B. Sc. 1st Semester (Honours) Examination, 2021 GEOLOGY

Course ID: 12011 Course Code: SHGEL-101C-1(T)

Course Title: Earth System Science

Time: 1 Hour 15 Minutes Full Marks: 25

The figures in the right-hand side margin indicate full marks. Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

1. Answer any five of the following questions:

1X5 = 5

- a. Write one important difference between P- and S-waves.
- b. What is the approximate depth of Gutenburg discontinuity?
- c. Who proposed the concept of uniformitarianism?
- d. Which is the most abundant element of the Earth?
- e. Give two examples of siderophile elements.
- f. Mention two major sources of energy in the geochemical cycle.
- g. What is the mean distance (km) of the Earth from the Sun?
- h. Who proposed the continental drift theory?
- 2. Answer any two of the following questions:

5X2 = 10

- a. Write a brief note on the processes of heat transfer within the Earth.
- b. Classify volcanos based on the records of volcanic activities.
- c. Briefly describe the subdivisions of the Earth based on the rheological properties of the earth materials.
- d. Briefly describe the important characteristics of the solar system.
- 3. Answer any one of the following questions:

10X1 = 10

- a. Write a brief comparison between terrestrial and jovian planets.
- b. Write a brief comparison among siderophile, chalcophile, lithophile and atmophile elements.