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Geology

Unit F792: Rocks – Processes and Products

Advanced Subsidiary GCE

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Annotation	Meaning
BP	Blank Page – this annotation must be used on all blank pages within an answer booklet (structured or unstructured) and on each page of an additional object where there is no candidate response
✓	correct response
×	incorrect response
BOD	benefit of the doubt
NBOD	benefit of the doubt <u>not</u> given
ECF	error carried forward
^	information omitted
I	ignore
R	reject
PD	poor diagram
MB	max response
SEEN	
CON	contradiction

Highlighting is also available to highlight any particular points on the script.

Q	Question		Answer	Marks	Guidance
1	(a)	(i)	white area top left	1	
		(ii)	white area on the right	1	
		(iii)	regional	1	
		(iv)	measure of intensity of metamorphism; the amount of metamorphism; the temperature and pressure (conditions) under which the metamorphic rock forms; where there is an increase in both temperature (and pressure); determines the type of metamorphic rock; determines the mineral composition and therefore mineral index zones;	1	ANY 1 ALLOW how much OR degree OR level for amount
		(v)	plotted dark grey area 1 cm from top of graph between 600 to 900°C	1	
	(b)	(i)	medium OR high pressure and low temperature;	1	ALLOW correct T and P values
		(ii)	where rocks are deeply buried by overlying sediment; where rocks are deeply buried due to deposition; the weight of overlying rock creates high pressure; high pressure due to deposition of overlying rock; high pressure in subduction zones; rocks deep below fold mountain belts;	1	ANY 1 ALLOW overburden as alternative term for overlying sediment Answers must include terms such as deep or high
	(c)		A schist; B gneiss; C quartzite OR metaquartzite; D marble	1 1 1 1	ALLOW phyllite for A DO NOT ALLOW orthoquartzite

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(d)	texture	slaty cleavage OR porphyroblastic OR porphyroblast OR foliation	1	ALLOW if correct texture is named under formation part of the answer
	formation	muscovite OR platy minerals OR flaky minerals OR clay minerals aligned; at right angles to the (maximum) pressure direction; pyrite / porphyroblasts form after the cleavage OR pyrite / porphyroblasts grow during metamorphism OR pyrite / porphyroblasts grow after the other minerals; pyrite grows larger as temperature and pressure increases;	2	Any 2 for formation
		Total	14	

			Α	nswer		Marks	Guidance
2	(a)	(i)	intrusion type	concordant	discordant		1 MARK each for intrusion type
			E transgressive sill	✓	✓		for E, F and G
			F sill	✓		4	1 MARK for both F and G ticks
			G dyke		✓		correct
				·			Ignore any crosses
		(ii)	4			2	ALLOW one plotting error
			(B 3				ALLOW points within half a
			E a				square
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							1 MARK for accurate line
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			0				Ignore any extensions of the curve to 0.
			0 1 2	3 4 5 6	7 8 9 10		
				Distance from X (m)			Line may be smooth curve or
			1 MARK for 7 or 8 points corre	ect			joining points

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
2 (a) (iii)	description fine crystals at both edges AND medium (coarser) crystals in the centre	1	1 MARK for description
	explanation fine crystals cool faster due to cooler country rock; edges X and Y are the chilled margin where it cooled more rapidly; central area so crystals cool slowly so are larger; more time for crystals to grow in centre so larger; central area is insulated so crystals are larger;	2	Any 2 MARKS for explanation
(b)	similarity same mineral composition OR both mafic OR both SiO ₂ % 45 – 52 OR both contain plagioclase and augite OR both dark in colour	1	
	difference <u>basalt is fine crystals</u> <u>AND dolerite is medium crystals</u> OR basalt crystals <1mm AND dolerite crystals 1 – 5 mm	1	MUST compare the two rocks
(c)	vesicular drawn and labelledoval or round shaped holes OR vesicles;amygdaloidal drawn and labelledoval or round shaped areas filled with crystals OR minerals in amygdales;	1	Max 1 for both diagrams with no labels but clear and accurate. amygdales must be shown filled in and labelled
	vesicular formation gas trapped in cavities OR holes OR bubbles OR vesicles as the lava cooled;	1	DO NOT ALLOW gas escapes ALLOW magma as alternative to lava
	amygdaloidal formation vesicles infilled with precipitated minerals OR vesicles filled by minerals formed from groundwater		DO NOT ALLOW just infilled with minerals
	Total	15	

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3	(a)	(i)	deltas form where a river meets the sea OR deltas form where a river meets a lake; a decrease in velocity means that sediment will be deposited OR loss of energy means that sediment will be deposited; sediment load cannot be carried in water where there is no current OR is calm	2	ANY 2 ALLOW channel as alternative to river ALLOW load or particles as alternative to sediment	
		(ii)	distributaries OR distributary channel	1		
		(iii)	because a lot of sediment has been deposited to the <u>north;</u> the coastline has moved <u>north</u> wards; the delta has prograded <u>north</u> wards; the coastline has pushed further <u>out</u> OR the coastline has built out into the <u>sea;</u> the coastline has moved <u>sea</u> wards OR the coastline has moved <u>out</u> wards due to deposition;	1	ANY 1	
		(iv)	<u>channels</u> : sand may be coarse grained sand may contain gravel conglomerates on inside of meander bend OR conglomerates as channel lag sands found in point bars OR sands found slip-off slopes channel sands can be cross bedded; <u>swampy areas H:</u>	1	1 MARK for channels ALLOW sandstone instead of sand ALLOW correct description of grain shape <u>and</u> sorting for correct named rock ANY 1 MARK for swampy areas ALLOW 1 mark for correct	
			 coal / peat is carbon rich formed from the remains of trees OR plants OR vegetation; seat earth was the soil in which the trees grow OR seat earth is made of silt / clay / fine sand; clays / silts / mud all fine grained OR clays / silts / mud formed on the flood plains; 		sediment named in <u>both</u> channel and swamp but not described	
	(b)	(i)	H topsetsOR delta top;J foresetsOR delta slope OR delta front;K bottomsetsOR prodelta;	2	2 MARKS for 3 correct 1 MARK for 2 or 1 correct	

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3	(b)	(ii)	S	coal seat earth sandstone	3	1 MARK for topset of coal, seat earth, sandstone any 2 in correct order
			foresets: c	cross bedded sandstone		1 MARK for foreset sandstones
			bottomsets: c	clays OR mudstone OR shale OR limestone		1 MARK for bottomsets of eg clay
	(c)		<u>1.5</u> cm / year		1	
		<u> </u>		Total	12	

Q	Question				Marks	Guidance		
4	(a)	(i)	Sedimentary structure	Use as a way- up indicator	Use as a palaeo- current indicator	Use as a palaeo- environmental indicator	1	1 MARK for each row for both ticks and crosses correct
			large scale cross bedding	✓	√	√	1	ALTERNATE METHOD
			desiccation cracks	\checkmark	Х	\checkmark		2 ticks = one mark 2 crosses = one mark
			graded bedding	✓	X	X	J '	2 crosses = one mark
			imbricate structure	X	✓	✓	1	
			salt pseudomorphs	X	X	✓	1	
		(ii)	labelled diagram (V shap top; infill in cracks drawn and of inverted sequence to s explanation of cracks wid explanation of sediment	labelled OR seques show way up; der at the top as e	uence of labelled dia	grams (younger <u>and</u> older) r at the surface;	3	ANY 3 MARK labels as text Max 2 marks if no diagram Max 2 marks if no mention of way-up

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4 (a)	(iii)	(iii) graded bedding with fine particles at top OR desiccation cracks with point of V at base OR other suitable structure correctly drawn on all three limbs;		
		top of bed AND bottom of bed labelled	1	
(b)	(i)	L in river point bars OR river slip-off slopes OR river asymmetrical ripples OR beach dunes OR beach ripples OR delta channel ripples;	1	ALLOW 1 mark for L fluvial or river or beach or shallow sea and M desert with no descriptions
		M desert sand dunes OR aeolian (wind deposits) sand dunes OR barchan dunes;	1	ALLOW 1 mark for comparison of scale linked to correct environment
	(ii)	L left to right	1	MUST have both arrows correct for
		M right to left		1 MARK
(c)		Diagram and formation: cubic halite (salt) crystals form (cubic shape must be shown on diagram); halite (salt) crystals <u>dissolved</u> out OR halite (salt) crystals taken into solution; cubic holes infilled by sediments / silt / clay / fine sand (sediment must be shown on diagram); where evaporation is high OR when evaporation exceeds precipitation;	3	ANY 3 for diagram and formation No diagram MAX 3
		environment: desert (hot and arid) salt lake OR playa lake OR saline marine lagoon OR barred basin OR sabkha ;	1	
		Total	16	

Question		on	Answer	Marks	Guidance
5	(a)	(i)	gabbro;	1	
		(ii)	dense olivine crystals sink OR dense olivine forms cumulate layer near base; by gravity settling;	1	ALLOW magmatic segregation
			OR ALTERNATIVE METHOD early formed / high temperature olivine crystals form while rest of magma is liquid;		ALTERNATIVE METHOD Description must link to correct
			by fractional crystallisation;		explanation
		(iii)	chilled margin OR area of fine grained mafic rock;	1	ALLOW AW
			cooled quickly before magma differentiated OR cooled quickly before depletion of any minerals;	1	
		(iv)	magmatic differentiation means that early formed crystals are rich in any 2 of Fe, Mg, Ca OR fractional crystallisation means that early formed crystals are rich in any 2 of Fe, Mg, Ca;	2	ANY 2
			later magma is enriched in silica OR later magma is depleted in mafic minerals;		
			Ca rich plagioclase and pyroxene (augite) form early so first rocks are 50% of each;		
			last rock (in centre of sill around 200m) is higher in plagioclase (65%) as magma is depleted in mafic minerals OR last rock (in centre of sill around 200m) is higher in plagioclase (65%) as magma is enriched in silica;		
			last rock (in centre of sill around 200m) is lower in pyroxene (augite) (35%) as much of the pyroxene (augite) has been depleted;		
	(b)	(i)	1 Ca rich plagioclase;	1	ALLOW 1 MARK if Ca rich and
			2 biotite;	1	Na rich are both correctly labelled without the term plagioclase
			3 Na rich plagioclase;	1	
			4 K feldspar OR potash feldspar OR orthoclase	1	ALLOW 1 anorthite 3 albite

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5	(b)	(ii)	circle from olivine down to biotite;	1	ALLOW multiple circles around correct boxes on left
		(iii)	olivine is undersaturated with silica while quartz is all silica; olivine reacts with any excess silica to become pyroxene; olivine forms at high temperature and quartz forms at low temperature; olivine forms early on in the reaction series and will have reacted with magma before quartz forms;	1	ANY 1 DO NOT ALLOW just forms at different temperatures
		(iv)	Ca plagioclase forms early so is present in the lower part of the intrusion OR Ca plagioclase forms at high temperature so is present in the lower part of the intrusion; Na rich plagioclase forms late so is present in the middle / last part of the intrusion OR Na rich plagioclase forms at low temperature so is present in the middle / last part of the intrusion; intrusion;	1	Answer must refer to intrusion Max 1 for general statement of temperature decreases from Ca rich to Na rich OR Ca rich forming first and Na rich forming later
	(c)	(i)	Quartz; Reason formed at temperature closest to that of Earth's surface; is chemically unreactive OR inert OR insoluble <u>and</u> physically resistant OR hard (7) OR no cleavage; last to form on Bowen's Reaction Series making it the most stable ; last to form on Bowen's Reaction Series making it the most resistant to weathering;	1	ANY 1 for reason

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5	(C)	(ii)	hydrolysis; Explanation feldspar contains Ca / Na / K which is soluble and is dissolved out; rainwater / groundwater carries soluble ions out of the rock into rivers; feldspars react with hydrogen ions in water OR feldspars react with the carbonic acid;	1	ANY 1 for explanation
	(d)		chemical salts such as potassium carbonate are soluble; feldspar reacts with acid in rainwater to form solutes; rainwater contains dissolved carbon dioxide OR carbonic acid; groundwater is acidic due to organic material;	2	ANY 2
			calcite / limestone reacts with acid and is dissolved; equation $CaCO_3 + H_2CO_3 \rightarrow Ca^{2+} + 2HCO_3^{-}$; calcite + carbonic acid \rightarrow calcium + hydrogen carbonate;		ALLOW calcium carbonate for calcite
	(e)		frost shattering OR freeze thaw; exfoliation; pressure release;	2	Any 2 ALLOW onion skin weathering
		•	Total	23	

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6	 grain size Any 2 of coarse OR over 2 mm OR rudaceous OR contain gravel / pebbles <u>AND</u> example of conglomerate OR breccia; Any 2 of medium OR 0.0625 mm (0.02) mm to 2 mm OR arenaceous OR contain sand <u>AND</u> example of sandstone OR arkose OR greywacke OR orthoquartzite; Any 2 of fine OR <0.0625 mm (0.02 mm) OR argillaceous <u>AND</u> example of clay OR mudstone OR shale OR siltstone; 	1 1 1	 ALLOW clastic rocks divided into 3 groups based on grain size for 1 mark if no detail ALLOW 1 general point for 2 correct grain sizes with no rock names
	 grain shape angular grains form rock breccia OR greywacke; rounded grains form conglomerate OR desert sandstone; 	1 1	ALLOW 1 general point for 2 correct grain shapes with no rock names Grain shape may be on a diagram
	 mineral composition sandstone is quartz rich OR orthoquartzite > 90% quartz OR orthoquartzite is quartz with a quartz cement; desert sandstone quartz with iron oxide; arkose contains >25% K feldspar; greywacke contains rock fragments <u>AND</u> clay matrix; clay OR mudstone OR shale contains clay minerals; limestones contain high proportion of calcite; coals contain high proportion of carbon; evaporites contain calcite, gypsum, halite and K salts; 	4	ANY 4 points ALLOW general statement of sandstones can be subdivided on basis of composition for MAX 1 mark if no specific examples given

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6	 fossil content fossils are rare in coarse clastic rocks OR evaporites; fossils are very common (forming around 50% of rock) OR forming fossiliferous limestone OR bioclastic limestone; coals contain plant material; chalk made of coccoliths OR oozes made of named microfossils such as foraminifera; crinoidal limestone contains many crinoids OR reef limestone is rich in corals; 	2	ANY 2 points ALLOW specific named fossil crinoidal limestone ALLOW other correct specific named fossiliferous rocks
			FULL MARK answers must have a minimum of 1 MARK for each section with rock names included <u>AND</u> a minimum of 1 MARK for non-clastic
	Total	10	

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
7	Mafic volcano distribution of volcanic products	5	1 mark for each point that is
	 lava forms long flows several km in length <u>due to</u> low viscosity OR fissure eruptions OR flood basalts cover 1000's of km² OR fast flowing lava flows <u>due to</u> low viscosity OR due to high lava temperature ; 		described <u>AND</u> explained. ALLOW 2 descriptive points for 1 mark for each section for max 2
	 lava flows go in all directions from a central crater OR lava flows from fissures cover large area <u>due to</u> low viscosity magma spreading out OR due to high lava temperature; lava flows down shallow sided (2-10 degrees) shield volcano <u>due to</u> low viscosity OR due to high lava temperature; 		ALLOW correct reason such as low viscosity to be given once for more than one marking point in distribution of volcanic products
	 Mafic volcano type of volcanic products lava is commonly low viscosity OR lava is fluid OR runny <u>due to</u> low silica content; lava is basaltic in composition <u>due to</u> low silica content OR 52-45% SiO₂; lava surface can be pahoehoe (ropy) OR aa (blocky) <u>due to</u> temperature / viscosity OR pillow lava <u>due to</u> cooling in sea water; few pyroclastics OR some ash <u>due to</u> gas escaping easily OR low viscosity OR quiet / effusive eruptions OR lava dominates <u>due to</u> low gas content OR low viscosity; 		Max 4 marks if both distribution and products are not included
	 labelled diagram <u>low angle</u> slopes drawn or labelled or in text (any 2 labels: vent, crater, wide base, lava flows) for mafic shield or fissure volcano 		Max 1 for labelled drawing

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	Intermediate volcano distribution of volcanic products	5	1 mark for each point that is
	 lava flows are short OR lava flows just a few 100m OR lava flows only close to vent due to high viscosity; 		described and explained
	 lava forms steep sides >30 degrees OR lava may form parasitic cones <u>due to</u> high viscosity OR <u>due to</u> low lava temperature; 		ALLOW 2 descriptive points for 1 mark for each section for max 2
	 lava and ash form alternating layers <u>due to</u> vent being blocked at times; 		
	 pyroclastic flows OR nuée ardente follow valleys due to dense flows; 		Max 4 marks if both distribution
	may result in blast damage entirely on one side <u>due to</u> explosions;		and products are not included
	 ash OR tuff may be blown by in one direction <u>due to</u> wind OR ash OR tuff OR pumice can be carried long distances OR cover large areas <u>due to</u> small size OR light weight OR allows them to be carried by wind; 		
	agglomerate may be found close to the crater <u>due to</u> large OR heavy blocks		
	Intermediate volcano type of volcanic products		
	• lava flows are short as it is viscous OR pyroclasts are common <u>as</u> it is explosive		
	lava is thick OR sticky OR non-fluid due to high viscosity		ALLOW can produce silicic OR
	 lava is andesitic in composition <u>as it is silica rich</u> OR 52-66% SiO₂ 		felsic OR rhyolitic lava OR >66%
	 alternating layers of lava <u>and</u> ash OR pyroclasts OR tuff OR agglomerate <u>due to</u> gas rich explosive OR violent eruptions; 		SiO ₂ ;
	• large volume of pyroclasts <u>due to</u> magma blocking vent OR large volume of pyroclasts <u>due to</u> explosive eruptions;		
	 pyroclastic flows OR nuée ardente occur <u>due to</u> gas rich magma erupted violently as gaseous froth; 		
	 labelled diagram <u>alternating layers of lava and ash drawn:</u> (any 2 labels ash, lava flow, vent, crater, steeper sides, parasitic cone) for intermediate strato or composite volcano 		Max 1 for labelled drawing
	Total	10	

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