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General Aptitude (GA)

- 1) If '→' denotes increasing order of intensity, then the meaning of the words (simmer → seethe → smolder) is analogous to (break → raze → _____). Which one of the given options is appropriate to fill the blank?
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 - a) obfuscate
 - b) obliterate
 - c) fracture
 - d) fissure
- 2) In a locality, the houses are numbered in the following way: The house-numbers on one side of a road are consecutive odd integers starting from 301, while the house-numbers on the other side of the road are consecutive even numbers starting from 302. The total number of houses is the same on both sides of the road. If the difference of the sum of the house-numbers between the two sides of the road is 27, then the number of houses on each side of the road is
(GATE GG 2024)
 - a) 27
 - b) 52
 - c) 54
 - d) 26
- 3) For positive integers p and q , with $\frac{p}{q} \neq 1$, $\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)^{\frac{p}{q}} = p^{\left(\frac{p}{q}-1\right)}$. Then,
(GATE GG 2024)
 - a) $q^p = p^q$
 - b) $q^p = p^{2q}$
 - c) $\sqrt[q]{q} = \sqrt[p]{p}$
 - d) $\sqrt[q]{q} = \sqrt[p]{p}$
- 4) Which one of the given options is a possible value of x in the following sequence? 3, 7, 15, x , 63, 127, 255
(GATE GG 2024)
 - a) 35
 - b) 40
 - c) 45
 - d) 31
- 5) On a given day, how many times will the second-hand and the minute-hand of a clock cross each other during the clock time 12:05:00 hours to 12:55:00 hours?
(GATE GG 2024)
 - a) 51
 - b) 49
 - c) 50
 - d) 55
- 6) In the given text, the blanks are numbered (i)-(iv). Select the best match for all the blanks. From the ancient Athenian arena to the modern Olympic _____ (i) _____ stadiums, athletics _____ (ii) _____ the potential for a spectacle. The crowd _____ (iii) _____ with bated breath as the Olympian artist twists his body, stretching the javelin behind him. Twelve strides in, he begins to cross-step. Six cross-steps _____ (iv) _____ in an abrupt stop on his left foot. As his body _____ (v) _____ like a door turning on a hinge, the javelin is launched skyward at a precise angle.

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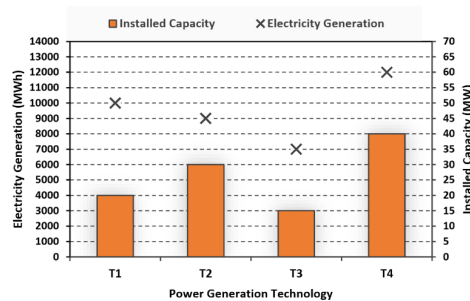
- a) (i) hold (ii) waits (iii) culminates (iv) pivot
 b) (i) holds (ii) wait (iii) culminates (iv) pivot
 c) (i) hold (ii) wait (iii) culminate (iv) pivots
 d) (i) holds (ii) waits (iii) culminate (iv) pivots

- 7) Three distinct sets of indistinguishable twins are to be seated at a circular table that has 8 identical chairs. Unique seating arrangements are defined by the relative positions of the people. How many unique seating arrangements are possible such that each person is sitting next to their twin?

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- a) 12 b) 14 c) 10 d) 28

- 8) The chart given below compares the Installed Capacity (MW) of four power generation technologies, T1, T2, T3, and T4, and their Electricity Generation (MWh) in a time of 1000 hours (h). The Capacity Factor of a power generation technology is: $\frac{\text{Electricity Generation (MWh)}}{\text{Installed Capacity (MW)} \times 1000(\text{h})}$. Which technology has the highest Capacity Factor?



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$$\text{Capacity Factor} = \frac{\text{Electricity Generation (MWh)}}{\text{Installed Capacity (MW)} \times 1000 (\text{h})}$$

Fig. 1

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- a) T1 b) T2 c) T3 d) T4

- 9) In the 4×4 array shown below, each cell of the first three columns has either a cross (X) or a number, as per the given rule. Rule: The number in a cell represents the count of crosses around its immediate neighboring cells (left, right, top, bottom, diagonals). As per this rule, the maximum number of crosses possible in the empty column is

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- a) 0 b) 1 c) 2 d) 3

- 10) During a half-moon phase, the Earth-Moon-Sun form a right triangle. If the Moon-Earth-Sun angle at this half-moon phase is measured to be 89.85° , the ratio of the Earth-Sun and Earth-Moon distances is closest to

(GATE GG 2024)

- a) 328 b) 382 c) 238 d) 283

PART A: COMPULSARY SECTION FOR ALL CANDIDATES

- 11) The Earth's magnetic field originates from convection in which one of the following layers?

(GATE GG 2024)

1	1	2	
2	X	3	
2	X	4	
1	2	X	

Fig. 2

- a) Inner core
b) Outer core
c) Lithosphere
d) Asthenosphere

12) Which one of the following logging tools is used to measure the diameter of a borehole?

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13) The given figure depicts an array used in DC resistivity surveys, where the current electrodes are denoted by C1 and C2, and potential electrodes by P1 and P2. If all the electrodes are equally spaced, then the given array corresponds to which one of the following configurations?



Fig. 3

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- a) Wenner
b) Schlumberger
c) Dipole-Dipole
d) Pole-Pole

14) Which one of the following is an ultramafic rock?

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- a) Granite
b) Gabbro
c) Dunite
d) Basalt

- 20) The number of planes of symmetry in a tetrahedron is (GATE GG 2024)
- a) 9 b) 6 c) 4 d) 3
- 21) Which of the following Epochs belong(s) to the Quaternary Period? (GATE GG 2024)
- a) Holocene c) Pliocene
b) Pleistocene d) Miocene
- 22) Which one or more of the following minerals shows O:Si ratio of 4:1 in its silicate structure? (GATE GG 2024)
- a) Olivine c) Diopside
b) Quartz d) Albite
- 23) Which of the following rock structures is/are fold(s)? (GATE GG 2024)
- a) Antiform c) Syncline
b) Horst d) Synform
- 24) Assume heat producing elements are uniformly distributed within a 16 km thick layer in the crust in a heat flow province. Given that the surface heat flow and reduced heat flow are 54 mW/m^2 and 22 mW/m^2 , respectively, the radiogenic heat production in the given crustal layer in $\mu\text{W/m}^3$ is (in integer). (GATE GG 2024)
- 25) A confined aquifer with a uniform saturated thickness of 10 m has hydraulic conductivity of 10^{-2} cm/s . Considering a steady flow, the transmissivity of the aquifer in m^2/day is (rounded off to one decimal place). (GATE GG 2024)
- 26) A current of 2 A passes through a cylindrical rod with uniform cross-sectional area of 4 m^2 and resistivity of $100 \Omega\text{-m}$. The magnitude of the electric field (E) measured along the length of the rod in V/m is (in integer). (GATE GG 2024)
- 27) Which one of the following lineations can be observed on a foliation with an attitude $210^\circ, 40^\circ \text{ NW}$? (GATE GG 2024)
- a) $40^\circ \rightarrow 300^\circ$ c) $40^\circ \rightarrow 220^\circ$
b) $40^\circ \rightarrow 040^\circ$ d) $40^\circ \rightarrow 350^\circ$
- 28) Match the minerals in Group-I with the corresponding cleavage types in Group-II. (GATE GG 2024)
- | | |
|----------------|-----------------|
| Group I | Group II |
| P. Diopside | 1. Cubic |
| Q. Galena | 2. Octahedral |
| R. Calcite | 3. Prismatic |
| S. Fluorite | 4. Rhombohedral |

- a) P-3, Q-2, R-4, S-1
- b) P-4, Q-3, R-1, S-2

- c) P-3, Q-1, R-4, S-2
- d) P-4, Q-1, R-2, S-3

29) The composition of which one of the following reservoirs closely matches with that of iron meteorites?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Primitive Mantle
- b) Earth's Core

- c) Depleted Mantle
- d) Bulk Silicate Earth

30) Match the microstructures in Group-I with their characteristics in Group-II.

Group I

P. Core-mantle

Q. Decussate

R. Spherulite

S. Millipede

Group II

1. Radiating fibrous aggregate of K-feldspar with or without quartz

2. Large strained mineral grains surrounded by fine-grained, recrystallized grains

3. Inclusion trails in a porphyroblast curves into the matrix foliation by developing concave outward pattern

4. Randomly oriented mineral grains dominated by crystal faces, such as in sheet silicates

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- a) P-2, Q-3, R-4, S-1
- b) P-3, Q-4, R-1, S-2

- c) P-2, Q-4, R-1, S-3
- d) P-4, Q-2, R-3, S-1

31) Which one among the following is the least abundant sedimentary rock in the stratigraphic record?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Sandstone
- b) Limestone

- c) Conglomerate
- d) Shale

32) Which one of the following sequences of index minerals correctly represents the order of increasing metamorphic grade during regional metamorphism of siliceous dolomitic limestones?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Tremolite → Diopside → Talc
- b) Diopside → Tremolite → Forsterite

- c) Talc → Tremolite → Diopside
- d) Talc → Forsterite → Tremolite

33) Which one among the following is the oldest horse genus?

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- a) Orohippus
- b) Mesohippus

- c) Merychippus
- d) Pliohippus

34) The measured plate velocity is maximum (in International Terrestrial Reference Frame) at which one of the following locations on the Indian Plate?

(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Leh
- b) Delhi

- c) Bengaluru
- d) Maldives

35) Which one of the following textures is called the chalcopyrite disease?

(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Chalcopyrite blebs in sphalerite
- b) Sphalerite stars in chalcopyrite
- c) Chalcopyrite lamellae in bornite
- d) Bornite lamellae in chalcopyrite

36) Which one of the following is the correct arrangement of volcanics from the oldest to the youngest?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Bijli → Rajmahal → Malani → Deccan
- b) Malani → Bijli → Deccan → Rajmahal
- c) Bijli → Malani → Rajmahal → Deccan
- d) Malani → Rajmahal → Bijli → Deccan

37) Which of the following types of deposits is/are formed by fractional crystallization of magma?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Komatiite hosted Ni–Cu
- b) Peridotite hosted Cr
- c) Leucogranite hosted U
- d) Anorthosite hosted Ti–Fe

38) Which of the following sedimentary basins is/are producing hydrocarbon commercially?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Ganga
- b) Krishna–Godavari
- c) Kerala–Konkan
- d) Cauvery

39) Which of the following bivalves is/are swimmers?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Aspergillum
- b) Lima
- c) Tellina
- d) Pecten

40) Which of the following structures is/are associated with duplexes in fold–thrust belts?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Roof thrust
- b) Floor thrust
- c) Imbricate fan
- d) Horses

41) Which of the following statements is/are CORRECT ?
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- a) Karst topography is formed in limestone terrains
- b) Fjords are formed by aeolian activities
- c) Oxbow lakes are formed in fluvial environments
- d) Ventifacts are formed by glaciers

42) Consider the solubility product of barite (BaSO_4) at 25 °C and 1 bar to be 10^{-10} . If the activities of Ba^{2+} and SO_4^{2-} ions are 0.5×10^{-5} and 10^{-X} , respectively, then the absolute value of 'X' is (rounded off to one decimal place).
(GATE GG 2024)

43) The support pressure of 20 kPa is required to stabilize the loose blocks of the Excavation Disturbed Zone (EDZ) at the crown of a circular tunnel with horizontal axis. The EDZ is to be stabilized by inserting rock bolts vertically into the roof. If the working capacity of a bolt is 160 kN, the area of the roof supported by a single bolt in m^2 is (in integer).
(GATE GG 2024)

44) The areas of drainage basins A and B are 25 km^2 and 50 km^2 , respectively. The total length of drainages of all orders in basin A is 20 km. If both the basins have the same drainage density, the total length of drainages of all orders in basin B in km is (in integer).

(GATE GG 2024)

45) Match the stratigraphic units in Group-I with the sedimentary basins in Group-II.

Group I

- P. Ramgundam Sandstone
Q. Raipur Formation
R. Bagalkot Group
S. Sonia Sandstone

Group II

1. Chhattisgarh
2. Kaladgi
3. Marwar
4. Godavari

(GATE GG 2024)

- a) P-2, Q-1, R-4, S-3
b) P-4, Q-1, R-2, S-3
c) P-4, Q-3, R-2, S-1
d) P-1, Q-4, R-3, S-2

46) Which one of the following openings is a type of decline in underground mines?

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- a) Crosscut b) Winze c) Spiral tunnel d) Drift

47) Which one of the following optic signs is CORRECT for a mineral with the given centered optic axis figure?

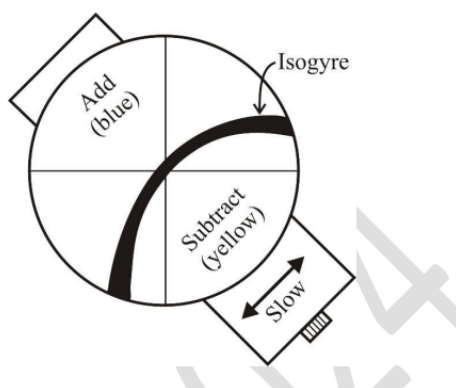


Fig. 5

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- a) Uniaxial positive b) Biaxial positive c) Uniaxial negative d) Biaxial negative

48) Match the following invertebrates in Group-I with their morphological features in Group-II.

Group I

- P. Trilobite
Q. Brachiopod
R. Bivalve
S. Echinoid

Group II

1. Periproct
2. Hypostome
3. Deltidial plate
4. Lunule

(GATE GG 2024)

- a) P-2, Q-4, R-1, S-3
b) P-2, Q-3, R-4, S-1
c) P-4, Q-3, R-1, S-2
d) P-3, Q-2, R-4, S-1

49) During high-temperature metamorphism of pelites, which one of the following mineral reactions represents the second sillimanite isograd?

(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Muscovite + Quartz = Sillimanite + K-feldspar + H₂O
- b) Staurolite + Quartz = Garnet + Sillimanite + H₂O
- c) Staurolite + Muscovite + Quartz = Garnet + Biotite + Sillimanite + H₂O
- d) Kyanite = Sillimanite

50) Which one of the following represents deviatoric stress in a 2D stress Mohr Circle?

(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Radius
- b) Center
- c) Pole
- d) Diameter

51) In the fold profile section shown in the figure, 1 and 3 are the oldest and the youngest stratigraphic units, respectively. Which one of the following fold descriptions CORRECTLY matches the asymmetric fold shown in the given figure?

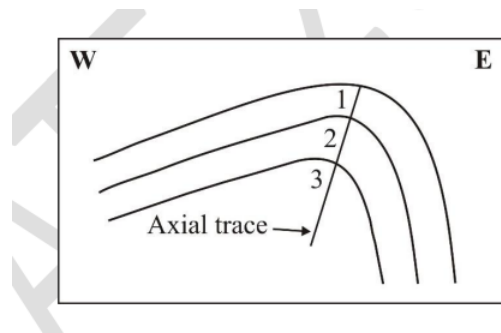


Fig. 6

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- a) Antiform facing east
- b) Synform facing east
- c) Antiform facing west
- d) Synform facing west

52) If 'X' represents the initial composition of a melt, which one of the trends indicated by arrows in the schematic diagram corresponds to the evolution of the residual melt composition during crystallization of diopside?

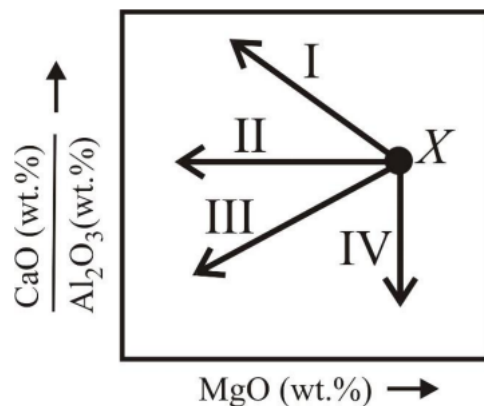


Fig. 7

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- a) I b) II c) III d) IV

53) Match the following copper deposits in Group-I with their host rocks in Group-II.

Group I

P.Khetri
Q. Mosabani
R.Malanjkhand
S.Kalyadi

(GATE GG 2024)

Group II

1. Chlorite–biotite schist and soda–granite
2. Garnetiferous chlorite schist
3. Metachert
4.Tonalite–granodiorite–granite

- a) P-2, Q-3, R-4, S-1
b) P-4, Q-1, R-2, S-3
c) P-2, Q-1, R-4, S-3
d) P-3, Q-4, R-1, S-2

54) Which one of the following events represents the termination of the Wilson Cycle in Plate Tectonics?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Ocean–continent subduction
b) Continent–continent collision
c) Continental rifting
d) Seafloor spreading

55) The fraction of the incident electromagnetic energy reflected from a material is known as
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) acuity b) albedo c) spectral hue d) artifact

56) Which of the following statements regarding ore deposits is/are CORRECT ?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Both replacement and exhalative ores are possible in SEDEX type deposits
b) Rampura–Agucha Pb–Zn deposit is a Mississippi Valley Type deposit
c) Orogenic gold deposit is an epigenetic type deposit
d) Fluid boiling in the early stage of magmatic crystallization is responsible for Cu–(Mo) deposits

57) Which of the following sedimentary structures is/are found in intertidal deposits?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Ladder-back ripple c) Double mud drape
b) Rain print d) Mud-crack

58) Which of the following materials is/are used for estimation of hydrocarbon source rock maturation based on color?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Conodont c) Spore
b) Illite d) Zircon

59) Which of the following schist belts occur(s) to the east of the Closepet Granite in southern India?
(GATE GG 2024)

- a) Shimoga c) Bababudan
b) Kolar d) Hutti

60) The diagram given below shows phase relations between components P and Q at 1 bar pressure. If 'X' represents the initial liquid composition, which of the following statements is/are CORRECT during equilibrium crystallization?

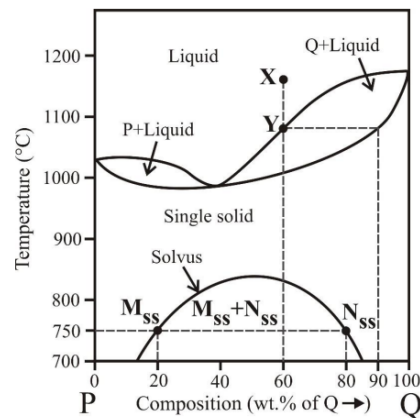


Fig. 8

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- Initial liquid composition is 60 wt.% of P and 40 wt.% of Q
- The composition of the solid in equilibrium with the liquid at 'Y' is 10 wt.% of P and 90 wt.% of Q
- The bulk composition of the final solid product is 40 wt.% of P and 60 wt.% of Q
- The proportion (on the basis of wt.%) of two phases, MSS : NSS is 1 : 2 at 750 °C

61) Which of the following statements is/are CORRECT for the M-plane of any fault?

(GATE GG 2024)

- M-plane pole of a fault is located on the fault plane
- M-plane pole of a fault is perpendicular to the slickenline on the fault plane
- M-plane pole of a fault is parallel to the slickenline on the fault plane
- M-plane pole of a fault is perpendicular to the pole to the fault plane

62) Which of the following microfossils is/are foraminifera?

(GATE GG 2024)

- | | |
|----------------|----------------|
| a) Miliammina | c) Cibicides |
| b) Triceratium | d) Guembelitra |

63) The in situ stress at a point in a dry sandstone terrain is as follows: $\sigma_1 = 12$ MPa and $\sigma_3 = 4$ MPa. The pore water pressure (p_w) increases by the construction of a reservoir. The failure criterion of the sandstone is given by $\sigma'_1 = 3.48$ MPa + $3\sigma'_3$, where σ'_1 and σ'_3 are the effective maximum and minimum principal stresses, respectively. Assuming that the failure occurs at peak stress, the minimum value of p_w (in MPa) that will cause the sandstone to fail in situ is (rounded off to two decimal places).

(GATE GG 2024)

64) If the Rb-Sr isochron formed by a suite of gabbro samples has a slope of 0.0265, then the calculated age of the gabbro in million years is $\lambda(^{87}\text{Rb}) = 1.42 \times 10^{-11} \text{ year}^{-1}$

(GATE GG 2024)

65) A soil mass comprises two horizontal layers (of equal thickness and equal width) stacked one above the other. The hydraulic conductivities of the two layers are $5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm/s}$ and $3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ cm/s}$. Considering Darcian flow of water and same hydraulic gradient for both the layers, the effective hydraulic conductivity of the soil mass in cm/s is (rounded off to two decimal places).

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