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1. What are the rock forming minerals? Mention civil engineering significance of calcite 'w.r.t.' reservoir site selection. [2+1]
2. Outline the major engineering Geological problems of Siwalik and Higher Himalaya zone. What are the mitigation measures of erosion? Describe. [1+1+1]
3. Describe relation between hydraulic gradient and hydraulic conductivity in groundwater movement. How an artesian formed? [2+1]
4. a) What do you mean by geophysical exploration? [3]
b) For hydropower project, tunnel alignment have to be selected. The overburden material depth is confirmed from drilling of three boreholes, where top of the bedrock is encountered as follow. [5]

Location of borehole	Depths of bedrock at		
From BH ≠ 1 - BH ≠ 2, at distance of 1000m along N32°E	BH ≠ 1	BH ≠ 2	BH ≠ 3
From BH ≠ 1 - BH ≠ 3 at distance of 800 m along S73°E	-200 m	-300 m	-500 m

Select suitable alignment of tunnel, w.r.t. attitude of bedrock.

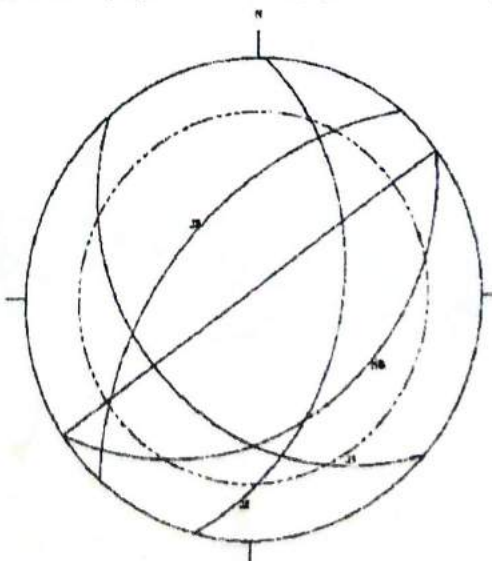
5. a) What is the mechanism of mass movement? What are the consequences of GLoF as geological hazard, describe. [3+2]
b) How do you differentiate hazard and risk? Describe relative hazard. [3+2]
6. a) How do you select support type for underground opening? Describe with justification. [4]
b) What are the support system and excavation method of poor rock class according to RMR system? Mention. [3+3]
7. a) What are the requirements for selection of borrow area for construction material exploration? Mention. Describe types of resource. [1]
b) The attitude of sandstone bedrock is N44°W / 36°. The difference of top and bottom of bedrock is 82 m. Calculate the reserve of aggregate in 2.7 km strike length and 0.62 km. dip length of rock quarry site. [2]

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1. How engineering Geological Map prepared? Mention the components of engineering Geological map. [1+2]
2. What are the geological problems of Lesser Himalaya and Terai zone? What are the Preventive measure for landslide? Describe. [1+1+1]
3. What are the geological factors for formation of hydrogeological condition? How do you differentiate aquifer and confining bed? [1+2]
4. a) Describe direct method of sub-surface site investigation. [3]
b) What are the geological consideration for selection of road and dam site. How do you investigate the foundation site for building and bridge? Mention in brief. [2+1.5+1.5]
5. a) How GLOF occurred? What are the types of movement according to varne? Describe in brief. [2+3]
b) Classify engineering evaluation of hazard. How absolute hazard assessment carried out? Describe. [3+2]
6. a) What are the parameters for RMR-system of rockmass classification? Describe meaning of rockmass class w.r.t. shear parameter? [4+1]
b) Interpretate the stability condition of rock slope where canal alignment have to be pass. The orientation discontinuities and hill slope and internal friction angle are as follow: [5]
HS = 138°/45°, J₁ = 234°/38°, J₂ = 098°/58°, J₃ = 315°/60° and $\phi = 25^\circ$



7. a) Define reserve. How do you estimate the reserve for construction material to construct highway project? [1]
b) Apparent dip amounts of Quartzite bed rock along N20°E and N65°E are 1:9 and 1:12 respectively. The vertical thickness of bedrock is 105 m. Calculate the reserve of construction material for an engineering project at area of 4.6 km² rock quarry site. [2]

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1. Define engineering geological map. Mention engineering significance of quartz mineral w.r.t hydropower project when sediment analysis has been carried out. [1.5+1.5]
2. Define discontinuity. Outline major engineering problems of lesser Himalaya. [1+2]
3. Differentiate aquifer and confining bed. Mention geological factors for formation of hydrogeological conditions. [1+1]
4. a) What are the purposes of site investigation? Describe geophysical and geotechnical exploration. [2+4]
- b) Describe the geological consideration for reservoir site selection. [3]
5. a) Define Hazard and risk. Describe mechanism of mass movement. [2+2]
- b) Describe parts of landslide with labelled diagram. Mention types of movement with reference to varne's classification. [2+3]
6. a) Three boreholes A, B and C were drilled for limestone reserve calculation. Bore hole A lies at 600 m distance due N28°E from borehole B. Bore hole C lies at 400m distance dues S 10°W from bore hole B. The top and bottom of limestone bed was encountered at the following depth of given bore holes. [5]

Bore hole	Top (m)	Bottom (m)
A	200	260
B	220	280
C	240	300

Calculate the true thickness of limestone bed.

- b) What are the conditions of plane failure of rock slope. [2]
- c) What are the parameters of Q-system for rockmass classification? [2]
- d) How do you calculate RQD from drill core method? [2]
7. Define reserve. Calculate reserve for aggregate of quartzite bedrock having vertical thickness 300 m at S 72°W/43° and in an area of 437 km². [3]

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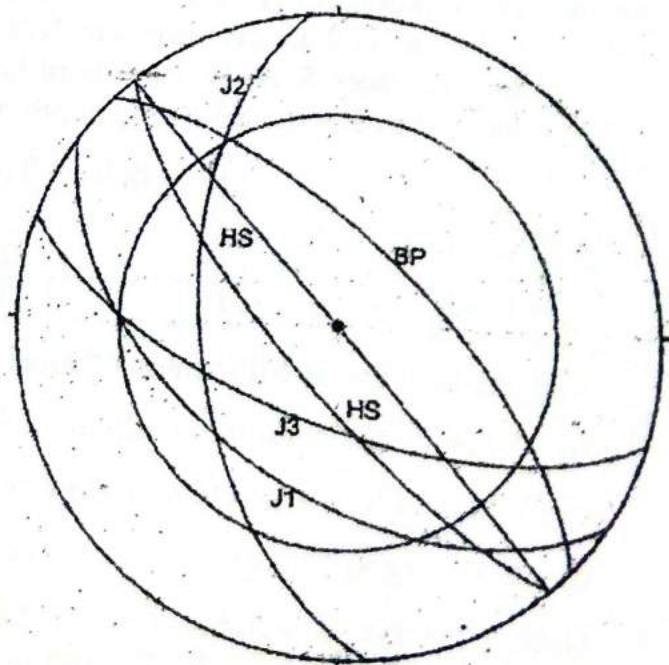
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1. Mention the engineering geological study with reference to the different phases for evaluation of EGS. [3]
2. What is the engineering significance of major discontinuity system of Nepal Himalayas and mention the different types of engineering problems in siwalik. [3]
3. Describe the process of groundwater movement. [2]
4. a) Define site investigation and describe the element of site investigation. [4]
b) What is overbreak? Give a brief outline of the geological survey of tunnel. [4]
5. a) How earthquake occurs? Differentiate between magnitude and intensity. [2+4]
b) What is GLOF? Discuss the cause and effect of GLOF. [4]
6. a) What is stereographic projection? Suggest the possible mode of failures from following figure. [2+4]

Hill Slope (HS)- $75^{\circ}/230^{\circ}$
Bedding plain (BP)- $68^{\circ}/045^{\circ}$
Joint (J1)- $49^{\circ}/215^{\circ}$
Joint (J2)- $55^{\circ}/265^{\circ}$
Joint (J3)- $65^{\circ}/199^{\circ}$
Internal friction angle (ϕ)= 32°



- b) Write down the importance of RMR system in Rock Mass classification. Discuss the excavation and support system in fair rock class according to RMR. [2+3]
7. Write about application of geomorphology and engineering geological map in searching of construction material. [3]

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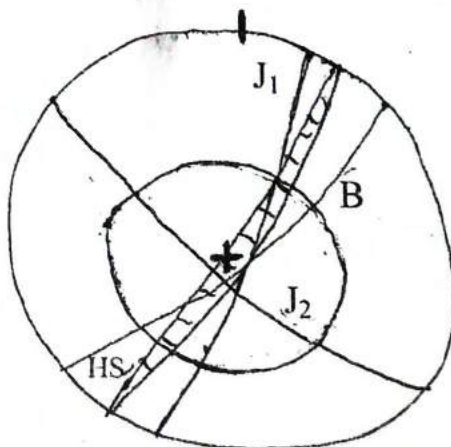
1. Write main tasks for EGS in detailed design phase of civil engineering projects. [3]
2. Describe mitigation measures of geological problems in Himalaya. [3]
3. Mention geological factors for formation of hydrological conditions. [2]
4. a) Describe geological criteria for selection of road alignment. [3]
- b) How do you explain factor of overbreak? [3]
- c) Describe geophysical exploration. [3]
5. a) What is factor of safety? Describe strength of earthquake. [2+2]
- b) How varne classified landslide? Explain. [3]
- c) Differentiate harzard and risk. [1.5+1.5]
6. a) What are the meaning of Rock mass classification from RMR-system? [2]
- b) How do you measured RQD in rock exposure and drilled core samples? [1+1]
- c) Mention conditions for wedge failure from rock mass. [2]
- d) Three bore holes were drilled to find out stable place for dam foundation of hydroelectric project. The apparent thickness of quartzite was found as 210 m. The Attitude of Quartzite bed was $220^{\circ}/36^{\circ}$ NE. Calculate true thickness of bedrock. [4]
7. How do you estimate reserve for construction materials from soil and rock strata? [3]

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1. Write down the parameters of engineering geological system. [3]
2. Mention the major engineering geological problems in the lesser Himalaya with mitigation. [3]
3. Describe the different types of aquifer system of Nepal. [2]
4. a) What is site investigation? Mention the different types of site investigation. [3]
b) What are the engineering geological factors to be considered for dam site selection? [3]
c) Describe the various geological problems occur during tunnel construction. [3]
5. a) What is the magnitude of earthquake hazard in Nepal? Differentiate between intensity and magnitude. [5]
b) Describe the geological hazard in Nepal due to GLOF. [5]
6. a) The altitude of different planes are given below. HS = $110^\circ/40^\circ$; B = $130^\circ/20^\circ$; $J_1 = 100^\circ/40^\circ$; $J_2 = 200^\circ/50^\circ$, $\phi = 32^\circ$. Design cut slope inclination to be stable of given discontinuities from different types of failure. [4]



- b) Define stereographic projection and mention the use of stereographic projection in the different field of engineering geology. [3]
- c) Describe the role of RMR system in underground excavation and support design. [2]
7. Mention the different requirements for selecting borrow areas for construction material. [2]

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1. What are the major engineering geological tasks for evaluation of Engineering Geological system in detail design phase? Define rock forming minerals. (2+1)
2. Define discontinuity? Describe specific geological problems in the Lesser Himalayan Zone. (1+2)
3. Differentiate between confined and unconfined aquifer. [2]
4. Nepal government is going to construct a new road on the left bank of the Sunkoshi River after the devastating landslide. Describe what kinds of engineering geological parameters should be considered for selecting road alignment. [5]
5. Describe the engineering geological documentation during underground excavation. [4]
6. Differentiate between Hazard & Risk. Describe how strength of Earthquake measured? (2+3)
7. How mass movement occurred? Describe Varne's Classification of Landslide. (2+3)
8. How Rock Tunelling Quality Index (Q) calculated? According to RMR-System, which rock mass classes require steel rib & thick shotcrete for support of underground excavation? (2+3)
9. Three boreholes A, B & C were drilled at featureless terrain for a Hydropower project. Borehole A lies at 700 m due N23°E from borehole B & borehole C lies S71°W from borehole B. Top of the bedrock has been encountered at following depths of three boreholes respectively: Find the attitude of bed rock and the true thickness of the bed. (5)

Bore Hole	Depth (bottom) m.	Depth top (m)
A	-280	-240
B	-320	-280
C	-340	-300

10. How do you calculate the reserve of aggregate from bedrock and unconsolidated material deposit? (3)



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1. Describe the engineering significance of the rock forming minerals. [3]
2. Describe types of aquifer with suitable diagram. What are the different engineering geological problems in the Terai zone of the Nepal Himalaya? [2+3]
3. Define Rock Mass Rating (RMR). Discuss the different type and methods of site investigation for the road in the Nepal Himalaya. [2+4]
4. How mass movements occur? Classify the landslide according to varnes (1978). [2+4]
5. Explain the different effects of earthquake and GLOF in the Nepalese context. [3+2]
6. What is rock mass? Describe the rock mass classification based on Q-system and discuss its implication for the tunnel support design. [2+4]
7. Discuss the different conditions for plane failure in the rock slope: [2]
8. Three boreholes A, B and C were drilled for limestone reserve calculation. Bore hole A lies at 600m distance due N28°E from borehole B. Borehole C lies at 400m distance due S10°W from borehole B. The top and bottom of limestone bed was encountered at the following depth of give boreholes.

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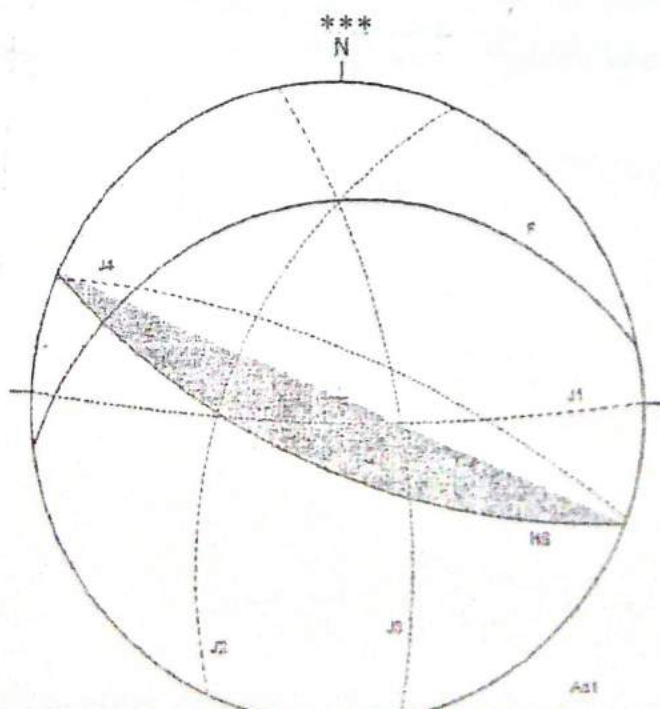
9. Discuss the use of topographic map and geological map for the survey of aggregates.

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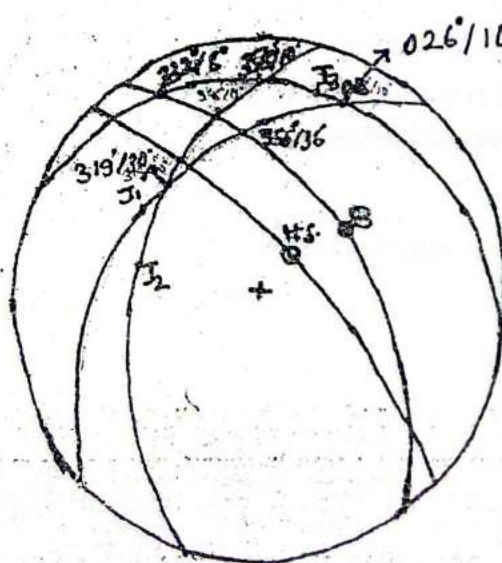
1. Define engineering geological map. What are the main parameters for evaluation of engineering geological system? [1+2]
 2. Describe the importance of Darcy's law in groundwater movement. Explain the engineering significance of major discontinuities system of the Nepal Himalaya. [2+3]
 3. Describe the different types and methods of site investigation and write down the different engineering geological parameters for the bridge site selection. [3+3]
 4. Define Mass movement. Differentiate between landslide and debris flow. [2+2]
 5. Describe the mechanism of an earthquake. What are the differences between magnitude and intensity of an earthquake? [2+4]
 6. Mention the different types of rock mass classification system. How do you measure RQD from given drill core samples? [2+2]
 7. Define reserve. Describe the use of engineering geological map for the construction material survey. [1+2]
 8. The apparent dip amount of an inclined bed is 1:12 and 1:16 along N30°W and N10°W respectively. Calculate the true dip amount and direction. [4]
 9. Discuss the stability analysis based on the following data: [5]
- HS= 202°/65°, F= 350°/2°, J₁= 180°/81°, J₂= 78°/69°, J₃= 21°/73°, J₄= 293°/52°



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1. Describe the engineering significance of the rock forming minerals. [3]
2. Highlight the major discontinuities system of Nepal Himalaya and their engineering significance. [3]
3. What are different aquifer system in terai, hills and mountains of Nepal? [2]
4. a) What are the engineering geological factors to be assessed for the tunnel site selection? [5]
- b) Write down the documentation process for this task. [4]
5. a) How do you differentiate P-wave and S-wave? Describe strength of earthquake. [2+3]
- b) Define mass movement. Describe causes of landslide. [1+4]
6. a) Bore B in an oil field is 5000 feet due north of bore hole A and bore hole C is 10,000 feet due east of bore hole A. The tops and bottoms of a key sandstone bed are reached at the following altitudes relative to sea leveling the three holes: A, -2500 and -2700 feet; B, -2800 and -3000 feet; and C, -3000 and -3200 feet. What is the attitude of the sandstone and how thick is it? [5]
- b) Suggest the possible mode of failure from following figure. [5]



Hill slope: N45°E/70° Bending: N 55°E/45° Joint 1: N47°W/31° Joint 2: N77°E/36°
Joint 3: N20°E/10°

7. What are the major steps involved in estimation of the construction materials? [3]

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1. Define engineering geological map. Briefly describe about the types and uses of engineering geological maps. [1+2]
2. Explain the engineering significance of major discontinuities system in the Nepal Himalaya. [3]
3. What are the different geological factors for for mature of different hydrological conditions? [2]
4. a) Write the geological consideration that should be taken in selection of dam site and bridge site. [5]
b) Describe geological site invention methods in brief. [4]
5. a) What is mass movement? Mention the classification of mass movement as per Varnes (1978). [5]
b) What are the engineering geological factors that causes hazards in the Nepal Himalaya? [5]
6. a) A stream flows in a southerly direction across a limestone that strikes N30°W and dips 50°SW. Determine the true thickness of the limestone if the base of the limestone is exposed at an altitude of 2900m and the top is exposed at an altitude of 2000m. the breath of the limestone along the stream is 2100m. [5]
b) Define Rock Mass Rating (RMR) and describe its importance in rock mass classification. [5]
7. Discuss the use of topographical map for the construction material survey. [3]

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1. Define over break. Describe direct methods of surface investigation with reference to selection of road alignment in rock slopes. [1+3]
2. Describe river channel morphology. Describe geological factors for formation of aquifer system in mountain. [1.5+2.5]
3. Write down the mechanisms of mass movement. Discuss the control measures against landslide. [1+4]
4. Describe condition of toppling failure. [3]
5. What are main parameters of Engineering Geological System? Describe major geological hazards in the Higher Himalayan Zone. [1.5+2.5]
6. Bore hole A is 700m due north of bore hole B and bore hole C is 600m due west of bore hole B. The tops and bottoms of a rock layer are reached at the following altitudes relative to the sea level in three holes. [6]
Bore hole A : -410m and -430m
Bore hole B : -380m and -400m
Bore hole C : -430m and -450m
Find the attitude and thickness of the rock layer.
7. Define rock mass. Discuss geo-mechanics classification of rock mass. [1+4]
8. What is engineering geological maps? Describe the importance of engineering geological maps in selection of burrow area. [2.5+2.5]
9. Write short notes on: [2×2]
 - a) Ground water movement
 - b) Mechanism of Earthquake

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1. a) Write the scope of engineering geology in the field of civil engineering. [2]
b) State the major geotechnical problems in Lesser Himalaya. [3]
2. Define aquifer. Write a note on the ground water condition in Nepal. [1+1]
3. Write the geological consideration that should be taken in to account in selection of road alignment. [3]
4. What are the types of site investigations? Describe about the role of geology in selection of Tunnel alignment. [1+3]
5. a) Define Hazard and Risk. Describe the types of Erosion. [1+3]
b) What is meant by GLOF? Explain the types of mass movement. [1+3]
6. a) What is rock mass? Classify the rock mass. [1+2]
b) Define discontinuity. Write down the widely accepted properties of discontinuities for rock mass. [1+2]
7. a) What is stereographic projection? What are kinematic tests for failures? [1+2]
b) Write down the uses of geological and topographical maps. [3]
8. Write short notes on: (any two) [3+3]
 - a) Earthquake and types of seismic waves
 - b) Porrosity and permeability
 - c) Types of rivers
