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ANNA UNIVERSITY (UNIVERSITY DEPARTMENTS)

B.E. /B.Tech / B. Arch (Full Time) - END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, APRIL / MAY 2024

MINING ENGINEERING
V Semester
MI 5501 SURFACE MINING
(Regulation 2019)

Time:3 hrs

Max. Marks: 100

CO1	To understand various modes of opening up of deposits amenable to surface mining.
CO2	To plan and design the basic components of a typical surface mine including benches and haulroads according to the deposit formation.
CO3	To identify the salient points that dictate which is the safest, most efficient, and most versatile extraction method to employ classify and select the suitable surface mining methods and equipment based on site conditions.
CO4	To understand the concept of waste dump formations and slope failures in surface mines.
CO5	To discuss the impacts that social and environmental issues have on surface mining from the pre-exploration phase to end-of-mine issues, and how to manage these two increasingly important factors to the benefit of both the mining company and the society.

BL – Bloom's Taxonomy Levels

(L1-Remembering, L2-Understanding, L3-Applying, L4-Analysing, L5-Evaluating, L6-Creating)

PART- A (10x2=20 Marks)

(Answer all Questions)

Q.No	Questions	Marks	CO	BL
1.	Enlist the statutory authorities involved to provide approval for commencement of mining operations.	2	CO1	L1
2.	Mention the factors to be considered for selection of mining methods.	2	CO1	L2
3.	Draw the nomenclature for ultimate bench slope with neat labels and explain the basic terminologies.	2	CO2	L3
4.	Illustrate the factors influence on selection of boxcut site.	2	CO2	L2
5.	Depict the scope of field applicability of down-the-hole drilling method.	2	CO3	L2
6.	Explain the term 'rippability'.	2	CO3	L1
7.	What are the types of cutting methods of bucket wheel excavator?	2	CO4	L1
8.	Distinguish between production and productivity of mining equipment.	2	CO4	L2
9.	Elaborate the salient features of surface mining techniques over underground mining methods.	2	CO5	L2
10.	Classify the types of dumping methods used in surface mines.	2	CO5	L3

PART- B (5x 13=65 Marks)

Q.No	Questions	Marks	CO	BL
11 (a)	Describe the design parameters of haul road in surface mines indicating the construction features for safe haul road system with neat sketches.	13	CO1	L2

OR					
11 (b)	Explain in detail of various types of stripping ratio used for surface mining methods indicating its level of significance in mine economic evaluation.	13	CO1	L2	
12 (a)	Describe in detail of design parameters considered for stability of ultimate pit limit for a surface mine with neat diagrams	13	CO2	L3	
OR					
12 (b)	Discuss in detail of various types of slope failures in surface mines and mention the conditions under which each type of failures occur.	13	CO2	L3	
13 (a)	Determine the number of drilling equipment are required for an opencast mine producing 5 million tonne per annum with stripping ratio of 1:2. Assume any missing data and conditions, if required and justify the same.	13	CO3	L4	
OR					
13 (b)	Calculate the number of HEMM required in a surface mine to produce 2 million tonne of iron ore per annum using shovel dumper combination method and stripping ratio is 1:2.4. Assume any missing data and conditions, if required and justify the same.	13	CO3	L4	
14 (a)	Describe the working principles and constructional features of dragline with neat sketches and indicate the limitations and scope of application of dragline in surface mines.	13	CO4	L3	
OR					
14 (b)	Describe the constructional features of surface miner with neat sketches and indicate the cycle of operations, limitations and scope of application of surface miner in opencast mines.	13	CO4	L3	
15 (a)	Explain in detail of parameters to be considered for identifying the suitable site for designing and formation of waste with neat sketches. Also, discuss the stabilization techniques for waste dump stability.	13	CO5	L3	
OR					
15 (b)	Explain the different types of in-pit crushers used in surface mines with neat sketches. Also, discuss the applicability, advantages and limitations of in-pit crusher in surface mines.	13	CO5	L3	

PART- C (1x 15=15 Marks)
(Q.No.16 is compulsory)

Q.No	Questions	Marks	CO	BL
16.	Design the blast parameters for a large opencast mine to remove the overburden for efficient operation of electric rope shovel of 20m ³ deployed in medium rock formation of 16m height bench such as (i) burden, (ii) spacing, (iii) stemming length, (iv) sub-drilling, (v) charge factor (kg/ m ³), (vi) types and quantity of explosives, (vii) initiation system, (viii) initiation pattern, (ix) decking, (x) powder factor. Assume any missing data and field condition, if necessary and justify the same. Also, suggest the controlled blasting techniques to control the adverse effects of blasting operations.	15	CO3	L5

