



7<sup>th</sup> International Earth Science Olympiad  
GEOSPHERE PRACTICAL TEST  
PART 1 – INFOSYS CAMP

**EXERCISE #1**

Study the set of samples in locations 1 – 4 and answer the following five questions. **Time: 40 MINUTES (20 POINTS)**

**Instructions:** Complete the following 5 questions based on the rock sample provided.

**Location 1:**

1. Which of the following features can you observe in the sample? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

1. Fossil
2. Cross bedding
3. Horizontal bedding
4. Crystalline structure
5. A multi-minerallic rock (more than one mineral)
6. A mono-minerallic rock (one mineral)
7. Lineation (Elongated minerals are arranged in a parallel manner)
8. Foliation (Marked with bands of different minerals)
9. Vesicular structure
10. Minerals cannot be seen with the naked eye
11. Glassy texture

2. What conclusion(s) can you draw about the formation of this rock sample? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

- a) This rock formed in a shallow marine environment.
- b) This rock formed in an open sea environment.
- c) This rock formed in a deep sea environment.
- d) Sedimentation in an oversaturated environment.
- e) Sedimentation in a cave environment.
- f) This rock formed in a lake environment.
- g) This rock formed in a river environment.
- h) This rock formed in a dune environment.
- i) This rock formed in an (igneous) plutonic environment.
- j) This rock formed in an (igneous) volcanic environment.

- k) This rock underwent regional metamorphism.
- l) This rock underwent contact metamorphism.

3. What observation/ principle helped you draw the conclusion? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

- a) The principle of original horizontality.
- b) The principle of “the present is the key to the past”.
- c) The principle of superposition.
- d) The size of a mineral crystal in an igneous rock is dependent on the rate of cooling.
- e) Slow cooling of magma occurs when the surrounding temperature is relatively high.
- f) Fast cooling of magma occurs when the surrounding temperature is relatively low.
- g) The temperature is relatively high at deeper levels of the crust.
- h) The temperature is relatively low towards the surface of the crust.
- i) The pressure is relatively high deep in the crust.
- j) Linear minerals grow with a parallel orientation under conditions of high pressure.
- k) Rocks can behave elastically under conditions of high pressure and high temperature.
- l) The roundness of a grain is a result of both the distance of transport and hardness of the mineral.
- m) Cross bedding structure is a result of sedimentation by moving air (wind) or water.
- n) Sedimentation in a river environment leads to all the layers inclined in the same direction and the thickness of the layers is on the order of a few tens of centimeters.
- o) Sedimentation in a wind environment leads to inclination of the layers in different directions and the thickness of the layers is on the order of meters.

4. Which processes are **directly** relevant to the formation of the sample? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

- a) Sedimentation
- b) Uplift
- c) Erosion
- d) Weathering

- e) Burial
- f) Lithification
- g) Melting
- h) Slow crystallization
- i) Fast crystallization
- j) Regional metamorphism
- k) Contact metamorphism

5. Which of the following Earth Systems are involved in the formation and exposure of the rock?. (Note: Choose only ONE response, which represents all the systems that DIRECTLY influenced the formation AND exposure of the sample).

- a) Geosphere and Atmosphere.
- b) Geosphere and Hydrosphere.
- c) Geosphere and Biosphere.
- d) Hydrosphere and Atmosphere.
- e) Hydrosphere and Biosphere.
- f) Atmosphere and Biosphere.
- g) Geosphere and Atmosphere and Hydrosphere.
- h) Geosphere and Atmosphere and Biosphere.
- i) Geosphere and Hydrosphere and Biosphere.
- j) Hydrosphere and Atmosphere and Biosphere.
- k) Geosphere and Atmosphere and Hydrosphere and Biosphere.

**Location 2:**

1. Which of the following features can you observe in the sample? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

- 1. Fossil
- 2. Cross bedding
- 3. Horizontal bedding
- 4. Crystalline structure
- 5. A multi-minerallic rock (more than one mineral)
- 6. A mono-minerallic rock (one mineral)
- 7. Lineation (Elongated minerals are arranged in a parallel manner)

8. Foliation (Marked with bands of different minerals)
9. Vesicular structure
10. Minerals cannot be seen with the naked eye
11. Glassy texture

2. What conclusion(s) can you draw about the formation of this rock sample? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

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- b) This rock formed in an open sea environment.
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- e) Sedimentation in a cave environment.
- f) This rock formed in a lake environment.
- g) This rock formed in a river environment.
- h) This rock formed in a dune environment.
- i) This rock formed in an (igneous) plutonic environment.
- j) This rock formed in an (igneous) volcanic environment.
- k) This rock underwent regional metamorphism.
- l) This rock underwent contact metamorphism.

3. What observation/ principle helped you draw the conclusion? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

- a) The principle of original horizontality.
- b) The principle of “the present is the key to the past”.
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- g) The temperature is relatively high at deeper levels of the crust.
- h) The temperature is relatively low towards the surface of the crust.
- i) The pressure is relatively high deep in the crust.

- j) Linear minerals grow with a parallel orientation under conditions of high pressure.
- k) Rocks can behave elastically under conditions of high pressure and high temperature.
- l) The roundness of a grain is a result of both the distance of transport and hardness of the mineral.
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- d) Hydrosphere and Atmosphere.

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- f) Atmosphere and Biosphere.
- g) Geosphere and Atmosphere and Hydrosphere.
- h) Geosphere and Atmosphere and Biosphere.
- i) Geosphere and Hydrosphere and Biosphere.
- j) Hydrosphere and Atmosphere and Biosphere.
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**Location 3:**

1. Which of the following features can you observe in the sample? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

- 1. Fossil
- 2. Cross bedding
- 3. Horizontal bedding
- 4. Crystalline structure
- 5. A multi-mineralic rock (more than one mineral)
- 6. A mono-mineralic rock (one mineral)
- 7. Lineation (Elongated minerals are arranged in a parallel manner)
- 8. Foliation (Marked with bands of different minerals)
- 9. Vesicular structure
- 10. Minerals cannot be seen with the naked eye
- 11. Glassy texture

2. What conclusion(s) can you draw about the formation of this rock sample? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

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- e) Sedimentation in a cave environment.
- f) This rock formed in a lake environment.
- g) This rock formed in a river environment.
- h) This rock formed in a dune environment.
- i) This rock formed in an (igneous) plutonic environment.

- j) This rock formed in an (igneous) volcanic environment.
- k) This rock underwent regional metamorphism.
- l) This rock underwent contact metamorphism.

3. What observation/ principle helped you draw the conclusion? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

- a) The principle of original horizontality.
- b) The principle of “the present is the key to the past”.
- c) The principle of superposition.
- d) The size of a mineral crystal in an igneous rock is dependent on the rate of cooling.
- e) Slow cooling of magma occurs when the surrounding temperature is relatively high.
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- g) The temperature is relatively high at deeper levels of the crust.
- h) The temperature is relatively low towards the surface of the crust.
- i) The pressure is relatively high deep in the crust.
- j) Linear minerals grow with a parallel orientation under conditions of high pressure.
- k) Rocks can behave elastically under conditions of high pressure and high temperature.
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**Location 4:**

1. Which of the following features can you observe in the sample? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

- 1. Fossil
- 2. Cross bedding
- 3. Horizontal bedding
- 4. Crystalline structure
- 5. A multi-minerallic rock (more than one mineral)
- 6. A mono-minerallic rock (one mineral)



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**EXERCISE #2**

Measure and record the strike and dip of the inclined plane at location 5 & 6. ***Time: 10 minutes (10 POINTS)***

**EXERCISE #3**

Measure the porosity of sand using the apparatus provided at location 7. ***Time: 15 minutes (10 POINTS)***.

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PART 2 – LOCATION: KARIGHATTA

**Instructions:** Study the rocks at locations 1 to 4 and answer the following questions.

Please surrender your papers with the answers marked to the mentor on site before you get into the bus. (Time 30 minutes; 20 points).

1. Which of the following features can you observe in the sample? (You may choose more than 1 answer).

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