

ENGINEERING GEOLOGY, MINING GEOLOGY AND ORE DRESSING

UNIT 1

Engineering Geology: The role of Geology in Civil Engineering . engineering properties of rocks – Strength and elastic properties. Properties of building stones, concrete aggregates and rail road ballast.

Types of earth movements – Land slides, their causes, Classification and preventive measures.

Geological investigations pertaining to the foundation of bridges, buildings highways and airfields

UNIT 2

Types of Dams – Geological investigations of Dam sites. Dam construction - problems – remedial measures. Spill ways, reservoir problems. Tunnels: problems relating to tunneling in hard and soft grounds. Geological investigations proceeding tunneling. Geological investigations pertaining to harbours, docks and coastal erosion.

UNIT 3

Mining geology: Mining terms and their descriptions. Sampling - Principles – Types of sampling – Collection & preparation of samples;

Drilling: Types of drills – methods of drilling – geological logging. Explosives- Blasting – Rock excavations. Methods of stoping. Ventilation. Haulage. Shafts and shaft sinking.

Assaying and evaluation of ore-bodies and their extensions-ore reserve estimation.

Alluvial mining: panning, sluicing, hydraulicking, drift mining and dredging.

Opencast mining: Mine machinery-power shovel, bucket wheel excavator, conveyor and spreader. Types of mining- Glory hole, Kaolin mining, Granite mining, sand mining, stripping.

UNIT 4

Subsurface mining (or) Under ground mining;-Stoping : Open stopes – supported stopes, shrinkage stopes. Caving;-Top slicing-sub level caving –block caving. Ground water control – Mine ventilation

Coal Mining: Prospecting and planning – underground mining –Room and pillar method – long wall (advancing & retreating) method –Pillar robbing-Hydraulicking – Power source roofing – transportation; strip mining of coal – Augering-cleaning –Grading – Shipping – Future trends in India.

Mining and environment, Mitigation of mining hazards. Factors controlling the choice of various mining methods.

UNIT 5

Ore dressing: Principles and scope of mineral dressing; Physical and chemical properties of minerals as applied to mineral dressing.

Size reduction Fundamentals – Preliminary breaking – Jaw crushers – Gyratory crushers and Stamping; - Fine grinding – Wet and dry – Ball Mills;- Size separation –Screening –Sieve scale, Grizzlies , Vibrating screens;- Settling- Principles of settling, free settling hindered settling, gravity concentration;- Jigs;- Rakes Classifiers; - shaking tables – Wilfley tables – principles of magnetic separation and Electrostatic separation; - Floatation – Definition, principle and application, –Frothing agents – collecting agents – Dispersing agents –floatation Machines – Floatation practice and Filtration.

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