igneous and metamorphic rocks? (A) quartz; (B) feldspars; (C) clay minerals; (D) carbonates		0	0	0	
	(A) quartz, (B) reluspais, (C) ciay illinerais, (D) carbonates		•	Ŭ	O	
8.	rocks form at great depths inside the earth.	Α	В	С	D	
	(A) volcanic; (B) plutonic; (C) hypabyssal; (D) hypogene	0	0	0	0	
9.	is the principal raw material for manufacturing steel.					
	(A) Pyrite; (B) Magnetite; (C) Bauxite; (D) A and B	A	В	C	D	
10		0	0	0	0	
10.	Limestone is used for manufacturing (A) bricks; (B) cement; (C) glass; (D) A and C	A	В	C	D	
	(11) blicks, (B) cement, (C) glass, (B) 11 and C	0	0	0	0	
11.	India is an exporter of	Α	В	С	D	
	(A) Diamonds; (B) Gold; (C) Copper ore; (D) Iron ore	0	0	0	0	
12.	An igneous rock containing coarse mineral grains indicates					
		A	В		D	
	(A) Slow cooling; (B) Fast cooling;	0	0	0	0	
	(C) Not related to cooling rate; (D) magma composition					
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13.	Sedimentary rocks form because of	A	В	C	D
	(A) chemical precipitation; (B) sediment deposition;	_	_	0	ם
	(C) A and B; (D) Weathering	0	0	\circ	\circ
14.	Metamorphic rocks form due to the action of	A	В	C	D
	(A) Water; (B) Pressure; (C) Temperature; (D) B and C	0	0	0	0
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15.	The fossils recovered from a sedimentary rock are shown below.	A	В	C	D
		0	0	0	0
	These are,				
	A) Brachiopod and Ammonite; C) Coral and Lamellibranch;				
	B) Ammonite and Coral; D) Lamellibranch and Ammonite				
1.0	The possible depositional annius month of the posts containing family				
16.	The possible depositional environment of the rock containing fossils shown above was	A	В	C	D
	A) Fluvial; B) Aeolian; C) Glacial; D) Marine	0	0	0	0
	2) 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 110 11				
17.	Which of the following is a non-clastic sedimentary rock?	A	В	С	D
	A) Conglomerate; B) Chalk; C) Sandstone; D) Shale				
		0	0	0	0
18.	During which geological period did most of the coal deposits form?	A	В	C	D
	A) Ordovician; B) Carboniferous; C) Jurassic; D) Pleistocene	0	0	0	0
19.	The oldest fossil recorded on the earth is about billion years old.				
19.	A) 3; B) 2; C) 1; D) 0.5	A	В	C	D
	, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -, -,	0	0	0	0
20.	The clasts of a sedimentary rock are between 5 mm and 10 mm in size. So,	A	В	С	D
	the rock will be named as			0	0
	A) Shale; B) Sandstone; C) Conglomerate; D) Siltstone	0	0	O	0
21.	The Deccan volcanism in India took place million years ago.				
21.	A) 55; B) 65; C) 75; D) 85	A	В	C	D
	,,,,,,,,,,	0	0	0	0
22.	A typical sedimentary rock indicating glaciation in the past is	A	В	С	D
	A) Shale; B) Tillite; C) Limestone; D) Lignite				
		0	0	0	0

23.	A large number of animals got extinct at the end of the Cretaceous time. This extinction was caused by A) Meteorite impact; B) Tsunami; C) Volcanism; D) A and C	A O	В	C O	D O
24.	If a piece of rock is crushed into very fine particles, it leads to A) An increase in surface area; B) A decrease in surface area; C) An increase in the volume of rock; D) A decrease in the volume of rock	A O	В	C	D O
25.	Rocks containing fossils of would be the oldest. A) Dinosaur bones; B) Trilobites; C) Bird bones; D) Woolly mammoth bones	A O	В	C O	D O
26.	Which of the following can form in the shortest length of time? A) Soil profile; B) Coral reef; C) Volcano; D) River valley	A O	В	C O	D O
27.	 Which of the following statements about transpiration and river runoff in India is correct? A) The amount of water that is lost through vegetation is greater than the amount of water carried away by rivers; B) The amount of water carried away by rivers is at least three orders of magnitude higher than the amount of water that is lost through vegetation; C) The amount in each case is approximately the same; D) The amount of water that escapes through vegetation is insignificant compared to the amount of water carried away by rivers. 	A	В	CO	D O
28.	On an eroded sedimentary dome, the drainage pattern is usually A) Dendritic; B) Trellis; C) Annular; D) Parallel	A O	В	C O	D O
29.	Marine influence upon climate is responsible for A) an increase in the annual temperature range B) an increase in the annual rainfall totals C) a decrease in the annual temperature range D) a decrease in the annual rainfall totals	A	В	C	D O
30.	Most tropical cyclones originate A) between 0° and 5° north and south of the equator B) in the centers of sub-tropical highs C) between 10° and 20° D) to the west of westerly winds	A	В	C	D O
31.	Rain-shadow zone occurs on the lee (or leeward side) of a mountain because A) adiabatic warming lowers the relative humidity B) air forced to rise is warmed by the adiabatic process C) condensation has a drying effect upon the air D) no water vapour remains in the descending air.	A	В	C	D O

32.	The temperature is minimum typically		Α	В	С	D
		und midnight;		<u>Б</u>	\sim	_
	C) about 2:00 to 3:00 am; D) jus	t before sunrise	0	\circ	\circ	0
33.	The following diagram shows the contour pattern	of an area. Identify the				
33.	features labeled A, B and C.	i of all area. Identify the	P	Q	R	S
	Touristics mosted in B and Ci		0	\circ	\circ	0
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	A B Cont	tours in m				
	D) A D and C names ant walleys					
	P) A, B and C represent valleys.Q) A, B and C represent spurs.					
	R) A and C represent valleys and B is a spur.					
	S) B is a valley and A and C are spurs.					
34.	Which love would need more frequent watering?					
34.	Which lawn would need more frequent watering? A) One with clayey soil; C) One	ne with silty soil:	A	В	C	D
	B) One with sandy-silty loam soil; D) Or		0	\circ	\circ	0
35.	Movement of groundwater is most rapid	·	A	В	C	D
	A) Within acquicludesB) Beneath streams in valley bottoms		0	0	0	0
	C) Where the land surface is highest					
	D) Where the water table is highest					
36.	Crevasse splays are associated with A) Glaciers: B) Waterfalls: C) Natural	levees; D) Moraines	A	В	C	D
	A) Glaciers; B) Waterfalls; C) Natural	ievees, D) woralles	0	0	0	0
37.	Which of the following statements about tides is I		A	В	С	D
	A) Most places on Earth experience two high and		0	\cap	\bigcirc	_
	B) Most places on Earth experience one high tic day	ie and one low tide each		\cup	\cup	
	C) Each month there are two spring tides and two	o neap tides				
	D) The primary body that influences the tides is t	-				

38.	The following graph shows the daily temperature cycle at a station for two	P	\circ	R	S
	days.	_	Q	IX	5
		0	\circ	\circ	\circ
	35 30 25 10 10 12:00 6:00 AM 12:00 6:00 PM 12:00				
	Which of the following statements is correct? P) Graphs A and B represent the temperature cycle of an overcast day Q) Graphs A and B represent the temperature cycle of a clear day R) Graph A represents the temperature cycle of a clear day and graph B represents the temperature cycle of an overcast day S) Graph A represents the temperature cycle of an overcast day and Graph B represents the temperature cycle of a clear day				
39.	Which of the following criteria is NOT used to establish marine life	Α.	В	<u> </u>	D
	zones?	A	D	0	D
	A) Availability of sunlight; C) Seawater depth; B) Distance from shore; D) Seawater salinity	0	O	O	O
40.	Adiabatic cooling occurs when a parcel of air	Α	В	С	D
	A) Rises without exchanging heat with the surroundings		\bigcirc	\circ	\cap
	B) Rises on exchanging heat with the surroundings		O	O	O
	C) Rises from equator to polesD) Rises from ground to mountain top				
41.	Psychrometer is an instrument to measure	A	В	С	D
	A) Rainfall; B) Humidity; C) Pressure; D) Wind direction		_	\sim	_
42.	Albedo is the fraction of	\cup	0		0
72.	A) Greenhouse gas in the atmosphere	Α	В	C	D
	B) Moisture content of the atmosphere	0	0	0	0
	C) Radiation reflected by the earthD) Momentum received by the atmosphere				
43.	Which of the following is not a tropical storm?	A	В	C	D
	A) Cyclone; B) Hurricane; C) Typhoon; D) Tornado	_	_	\sim	_
		\circ	\circ	\cup	

44.	Radiation fog occurs during a A) Long night with clear sky B) Long night with cloudy sky C) Long day with clear sky D) Long day with cloudy sky	A	В	C	D O
45.	Dynes / cm ² is the unit of A) Force; B) Acceleration; C) Momentum; D) Pressure	A O	В	C O	D O
46.	A northerly wind means a A) Wind coming from the north B) Wind going towards the north C) Wind in the northern hemisphere D) Wind in northern India	A O	В	C	D O
47.	The most abundant gas in the atmosphere is A) Oxygen; B) Hydrogen; C) Nitrogen; D) Carbon dioxide	A O	В	C O	D O
48.	The temperature of a dry air parcel at a hill top is 30°C. If the adiabatic lapse rate of dry air is 1°C/100 m, what will be the temperature of the air at 1 km height from the top of the hill? A) 20°C; B) 25°C; C) 30°C; D) 40°C	A O	В	C O	D O
49.	For a black body radiation, which of the following relations is correct? (E is the energy and T the temperature). A) $E \propto T$; B) $E \propto T^2$; C) $E \propto T^3$; D) $E \propto T^4$	A O	В	C O	D
50.	Troposphere is that part of the atmosphere where temperature A) Increases with height B) Increases with height in the day but decreases with height in the night C) Decreases with height D) Remains constant	A	В	C	O
51.	Trade winds occur in the A) Polar region; B) Tropical region; C) Extra-tropical region; D) Southern Ocean	A O	В	C O	D O
52.	Isobaric surface refers to a surface of equal A) Humidity; B) Temperature; C) Pressure; D) Wind	A O	В	C O	D O
53.	To track the movement of cyclone we need A) An aircraft with meteorological sensors B) A polar orbiting satellite C) A lunar orbiting satellite D) A geostationary satellite	A O	В	C	D O
54.	An anemometer is used for measuring A) Humidity; B) Rainfall; C) Wind; D) Radiation	A	В	C O	D O

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55.	Which of the following states receives northeast monsoon rainfall?	A	В	C	D
	A) Goa; B) Maharashtra; C) Karnataka; D) Tamil Nadu		0	0	0
56.	El Nino refers to	Α	В	С	D
	A) Cooling of the eastern Pacific Ocean		_	0	ע
	B) Warming of the eastern Pacific Ocean	0	0	\circ	O
	C) Warming of the western Pacific Ocean				
	D) Warming of the Indian Ocean				
57.	Which of the following is NOT associated with global warming?	_	D		D
	A) Melting of polar ice caps; B) Increase in CO ₂ concentration;	A	В	C	D
	C) Acid rain; D) Sea level rise	0	0	\circ	O
58.	Depletion of ozone in the atmosphere will lead to				
56.	A) Increase in atmospheric temperature	A	В	C	D
	B) Decrease in atmospheric temperature	0	\circ	\circ	\circ
	C) Increase in the earth's UV radiation				
	D) Decrease in the earth's UV radiation				
59.	During precipitation, the atmosphere				
	A) Gains heat through sensible heat	A	В	C	D
	B) Loses heat through sensible heat	0	0	0	0
	C) Gains heat through latent heat				
	D) Loses heat through latent heat				
60.	With increasing depth the ocean temperature	A	В	С	D
	A) Increases; B) Decreases;	_	_	\sim	_
	C) Remains constant; D) First increases and then decreases	0	O	O	0
61.	The speed of sound in the oceans is close to	A	В	С	D
	A) 1.5 m/s; B) 15 m/s; C) 150 m/s; D) 1500 m/s		_	\sim	_
		0	0	0	0
62.	Tides in the ocean are the result of balance of force between	Α	В	C	D
	A) Gravitational force and centrifugal forceB) Gravitational force and centripetal force	0	0	0	0
	C) Gravitational force and frictional force				
	D) Gravitational force and buoyancy force				
63.	Neap tide occurs when the	<u> </u>		~	
05.	A) Earth is between the Sun and the Moon	A	В	С	D
	B) Moon is between the Earth and the Sun	0	\circ	\circ	0
	C) Sun is between the Earth and the Moon				
	D) Earth is at right angles to the Sun and the Moon				
64.	A semi-diurnal tide refers to	A	В		D
	A) One high and one low water in a month	^	ر د	\sim	ر ح
	B) Two high and two low waters in a month		\cup	\circ	\circ
	C) One high and one low water in 24 hours				
	D) Two high and two low waters in 24 hours				

65.	In the oceans, the concentration of oxygen is highest in	A	В	С	D
	A) Bottom water; B) Intermediate water; C) Surface water; D) Sediment			-	
		0	0	0	0
66.	Remote sensing the sea surface height makes use of	Α	В	С	D
	A) An altimeter; B) A scatterometer; C) A radiometer; D) A current meter				
		0	0	0	0
67.	Which of the following equipment can be used to determine the depth of	Α	В	C	D
	the ocean?			_	
	A) Radar; B) Sonar; C) Magnetometer; D) Echosounder	0	0	0	0
68.	When rain adds fresh water to the ocean, the surface density	Α	В	C	D
	A) Increases; B) Decreases; C) Remains constant;		0	\bigcirc	0
	D) Initially increases but ultimately decreases	0	\cup	O	0
69.	Which of the following processes will NOT change the solinity of occan				
09.	Which of the following processes will NOT change the salinity of ocean water?	Α	В	C	D
	A) Sensible heat loss; B) Wind-mixing; C) Evaporation; D) Precipitation		0	\bigcirc	0
	A) Sensible heat loss, B) white-mixing, C) Evaporation, D) Frecipitation		0	O)
70.	Thermohaline circulation is driven by				_
70.	A) Heat flux; B) Fresh water flux; C) Momentum flux; D) Density	A	В	C	D
	11) Hour Han, B) Hosh water Han, C) Homentain Han, B) Bonsiey	0	\circ	0	0
71.	A geostrophic current is a balance between		D	-	D
	A) Pressure gradient force and frictional force	A	В	C	D
	B) Pressure gradient force and Coriolis force	0	\circ	0	0
	C) Pressure gradient force and centripetal force				
	D) Pressure gradient force and centrifugal force				
72.	Which of the following is INCORRECT about tsunami?	Α	В	С	D
	A) Occurs only in the ocean		D o	0	ס
	B) Very long wave length	0	\circ	\circ	\circ
	C) Very high amplitude in the open ocean				
	D) Is propagated very fast				
73.	With increasing ocean water depth, light intensity	Α	В	C	D
	A) Diminishes exponentially		\bigcirc	\cap	\circ
	B) Diminishes linearly		\cup	O	0
	C) Diminishes quadratically				
	D) Remains constant				
74.	Sound speed in the oceans does not depend on				
/4.	A) Temperature	Α	В	C	D
	B) Salinity	0	0	0	0
	C) Pressure				
	D) Suspended sediment				
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75.	Which of the following DOES NOT form a part of the hydrological	A	D		D
	cycle?	A	В	C	D
	A) Evaporation	0	\circ	\circ	0
	B) Precipitation				
	C) Mixing				
	D) River runoff				

76.	When the ocean water is green, it contains a large amount of A) Suspended matter B) Phytoplankton C) Zooplankton D) Bacteria	A	В	C	D O
77.	Knowing the sea water density and height, pressure can be calculated using A) Continuity equation B) Conservation of mass equation C) Hydrostatic equation D) Conservation of energy equation	A	В	С	D O
78.	Which of the following travels a long distance in the oceans without much attenuation? A) Microwave B) Acoustic wave C) Gamma-ray D) X-ray	A O	В	C	D
79.	Planet Venus cannot be seen at mid-night in Bangalore's sky because A) Venus is very faint when it is away from the Sun. B) Venus is an inner planet of the solar system C) Venus is in 'new moon' phase at midnight D) Venus is hidden behind the moon late at night.	A O	В	C	D O
80.	A block of silver of 107g weight is kept in contact with a 1000 W power source in an otherwise completely isolated system. How long will it take for the silver to melt starting from 0°C? (Melting point of silver is 960° C; its specific heat is 25 J/ mol C; Molecular weight is 107 g/mole; 1 Watt sec = 1 Joule) A) 1 sec; B) 12 sec; C) 24 sec; D) 960 min	A	В	C	O
81.	Calculate the angular size of India at the centre of the earth in an east – west direction. A) 19.5°; B) 14.5°; C) 20°; D) 29°	A	В	C O	D O
82.	In a sudden release of pressure, a volcano throws up a 1 tonne cubical stone (each side measuring 1 m) 1 km into the atmosphere. What was the pressure inside the volcano just when it exploded? A) 10 ⁵ N; B) 10 ⁷ N; C) 10 ⁹ N; D) 10 ¹¹ N	A	В	C	D O
83.	A person looking at the sky at sunset sees a pattern of stars setting in the sky. At a later date, he notices that the same set of stars are now rising at sunset. What is the time difference between the two observations? A) 14 days; B) 88 days; C) 182 days; D) 274 days	A	В	C O	D O

84.	Two observatories on earth about 6000 km apart claim to have seen the				
04.	Chandrayaan (which is still circling the moon) to be occulting two	A	В	C	D
	different stars at the same time. What is the angular separation of the	0	\circ	\circ	\circ
	stars, assuming them to be at infinity?				
	A) 0.5°; B) 0.05°; C) 0.005°; D) 5.0°				
85.	A hole is dug through the centre of the earth and a ball is thrown in. What	A	В	C	D
	is the expected behaviour exhibited by the ball? A) It will fall to the centre of the earth	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
	B) It will oscillate from surface to surface		Ů	Ŭ)
	C) It will come out at the other end and stay there				
	D) The problem is not fully defined				
86.	India's first moon mission, <i>Chandrayaan</i> 1, found that we can get 0.2 litre	A	В	C	D
	of water from 5 tons of soil. What is the total useful volume of water collected over an area of 1 km ² on the Moon assuming that this dampness	0	0	\circ	0
	penetrates up to 1m and further assuming a lunar soil density of 5 g/cc?		Ū		Ů
	A) 5×10^4 litres; B) 5×10^5 litres; C) 2×10^4 litres; D) 2×10^5 litres				
87.	Rajesh weighing 100 kg and Iqbal weighing 50 kg climb up the Mount	A	В	C	D
	Everest (9000 m) and return to find that their weights are still the same.		0	0	0
	Calculate the <i>minimum</i> difference in the energy consumed by Rajesh and Iqbal.		\cup	0)
	A) 4.5×10^3 ; B) 4.5×10^4 ; C) 4.5×10^5 ; D) 4.5×10^6				
88.	In the next Moon Mission, it is planned to take a seismograph to record	Α	В	С	D
	quakes on the moon. If the mission is successful, then a quake on the		0	$\overline{\bigcirc}$	0
	moon can be recorded using a seismograph installed		O	O	0
	A) At the space station on the earthB) On board the satellite orbiting the moon				
	C) On the moon				
	D) On the moon, the orbiting satellite and the earth				
89.	Earthquakes are caused due to sudden displacement along a fault zone,	A	В	C	D
	releasing energy. In the diagram below which is the most stressed block?	0	\bigcirc	\bigcirc	0
				O)
	(1) (2) (3)				
	A) 1 and 3				
	B) 2 only				
	C) 3 only D) 1 and 2				
	D) 1 mid 2				
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	Study the diagram below and answer the following questions.				
	Amplitude O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O O				
	0 200 400 600 800 1000 1200 1400 1600 1800 2000	Α	В	С	
90.	i) Which is the shear wave in the above diagram? A) X; B) Z; C)Y	0	0	0	
91.	ii) The fastest waves recorded on the seismogram will have the largest amplitude.A) False;B) True	A		В	
92.	Sometimes you hear sounds when an earthquake occurs. If there was vacuum on the surface of the earth, can you hear the sound? A) Yes B) Yes, if close to the earthquake epicenter C) No	A	В	C	
93.	Which of the following earthquakes will cause a tsunami? A) Magnitude 8.7 in Himalaya B) Magnitude 8.6 in Shillong C) Magnitude 8.2 in Burma D) Magnitude 7.5 in Java	A	В	C 1	D O
94.	Where do you find island arcs? A) The Himalaya B) The Alps C) Japan	A	В	C)
95	What is the epicenter of an earthquake? A) place of origin of the earthquake inside the earth B) a point on the fault on which the earthquake occurs C) a point on the surface of the earth D) place at which the earthquake is recorded	A	В	C 1	D O
96	Which law defines the relationship between stress and strain? A) Boyle's law B) Snell's law C) Hooke's law	A O	В	C)

97.	Primary (P) waves and Love (L) waves are: A) body waves B) surface waves C) body and surface waves D) shear waves	A	В	C	D O
98.	waves cannot travel through fluids. A) P waves B) S waves C) sound waves	A	В		C O
99.	The main greenhouse gas is A) CFC's; B) CO ₂ ; C) N; D) Ar	A O	В	C	D O
100.	Dissolved salt can be removed by A) Using a sieve; B) Using UV light; C) Using water jets; D) Using reverse osmosis	A O	В	C O	D O

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