UNIT-V					
10		Discuss the different types of dams and their purposes. How do the geological conditions of a site influence the choice of dam type?	L2	CO5	10 M
OR					
11	a)	Describe the role of geological surveys in ensuring the safety and sustainability of a dam and its associated reservoir.	L2	CO5	5 M
	b)	What is the expected life span of a reservoir? Discuss the geological factors that can contribute to the deterioration or extension of a reservoir's life.	L3	CO5	5 M

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ENGINEERING GEOLOGY

(CIVIL ENGINEERING)

Duration: 3 hours Max. Marks: 70

Note: 1. This question paper contains two Parts A and B.
2. Part-A contains 10 short answer questions. Each Question carries 2 Marks.
3. Part-B contains 5 essay questions with an internal choice from each unit. Each Question carries 10 marks.
4. All parts of Question paper must be answered in one place.

BL – Blooms Level CO – Course Outcome

PART – A

		BL	CO
1. a)	Why is geology essential for assessing the suitability of land for construction projects?	L1	CO1
b)	What are the two main types of weathering?	L1	CO1
c)	Define a mineral and a rock.	L1	CO2
d)	List the physical properties of minerals.	L1	CO2
e)	What are joints in geology?	L1	CO2
f)	What is Outcrop?	L1	CO2
g)	What is the cone of depression?	L1	CO3
h)	How does the scale help in understanding the impact of seismic events?	L2	CO4
i)	What are the geological considerations that need to be taken into account when selecting a dam site?	L1	CO5
j)	What are the primary purposes of tunneling in geological engineering?	L1	CO5

PART – B

			BL	CO	Max. Marks
UNIT-I					
2		Discuss the main branches of geology and explain their significance in understanding the Earth's processes. How do these branches interrelate and what are their practical applications?	L3	CO1	10 M
OR					
3	a)	What is the process of weathering and how does it affect the physical and chemical properties of rocks?	L2	CO1	5 M
	b)	Investigate how the physical and chemical weathering of rocks contributes to soil formation.	L3	CO1	5 M
UNIT-II					
4		Explain the importance of field studies, laboratory techniques and petrographic methods in the classification and study of minerals and rocks.	L4	CO2	10 M
OR					
5	a)	Discuss the properties of mica and its significance in rocks like schist and gneiss.	L2	CO2	5 M
	b)	Explain the structure, texture and forms of sedimentary rocks such as shale, sandstone and limestone.	L3	CO2	5 M

UNIT-III					
6	a)	Describe the methods used to measure strike and dip in the field.	L2	CO2	5 M
	b)	Discuss how faults are identified and studied in civil engineering. How do engineers assess the risks associated with fault zones?	L3	CO2	5 M
OR					
7		Discuss the significance of understanding folds and faults in civil engineering projects such as dam construction, tunnels and highways. How can the presence of these geological structures impact the safety and stability of engineering projects?	L4	CO2	10 M
UNIT-IV					
8	a)	Describe the various techniques used in groundwater exploration. What are the advantages of each method?	L2	CO3	5 M
	b)	What are the effects of earthquakes on the built environment? Discuss the precautionary measures that should be taken when constructing buildings in seismic areas.	L3	CO4	5 M
OR					
9	a)	Classify landslides and discuss their causes and effects.	L2	CO4	5 M
	b)	Discuss the principles and applications of seismic methods in geophysical studies.	L3	CO4	5 M

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Scheme of valuation

	PART-A (2 X 10 = 20)
1 a)	**Why is geology essential for assessing the suitability of land for construction projects?**
	Knowledge of soil/rock, faults, groundwater, slope stability 2m
1 b)	**What are the two main types of weathering?**
	Physical (mechanical) and Chemical 2m
1 c)	**Define a mineral and a rock.**
	Mineral – definite chemical formula; Rock – aggregate of minerals 2m
1 d)	**List the physical properties of minerals.**
	Hardness, color, luster, streak, cleavage, specific gravity 2m
1 e)	**What are joints in geology?**
	Natural fractures without displacement 2m
1 f)	**What is Outcrop?**
	Exposed rock surface visible on land 2m
1 g)	**What is the cone of depression?**
	Area around a pumped well where water table dips 2m
1 h)	**How does the scale help in understanding the impact of seismic events?**
	Richter/Mercalli scale – measures magnitude or intensity 2m
1 i)	**What are the geological considerations that need to be taken into account when selecting a dam site?**
	Rock type, faults, permeability, seepage, seismicity 2m
1 j)	**What are the primary purposes of tunneling in geological engineering?**
	Transport, water conveyance, mining, utility lines 2m

	PART-B (5 X 10 = 50)
2 a)	**Discuss the main branches of geology and explain their significance in understanding the Earth's processes. How do these branches interrelate and what are their practical applications? 10m**
	Listing & explanation of branches any 4 (at least) – 4m Interrelation – 3m Applications – 3m
3 a)	**What is the process of weathering and how does it affect the physical and chemical properties of rocks? 5m**
	Physical & chemical weathering types. 3m Changes in structure, size, mineral composition. 2m
3b)	**Investigate how the physical and chemical weathering of rocks contributes to soil formation. 5m**
	Role of physical weathering in disintegration 2 Role of chemical weathering in mineral alteration 2 Final contribution to soil profile 1
4 a)	**Explain the importance of field studies, laboratory techniques and petrographic methods in the classification and study of minerals and rocks. 5m**
	Field methods – sampling, mapping 2 Lab tests – hardness, gravity, chemical 2 Petrographic – microscope study of minerals 1
5 a)	**Discuss the properties of mica and its significance in rocks like schist and gneiss. 5m**
	Properties – cleavage, flexibility, transparency 2 Role in schist and gneiss – foliation, mineral alignment 3
5 b)	**Explain the structure, texture and forms of sedimentary rocks such as shale, sandstone and limestone. 5m**
	Structure and texture – bedding, grain size 2 Shale, sandstone, limestone – description and form 3
6 a)	**Describe the methods used to measure strike and dip in the field. 5m**
	Explanation of strike and dip 5
6 b)	**Discuss how faults are identified and studied in civil engineering. How do engineers assess the risks associated with fault zones? 5m**
	Methods – mapping, trenching, seismic studies 2

	Risk assessment – displacement history, fault type, seismic risk 3
7	**Discuss the significance of understanding folds and faults in civil engineering projects such as dam construction, tunnels and highways. How can the presence of these geological structures impact the safety and stability of engineering projects? 10m**
	Importance in site selection (dams, tunnels, roads) 4 Structural influence on stability, leakage, settlement 3 Risk mitigation and engineering measures 3
8 a)	**Describe the various techniques used in groundwater exploration. What are the advantages of each method? 5m**
	Electrical resistivity, seismic refraction, borehole logging 3 Advantages of each method 2
8 b)	**What are the effects of earthquakes on the built environment? Discuss the precautionary measures that should be taken when constructing buildings in seismic areas. 5m**
	Structural impacts – shaking, cracking, liquefaction 2 Building precautions – zoning, flexible design 3
9 a)	**Classify landslides and discuss their causes and effects. 5m**
	Types – fall, slide, flow, creep 2 Causes – geology, rainfall, human activity 2 Effects – structural damage, loss of life 1
9b)	**Discuss the principles and applications of seismic methods in geophysical studies. 5m**
	Principle – wave travel through Earth 2 Types – reflection/refraction 2 Application – sub-surface exploration 1
10	**Discuss the different types of dams and their purposes. How do the geological conditions of a site influence the choice of dam type? 10m**
	Types – gravity, arch, earthfill, buttress (with features) 5 Geological conditions – foundation type, stability, faults, seepage 5
11a)	**Describe the role of geological surveys in ensuring the safety and sustainability of a dam and its associated reservoir. 5m**
	Geological mapping, fault detection, rock strength 2 Risk mitigation, water seepage checks 3

11b)	**What is the expected life span of a reservoir? Discuss the geological factors that can contribute to the deterioration or extension of a reservoir's life. 5m**
	Typical life span (50–100 years) 1 Factors affecting deterioration (siltation, erosion) 2 Factors extending life (sediment management, stable geology) 2

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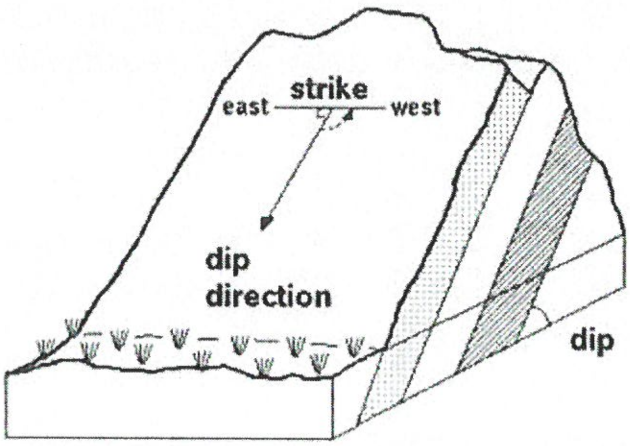
	PART-A (2 X 10 = 20)
1 a)	**Why is geology essential for assessing the suitability of land for construction projects?**
ANS	Geology helps determine the type and stability of soil and rocks, groundwater conditions, fault zones, and other subsurface features critical for safe and cost-effective construction.
1 b)	**What are the two main types of weathering?**
ANS	The two main types of weathering are physical (mechanical) weathering and chemical weathering. Also Biological weathering.
1 c)	**Define a mineral and a rock.**
ANS	A mineral is a naturally occurring, inorganic solid with a definite chemical composition and crystalline structure. A rock is a naturally occurring solid composed of one or more minerals.
1 d)	**List the physical properties of minerals.**
ANS	Color, streak, luster, hardness, cleavage, fracture, and specific gravity.
1 e)	**What are joints in geology?**
ANS	Joints are natural fractures or cracks in rocks where there has been no significant movement parallel to the fracture surface.
1 f)	**What is Outcrop?**
ANS	An outcrop is a visible exposure of bedrock or ancient geological formations on the Earth's surface.
1 g)	**What is the cone of depression?**
ANS	The cone of depression is the lowering of the water table around a pumped well due to groundwater withdrawal.
1 h}	**How does the scale help in understanding the impact of seismic events?**
ANS	Scales like the Richter and Mercalli scales quantify the magnitude and intensity of earthquakes, helping to assess potential damage and guide engineering design.
1 i)	**What are the geological considerations that need to be taken into account when selecting a dam site?**
ANS	Considerations include rock type, faults, seismic activity, permeability, slope stability, and potential for landslides.
1 j)	**What are the primary purposes of tunneling in geological engineering?**
ANS	Tunneling is used for transportation (roads, railways), utilities (water, sewage), and mining, especially where surface routes are impractical or disruptive.

	PART-B (5 X 10 = 50)
2	**Discuss the main branches of geology and explain their significance in understanding the Earth's processes. How do these branches interrelate and what are their practical applications?**
	<u>**Main Branches of Geology and Their Significance**</u> **Physical Geology** Studies Earth's materials (rocks, minerals) and processes (volcanism, erosion). Helps understand landform evolution and natural hazards. **Mineralogy** Focuses on the composition, structure, and properties of minerals. Vital for identifying economically valuable minerals and resources. **Petrology** Examines the origin, classification, and formation of rocks. Essential for understanding rock cycles and crustal processes. **Structural Geology** Analyzes the deformation of Earth's crust (faults, folds, joints). Important for seismic analysis and site stability in construction. **Paleontology** Investigates fossils to understand past life and environments. Aids in evolutionary studies and dating rock strata. **Geomorphology** Studies surface features and landform development. Helps in land use planning and erosion control. **Hydrogeology** Explores groundwater movement, distribution, and quality. Essential for water resource management and contamination studies. **Engineering Geology** Applies geological data to construction and infrastructure development. Assesses site conditions, slope stability, and foundation suitability. **Environmental Geology** Deals with human-environment interactions and geohazards. Supports pollution control, waste management, and sustainable development. **Interrelation of Branches** These branches often overlap and complement one another in practical work.

	For example, structural geology, petrology, and hydrogeology are integrated in tunneling and dam design. Environmental and engineering geology use data from hydrogeology, geomorphology, and stratigraphy to assess site feasibility and impact. Practical Applications • Natural resource exploration (minerals, oil, groundwater). • Disaster risk reduction (earthquakes, landslides, floods). • Infrastructure development (roads, dams, tunnels). • Land use planning and environmental protection.
3 a)	**What is the process of weathering and how does it affect the physical and chemical properties of rocks?**
	Weathering is the natural process of breaking down rocks into smaller particles through physical, chemical, or biological means, without any movement of the material. It is the first step in the formation of soil and sediment. **Types of Weathering and Their Effects on Rocks:** **1. Physical (Mechanical) Weathering:** Rocks are broken down into smaller pieces without changing their chemical composition. **Examples:** • Freeze-thaw action: Water enters cracks, freezes, expands, and breaks the rock. • Exfoliation: Peeling of outer layers due to temperature fluctuations. • Abrasion: Rocks grind against each other by wind, water, or glaciers. **Effect on Rocks:** Reduces rock size. Increases surface area for chemical weathering. Alters texture but not mineral composition. **2. Chemical Weathering:** The minerals in rocks react chemically with water, air, or acids, altering their composition. **Examples:** • Hydrolysis: Feldspar converts to clay. • Oxidation: Iron-bearing rocks form rust. • Carbonation: Limestone dissolves in carbonic acid. **Effect on Rocks:** Changes in color and mineral structure.Weakens rock strength. Produces clay and soluble minerals.
3b)	**Investigate how the physical and chemical weathering of rocks contributes to soil formation.**
	1. Physical (Mechanical) Weathering: Breaks rocks into smaller pieces without changing their chemical composition. Types and Role:

	• Thermal Expansion: Repeated heating and cooling causes rock surfaces to crack. • Frost Action (Freeze-Thaw): Water enters cracks, freezes, expands, and splits rocks. • Abrasion: Wind, water, or glaciers scrape and grind rock surfaces. • Biological Activity: Plant roots grow into cracks and break rocks apart. Effect: Increases surface area for chemical weathering and initiates fragmentation into sand, silt, and clay – key components of soil. **Chemical Weathering:** Changes the chemical composition of minerals, forming new materials. Types and Role: • Hydrolysis: Reaction with water forms clay minerals from feldspars. • Oxidation: Reaction with oxygen (e.g., iron-rich rocks form rust) weakens rock structure. • Carbonation: Carbon dioxide in water forms carbonic acid that dissolves carbonate rocks like limestone. Effect: Produces soluble ions and clay minerals essential for soil fertility and structure.
4	**Explain the importance of field studies, laboratory techniques and petrographic methods in the classification and study of minerals and rocks.**
	Importance of Field Studies Direct observation of rock outcrops and geological formations in their natural setting. Helps identify rock types, structures, textures, and mineral assemblages. Enables mapping of geological boundaries, folds, faults, and stratigraphic units. Provides context for sample collection and site-specific interpretation. Crucial for understanding weathering, erosion, and depositional environments. **Importance of Laboratory Techniques** Used to analyze physical and chemical properties of rocks and minerals. Common techniques include: Hardness tests (Mohs scale), Specific gravity tests, Chemical analysis etc. Offers quantitative data for accurate classification and comparison. Helps detect micro-structures, mineral impurities, and porosity. **Importance of Petrographic Methods** Involves the study of thin sections of rocks using a polarizing microscope. Identifies mineral composition, grain size, texture, and alteration features. Allows classification into igneous, sedimentary, or metamorphic rocks. Detects metamorphic features such as foliation, recrystallization, and mineral alignment. Essential in determining mineral relationships, zoning, and crystallization sequences. Widely used in petrology, mineral exploration, and academic research.

5 a)	**Discuss the properties of mica and its significance in rocks like schist and gneiss.**
	Properties of Mica: • Luster: Pearly to vitreous (shiny). • Color: Common types include muscovite (light-colored) and biotite (dark-colored). • Hardness: 2–3 on Mohs scale – relatively soft. • Cleavage: Perfect basal cleavage – splits easily into thin, flexible sheets. • Transparency: Muscovite is transparent to translucent; biotite is opaquer. • Flexibility: Thin sheets are elastic and can bend without breaking. • Structure: Layered (sheet silicate) structure allowing easy splitting. **Significance of Mica in Schist and Gneiss:** **In Schist:** • Mica (especially muscovite or biotite) is abundant, giving schist a shiny appearance and foliated texture. • It reflects medium-grade metamorphism and contributes to the rock's ease of splitting along planes. **In Gneiss:** • Mica appears in alternating bands with quartz and feldspar. • It helps identify mineral segregation and the high-grade metamorphic nature of gneiss. Adds to the rock's mechanical weakness along mica-rich bands.
5 b)	**Explain the structure, texture and forms of sedimentary rocks such as shale, sandstone and limestone.**
	1. **Shale** **Structure:** Fine layering or thin bedding due to compacted clay particles. **Texture:** Very fine-grained, smooth, and fissile (splits easily into thin sheets). **Forms:** Typically forms thin beds or layers; found in quiet water environments like lakes or deep seas. 2. **Sandstone** **Structure:** Often shows visible layering with cross-bedding or ripple marks. **Texture:** Medium-grained, composed mainly of sand-sized quartz or feldspar grains, cemented by silica or calcite. **Forms:** Forms thick beds and cliffs; common in river channels, beaches, and deserts. 3. **Limestone**

	Structure: Can be massive or bedded; may show fossil fragments or shell impressions. **Texture:** Fine to coarse-grained; composed mainly of calcite or aragonite **Forms:** Often forms thick, extensive beds; found in marine environments.
6 a)	**Describe the methods used to measure strike and dip in the field.**
	Methods to Measure Strike and Dip in the Field **Strike Measurement:** o Use a compass to find the direction of the line formed by the intersection of the rock layer with a horizontal plane. o The strike is recorded as the compass bearing (azimuth) of this line, typically reported as a three-digit number (0–360°). **Dip Measurement:** o Measure the angle at which the rock layer inclines from the horizontal plane, perpendicular to the strike line. o Use a clinometer or a compass with a clinometer to measure this angle. o Record both the dip angle (in degrees) and the dip direction (the compass direction in which the layer slopes downward). 
6 b)	**Discuss how faults are identified and studied in civil engineering. How do engineers assess the risks associated with fault zones?**
	<u>**Identification and Study of Faults in Civil Engineering**</u> **Field Mapping**: Engineers and geologists examine rock outcrops for visible signs of faults such as fractures, displaced strata, and fault scarps. **Geophysical Surveys**: Techniques like seismic reflection, resistivity, and ground-penetrating radar help detect faults hidden beneath the surface.

	Remote Sensing and Aerial Photography: Satellite images and aerial photos reveal linear features and landscape disruptions associated with faults. **Borehole Drilling and Logging**: Drilling near suspected faults provides direct evidence of fault zones through changes in rock types or displaced layers. **Seismic Monitoring**: Earthquake data helps locate active faults and understand their behavior over time. **Assessing Risks Associated with Fault Zones** ➢ **Seismic Hazard Analysis**: Evaluates the probability and intensity of earthquakes generated by nearby faults. ➢ **Geotechnical Investigations**: Assess soil and rock stability in fault zones, identifying weak or crushed materials. ➢ **Ground Motion Studies**: Model how fault movement will affect ground shaking and structural response. ➢ **Fault Rupture Hazard Assessment**: Determines whether surface rupture is likely to intersect the project site. ➢ **Design Adaptations**: Engineers incorporate flexible foundations, base isolators, or avoid construction directly on active faults. ➢ **Monitoring and Early Warning Systems**: Implement sensors to detect fault activity and enable timely evacuation if needed.
7	**Discuss the significance of understanding folds and faults in civil engineering projects such as dam construction, tunnels and highways. How can the presence of these geological structures impact the safety and stability of engineering projects?**
	Understanding folds and faults is crucial in civil engineering projects such as dam construction, tunnels, and highways, as these geological structures directly influence the safety, stability, and long-term performance of such infrastructure. Folds are bends in rock layers formed due to compressive tectonic forces. These structures, including anticlines, synclines, and monoclines, can affect the orientation and inclination of rock strata, which in turn impacts the excavation process and structural foundation alignment. Folded rock formations may contain planes of weakness and fractures that reduce the load-bearing capacity of the site. Additionally, folds can influence the movement and storage of groundwater, potentially causing seepage problems in dam sites or unstable conditions in tunnel construction. Faults, on the other hand, are fractures in the Earth's crust along which there has been displacement. They are particularly significant in civil engineering due to their

	association with seismic activity and structural instability. Fault zones often consist of crushed, weakened materials that offer poor support for heavy structures. In dam construction, active or dormant fault lines near the foundation can lead to serious issues such as differential settlement, leakage, or structural failure during an earthquake. In tunnels, faulted zones can cause overbreak, water ingress, and collapse risks. For highways, roads constructed over faulted or folded terrain may experience uneven settlement, landslides, or long-term deformation, resulting in frequent maintenance and safety concerns. To mitigate these risks, engineers conduct detailed geological and geotechnical investigations before construction. This includes mapping of fault and fold zones, geophysical surveys, and seismic risk assessments. Proper foundation design, incorporation of flexible structural elements, and implementation of drainage systems are essential to counteract the effects of geological instability. In seismic zones, continuous monitoring and hazard zoning further enhance safety. In conclusion, recognizing and addressing folds and faults in the early planning stages is essential for ensuring the structural integrity and operational safety of major civil engineering projects.
8 a)	**Describe the various techniques used in groundwater exploration. What are the advantages of each method?**
	<u>Geological Survey</u> • Study of surface rocks, soil types, and structures to identify potential aquifers. • Advantages: Simple, low cost, helps in preliminary site selection. <u>Geophysical Methods</u> Use of instruments to measure physical properties of subsurface materials. Common methods: • Electrical Resistivity: Measures resistance of rocks/soil to electric current. *Advantage:* Identifies water-bearing zones and depth of water table. • Seismic Refraction: Uses seismic waves to map subsurface layers. *Advantage:* Determines depth and thickness of aquifers. • Magnetic and Gravity Surveys: Detect geological structures influencing groundwater. *Advantage:* Helps identify faults and fractures controlling groundwater flow. <u>Remote Sensing and GIS</u> Satellite images and GIS analysis to identify landforms, lineaments, and vegetation indicative of groundwater. Advantages: Covers large areas quickly, cost-effective for regional studies. <u>Test Drilling (Boreholes)</u>

	Drilling exploratory wells to directly assess water quantity and quality. Advantages: Provides precise information on aquifer properties and water yield.
8 b)	**What are the effects of earthquakes on the built environment? Discuss the precautionary measures that should be taken when constructing buildings in seismic areas.**
	Effects of Earthquakes on the Built Environment • Structural damage or collapse of buildings, bridges, and infrastructure due to strong ground shaking. • Cracking and failure of foundations, leading to uneven settlement or total structural failure. • Damage to roads, railways, and pipelines, disrupting transportation and utilities. • Fires caused by ruptured gas lines or electrical faults after the earthquake. • Loss of life and injury due to collapsing structures and falling debris. • Economic losses from damage repair, business disruption, and emergency response. **Precautionary Measures for Buildings in Seismic Areas** • Site selection avoiding fault lines, liquefaction-prone soils, and unstable slopes. • Use of earthquake-resistant design principles such as flexible structures that can absorb seismic energy. • Construction with reinforced concrete, steel frames, or other materials that improve ductility and strength. • Proper foundation design, including deep foundations or base isolation techniques to reduce shaking effects. • Implementation of building codes and standards specific to seismic safety. • Regular inspection and maintenance of structures to identify and repair vulnerabilities. • Public awareness and emergency preparedness plans for occupants.
9 a)	**Classify landslides and discuss their causes and effects.**
	Landslides are classified based on the type of movement and material involved: • Falls: Sudden downward movement of rocks from steep slopes or cliffs. • Topples: Forward rotation of rock or soil blocks around a pivot point. • Slides: Downslope movement along a well-defined surface; includes: • Flows: Fluid-like movement of saturated materials (e.g., debris flow, mudflow). • Creeps: Very slow, gradual movement of soil or rock down a slope.

	• Lateral Spreads: Movement due to liquefaction or ground failure, often during earthquakes. **Causes of Landslides** **<u>Natural Causes:</u>** Heavy or prolonged rainfall causing saturation. Earthquakes triggering ground movement. Weathering weakening rock and soil. Volcanic activity producing ash flows and slope failure. Steep slopes and natural erosion. **<u>Human-Induced Causes:</u>** Deforestation removing root strength. Excavation and construction without proper slope support. Mining and quarrying weakening slopes. Water leakage from dams, canals, or reservoirs. **<u>Effects of Landslides</u>** Loss of life and property in affected areas. Damage to infrastructure like roads, railways, pipelines, and buildings. Disruption of transport and communication networks. River blockages leading to flooding or dam formation. Soil erosion and loss of agricultural land. Environmental degradation and habitat destruction.
9b)	**Discuss the principles and applications of seismic methods in geophysical studies.**
	Seismic methods are based on the principle of generating elastic waves and recording their travel through subsurface materials to study Earth's internal structure. When seismic waves, usually created by controlled sources like a hammer blow, weight drop, or explosive charge, travel through different geological layers, they are reflected, refracted, or absorbed depending on the properties of the materials they encounter. The recorded travel times and wave behaviors help determine the depth, density, and type of subsurface formations. There are two main types: **seismic refraction**, which measures waves bending across layers, and **seismic reflection**, which analyzes waves bouncing off layer interfaces. These methods are widely applied in civil engineering for site investigations, oil and gas exploration, mineral prospecting, earthquake studies, and mapping groundwater resources. They are particularly useful for detecting faults, voids, rock types, and bedrock depth,

contributing significantly to safe and informed design in construction and resource management.

10 Discuss the different types of dams and their purposes. How do the geological conditions of a site influence the choice of dam type?

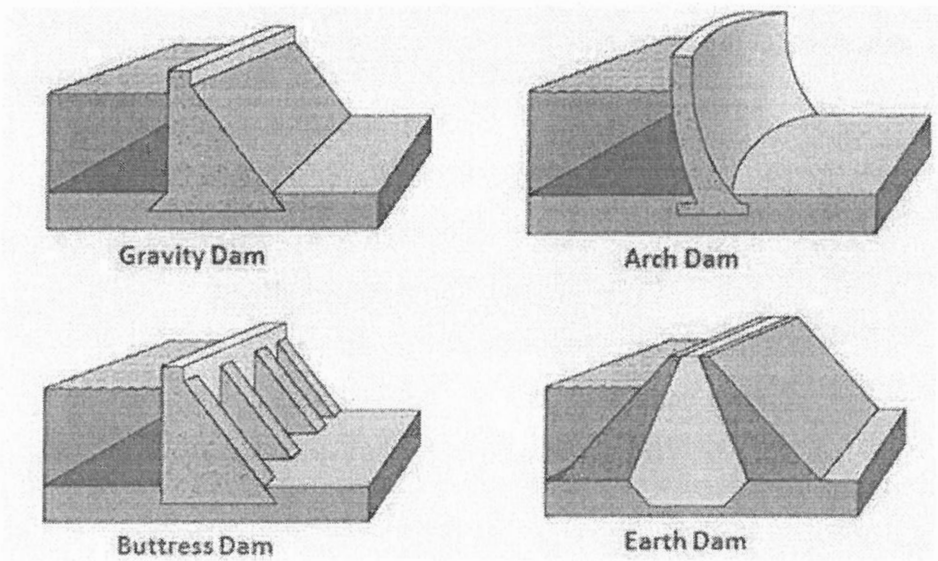
Dams are engineered structures built across rivers or streams to store, control, or divert water for various purposes such as irrigation, hydroelectric power generation, flood control, water supply, and recreation. There are several types of dams, each suited to specific site conditions and functional requirements.

Gravity dams rely on their weight to resist water pressure and are typically constructed using concrete or masonry on strong, stable rock foundations.

Arch dams, which are curved upstream, transfer water pressure to the abutments and require narrow valleys with strong, stable rock walls.

Buttress dams use sloping supports to reduce the amount of construction material and are suitable for wide valleys with firm ground.

Earthfill (embankment) dams, made of compacted earth, and **rockfill dams**, composed of rock fragments, are widely used due to their adaptability to various sites and cost-effectiveness. These types are especially preferred where foundation conditions are less ideal or where construction materials are locally available.



The selection of a suitable dam type is highly influenced by the geological conditions of the proposed site. The strength, permeability, and stability of the foundation rock or soil are critical factors. For instance, gravity and arch dams require strong,

	impermeable bedrock to bear heavy loads and prevent seepage, while earth and rockfill dams can be constructed on less competent foundations if properly treated. The presence of faults, fractures, or weathered zones can compromise dam stability, requiring detailed geological and geotechnical investigations before finalizing the design. Groundwater conditions, such as seepage or uplift pressure, also affect the choice, as do seismic risks, which demand flexible and resilient dam structures. In summary, understanding the geological setting is essential for selecting a dam type that ensures safety, performance, and economic feasibility.
11a)	**Describe the role of geological surveys in ensuring the safety and sustainability of a dam and its associated reservoir.**
	Geological surveys play a crucial role in ensuring the safety and sustainability of a dam and its associated reservoir. These surveys help in understanding the nature of the rock and soil at the proposed site, identifying any faults, fractures, or weak zones that could affect the stability of the dam structure. They assess the strength, permeability, and weathering characteristics of foundation materials, which are essential for choosing the right type of dam and designing safe foundations. Geological surveys also evaluate the potential for seepage, landslides, or earthquakes in the region, allowing engineers to take preventive measures. Additionally, they provide information on the availability of suitable construction materials nearby, reducing costs and environmental impact. By thoroughly studying the site's geological conditions, these surveys help in minimizing risks, preventing failures, and ensuring that the dam functions efficiently and safely over its intended lifespan.
11b)	**What is the expected life span of a reservoir? Discuss the geological factors that can contribute to the deterioration or extension of a reservoir's life.**
	Expected Life Span of a Reservoir The average life span of a reservoir is usually 50 to 100 years. This depends on design, usage, and especially geological and environmental conditions. **<u>Geological Factors Affecting Reservoir Life</u>** **Sedimentation** Erosion from nearby hills brings silt and sand into the reservoir, reducing water storage over time. **Rock Type and Strength** Strong, stable rocks (like granite) increase lifespan; weak or fractured rocks may lead to leaks or failures. **Seepage and Permeability**

	Highly permeable rocks or soils under the reservoir can cause water loss and reduce efficiency. **Landslides and Slope Instability** Surrounding slopes made of loose or weathered material can collapse into the reservoir, affecting capacity. **Faults and Earthquakes** Fault zones or seismic activity can damage the dam or reservoir structure, shortening its life. **Weathering of Foundation Rock** Chemical or physical weathering weakens the base, increasing the risk of leakage or structural issues. **Groundwater Conditions** High groundwater pressure may cause uplift or seepage, affecting the dam's stability. **Also,** Growth of vegetation or burrowing animals in earth dams can create paths for seepage. Deforestation and farming increase erosion and sediment inflow, reducing lifespan. Proper site selection and foundation treatment can **extend the life** of the reservoir.