

Q. 1 – Q. 5 carry one mark each.

Q.1 “When she fell down the _____, she received many _____ but little help.”

The words that best fill the blanks in the above sentence are

- (A) stairs, stares (B) stairs, stairs
(C) stares, stairs (D) stares, stares

Q.2 “In spite of being warned repeatedly, he failed to correct his _____ behaviour.”

The word that best fills the blank in the above sentence is

- (A) rational (B) reasonable (C) errant (D) good

Q.3 For $0 \leq x \leq 2\pi$, $\sin x$ and $\cos x$ are both decreasing functions in the interval _____.

- (A) $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ (B) $\left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ (C) $\left(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right)$ (D) $\left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 2\pi\right)$

Q.4 The area of an equilateral triangle is $\sqrt{3}$. What is the perimeter of the triangle?

- (A) 2 (B) 4 (C) 6 (D) 8

Q.5 Arrange the following three-dimensional objects in the descending order of their volumes:

- (i) A cuboid with dimensions 10 cm, 8 cm and 6 cm
(ii) A cube of side 8 cm
(iii) A cylinder with base radius 7 cm and height 7 cm
(iv) A sphere of radius 7 cm

- (A) (i), (ii), (iii), (iv)
(B) (ii), (i), (iv), (iii)
(C) (iii), (ii), (i), (iv)
(D) (iv), (iii), (ii), (i)

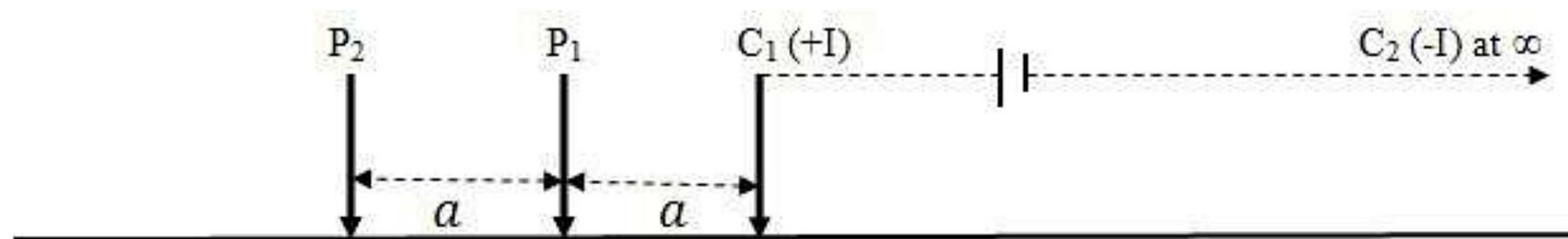
Q. 6 – Q. 10 carry two marks each.

Q.6 An automobile travels from city A to city B and returns to city A by the same route. The speed of the vehicle during the onward and return journeys were constant at 60 km/h and 90 km/h, respectively. What is the average speed in km/h for the entire journey?

- (A) 72 (B) 73 (C) 74 (D) 75

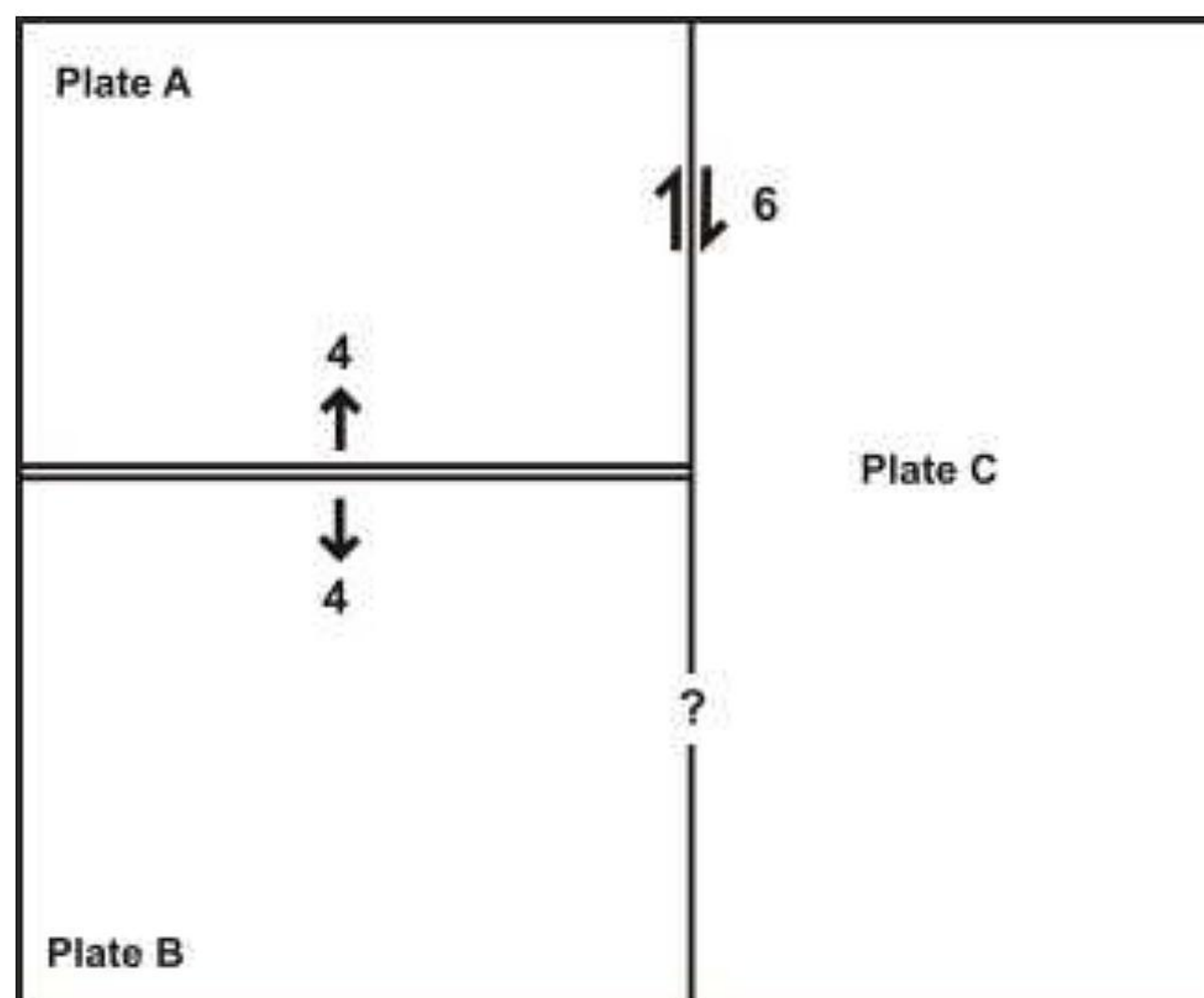
PART A: COMPULSORY SECTION FOR ALL CANDIDATES**Q. 1 – Q. 25 carry one mark each.**

- Q.1 Which one of the following periods has the longest time duration?
(A) Ordovician (B) Cretaceous (C) Jurassic (D) Silurian
- Q.2 A siliciclastic sedimentary rock consisting predominantly of the same type of gravel-sized clasts is called
(A) Polymict conglomerate. (B) Arkose.
(C) Oligomict conglomerate. (D) Petromict conglomerate.
- Q.3 Brown coal that has high moisture content and commonly retains many of the original wood fragments is called
(A) Anthracite. (B) Bituminous coal.
(C) Lignite. (D) Peat.
- Q.4 The speed of revolution of the Earth around the Sun is
(A) maximum at Perihelion.
(B) minimum at Perihelion.
(C) maximum at Aphelion.
(D) equal at Aphelion and Perihelion.
- Q.5 The geometrical factor for the following electrode configuration is



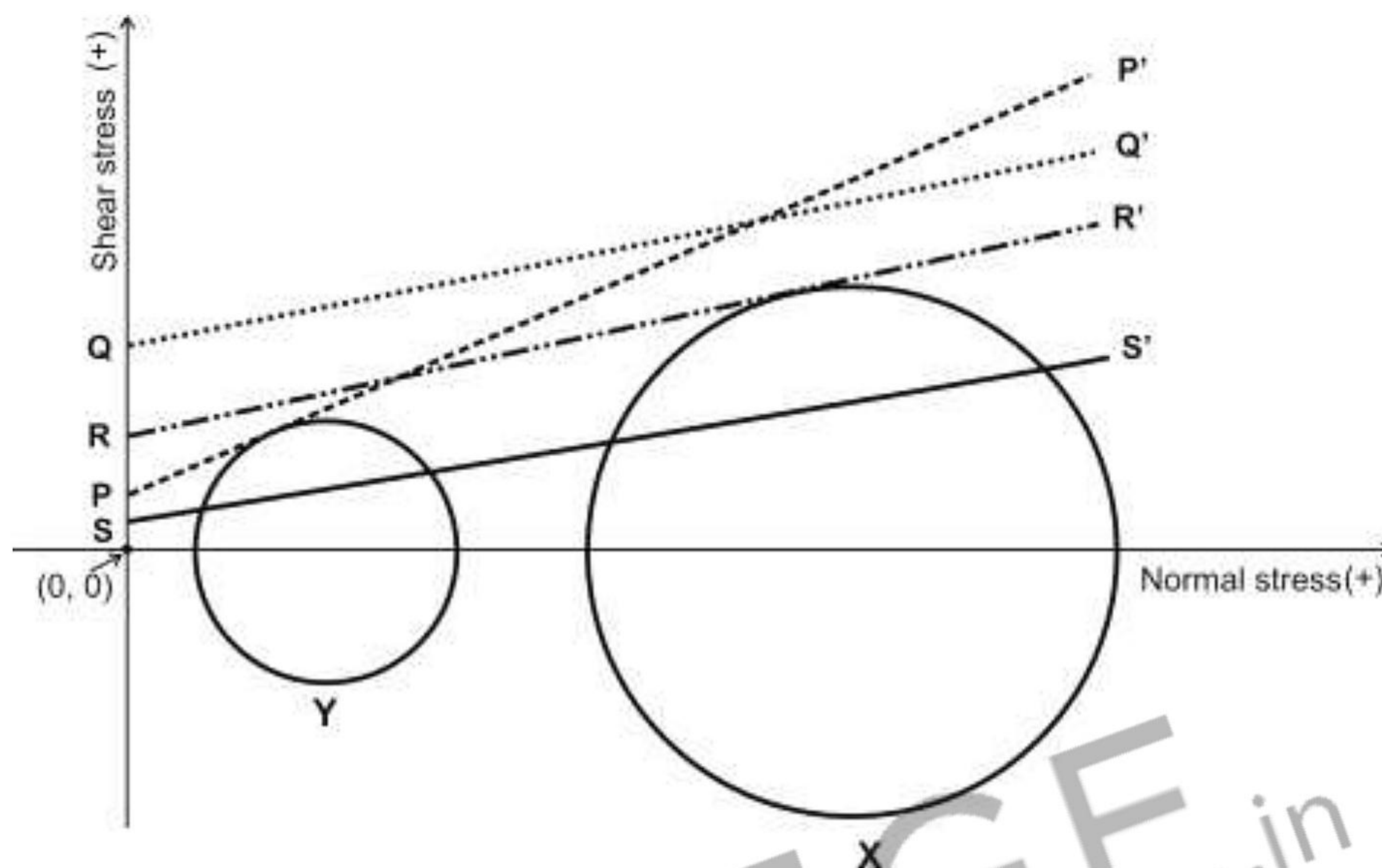
- (A) πa (B) $2\pi a$ (C) $3\pi a$ (D) $4\pi a$
- Q.6 Which one of the following geophysical methods uses the physical property 'Dielectric Constant'?
(A) Gravity (B) Ground Penetrating Radar
(C) Seismic (D) Self-Potential
- Q.7 Pascal second is a unit of
(A) seepage force. (B) dynamic viscosity.
(C) kinematic viscosity. (D) permeability.

- Q.8 Which one of the following statements is CORRECT?
- (A) Strength of a rock decreases with increase in confining pressure.
(B) Strength of a rock increases with increase in temperature.
(C) Strength of a rock increases with increase in strain rate.
(D) Strength of a rock increases with increase in pore water pressure.
- Q.9 The geomorphic feature 'horns' are formed by
- (A) wind erosion. (B) river erosion.
(C) wind deposition. (D) glacial erosion.
- Q.10 A melanocratic porphyritic rock containing phenocrysts of biotite, with feldspar restricted to the groundmass, is called
- (A) trachyte. (B) dacite. (C) andesite. (D) lamprophyre.
- Q.11 The supercontinent that existed in the late Mesoproterozoic to early Neoproterozoic time was
- (A) Kenorland. (B) Columbia. (C) Rodinia. (D) Pangaea.
- Q.12 The figure below shows the triple junction between three plates A, B and C. The boundary between the plates A and B is a ridge with a half-spreading rate of 4 cm/year. The A-C and B-C boundaries are collinear and orthogonal to the A-B ridge. The A-C boundary is a dextral transform fault with a relative velocity of 6 cm/year. The boundary between plates B and C is a



- (A) dextral transform fault with a relative velocity of 10 cm/year.
(B) dextral transform fault with a relative velocity of 2 cm/year.
(C) sinistral transform fault with a relative velocity of 2 cm/year.
(D) sinistral transform fault with a relative velocity of 6 cm/year.

- Q.13 A rock follows Mohr-Coulomb failure criterion. Which one of the Mohr-Coulomb failure envelopes shown below allows failure of the rock under stress state Y, but not under stress state X?



- (A) PP' (B) QQ' (C) RR' (D) SS'

- Q.14 The maximum and the minimum principal stresses are denoted by σ_1 and σ_3 , respectively. The differential stress can have an absolute value greater than σ_1 when

- (A) σ_1 and σ_3 are both compressive.
 (B) σ_1 is compressive and σ_3 is tensile.
 (C) σ_1 and σ_3 are equal.
 (D) σ_1 and σ_3 are both tensile.

- Q.15 The geoid can be best defined as

- (A) an oblate spheroid that best approximates the shape of the earth.
 (B) a surface over which the value of gravity is constant.
 (C) the physical surface of the earth.
 (D) an equipotential surface of gravity of the earth.

