- 5. What are the probable locations of magma generation on the earth? Explain the process of magma generation at the Mid Oceanic Ridges with the help of schematic diagrams.
- 6. What is a rock cycle? Describe it with a labelled diagram.

PART – II

Answer question no. 1 and *any two* questions from the rest.

- 1. What is a mineral? Classify silicate minerals based on the polymerization of the silica (SiO_4) tetrahedra. Write with necessary sketches and give examples. 1+9=10
- What are the common minerals present in the crust and upper mantle? Classify Feldspar Group of minerals in terms of the chemical system KAISiO₃O₈ – NaAISi₃O₈ – CaAl₂Si₂O₈ 2+3=5
- Classify Pyroxene Group of minerals in terms of the chemical system CaSiO₃ MgSiO₃ FeSiO₃. How do you identify pyroxene and hematite in hand specimen samples? 3+2=5
- 4. "There are some minerals that cause environmental problems and there are some minerals that provide solutions to environmental problems" Explain with examples. Write with examples about the usefulness of minerals. 2+3=5

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PART – I

Answer *any four* questions from the following.

All questions carry equal marks. $4 \times 5 = 20$

- 1. What is double refraction? Illustrate with an example of mineral that shows double refraction in hand specimen with relevant sketches.
- 2. How will an isotropic crystal section appear if it is placed in-between two polars, where the polarizer vibration directions are kept perpendicular to the each other. Explain with the suitable sketches.
- 3. What is metamorphism? What are the agents of metamorphism? How do these agents control the metamorphism? Describe it briefly.
- 4. How does the process of formation of clastic sedimentary rocks differ from that of chemical sedimentary rocks? Comment on the diagenesis and lithification process of clastic sedimentary rocks.