

# LOYOLA COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), CHENNAI – 600 034



**M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – PHYSICS**

**SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2022**

**PPH 2602 – GEOPHYSICS**

Date: 24-06-2022

Dept. No.

Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

## PART – A

**Q. No.**

Answer **ALL** the Questions

**(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

- 1 Outline the major causes of earth quakes.
- 2 List the various types of seismic waves.
- 3 Define Mohorovicic discontinuity.
- 4 Neatly draw Horizontal seismograph and name the parts.
- 5 How does earth acts as permanent magnet?
- 6 Write a short note on components of GIS software.
- 7 Calculate resistivity using the following data:  $r=3$  cm.  $I=10$  mA and  $V=30$  volts, by single current electrode at surface.
- 8 Write a short note on earthquake resistant buildings.
- 9 List out the electrode spread methods for resistivity analysis.
- 10 Draw travel-time curve of seismic waves.

## PART – B

Answer any **FOUR** Questions

**(4 x 7.5 = 30 Marks)**

- 11 Elaborate on push -pull mechanism of earthquakes.
- 12 Explain the significance of various layers of earth's atmosphere.
- 13 How does ground water get contaminated?
- 14 Discuss the origin of main field of earth.
- 15 What is the role of Geochronology study in the determination of age of the earth?
- 16 Determine the values of gravity at the following series of points belonging to a gravimetric survey with a worden gravimeter, specifying the draft correction for each of them.

Station	Time	Reading
A(base)	08:50	562.5
B	09:21	400.7
C	11:34	437.9
D	13:20	360.1
A	14:33	568.8

The gravity at the base is 980.139 82 Gal, and the gravimeter constant is 0.314681 mGal/ru (ru :

Reading unit).

**PART – C**

Answer any **FOUR** Questions

**(4 x 12.5 = 50 Marks)**

- 17 Illustrate Mercalli scale of intensity analysis with simple examples.
- 18 Explain zones of convergence, divergence and fracture zones.
- 19 Describe shortly on size and shape of earth.
- 20 Discuss field work analysis of resistivity meters.
- 21 Summarize the age determination of rocks by rubidium-strontium method of dating.
- 22 The magnitude  $M_s = 5.37$  is calculated for surface waves of period 20 s.
  - (i) Calculate the amplitude of these waves at a station 2000 km away. If the instrument's amplification is 1500, what will be the amplitude of seismic waves and seismic energy? **(6.5)**
  - (ii) If  $M_s = M_w$  and the area of the fault is  $12 \text{ km} \times 8 \text{ km}$  with  $\mu = 4.8 \times 10^4 \text{ MPa}$ . Find the fault slip  $\Delta u$ . **(6)**

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