BOOK REVIEW

AN INTRODUCTION TO GEOLOGY WITH MULTIPLE-CHOICE QUESTIONS by V. S. Joji. Published by O.K. International Publishing House Pvt. Ltd., New Delhi, 2017, 434p.

The book 'An Introduction to Geology with multiple-choice questions' by V.S. Joji is a novel contribution to the subject of geology which is losing its sheen among young students due to opening up of new avenues of learning backed with bright job potential. Geology, the mother of basic physical science, is a very enthralling subject. Joji has once again proved it by vividly describing different topics in simple and subtle way. As the title mentions, it is indeed an introduction to geology, the author has introduced all the related topics to cater to the wide spectrum of readers and has also made efforts in including the latest trends in the domain of earth science. The initial three sections of the book (I-III) discusses elaborately about different branches of the geosciences. Section IV is exclusively devoted for GATE test papers with solutions of the last five year 2013-2017. Apart from these answered questions of the most popular admission test, each topic of geology has good number of multiple-choice questions with answers. The book is very ideal for students as it provides good learning opportunity and also exposes them to the probable questions for competitive tests either for admission to higher studies or placements. Reading material followed by question bank is an unique combination as it encourages the reader to evaluate

himself and motivate for studying and understanding rather than just reading.

The author has presented the complex and incongruent topics in simple form supported by illustration for easy understanding. The book provides first-hand information on varied topics without dwelling deep thus it could keep alive the inquisitiveness among the learners. Though the book is ideal for students, it would also worth reading for teachers as it would refresh on basic concepts and provide gist on latest trends in the sphere of geosciences. The choice of multiple-questions is also innovative and thought provoking among the readers. In the processes of providing information on wide-range of topics the author has just introduced them and avoided elaboration to the required extent. It is apparent that focus was more on the capacity build-up of the students on geology for criteria based assessment or gaining admission of employment. Above all the book is must for all those concerned with geology as it will serve as a reference book.

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