

Comments – Geology (May 2009)

One candidate that did not even make an effort

General Geology

Question 1 Rock classes [10]

Generally well answered – probably too easy mostly high pass marks

Question 2 Erosional features [6]

Moderately answered – ranged between very good to very poorly

Question 3 Faults [4]

Very well answered – most candidates got full marks. A couple that did not know the answer.

Deposits

Question 4 Formation and occurrence of Gold, Platinum and Coal [30]

Moderately answered – very good to very bad.

Question 5 Diamond deposits [10]

Either very good or very bad, no in between

Practical

Question 6 Exploration methods [15]

Generally poorly answered – few candidates made an attempt

Question 7 SAMREC Code (Resources/reserves) [5]

Very badly answered. Most candidates did not even attempt an answer or had no idea.

Question 8 Map solution [20]

Badly answered. This question is actually easier than what used to be in the papers, but slightly differently structured. Very badly answered.