

## M.Tech. V Semester Degree Examination, April/May - 2024

### MINERAL PROCESSING

### Agglomeration Techniques

### (NEP)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Marks : 70

**Note :** (i) Answer **any five** of the following questions.

(ii) Each question carries **equal** marks.

(iii) question number **1** is **compulsory**.

1. (a) What are the main types of agglomeration techniques, and how do they differ in their principles and applications ? **8**  
(b) Describe different types of binders & additives used in pelletization and their properties. **6**
2. (a) How do factors such as moisture content, particle size distribution, and binder type affect green-ball formation ? **8**  
(b) What is the significance of the swelling index test in pellet quality assessment ? **6**
3. (a) Compare the Disc and Drum pelletiser. **8**  
(b) Describe with a neat figure the shaft kiln used for firing of pellets. **6**
4. Draw a schematic diagram of Dwight-Lloyd sintering machine. Explain the charge mix and types of bonds formed during the sintering. **14**
5. (a) What is the importance of proportioning raw materials in the sintering process ? **4**  
(b) Describe the cooling and screening processes used in sinter plants. **4**  
(c) What are the main objectives of using agglomerates in the blast furnace ? **6**
6. (a) Briefly describe the compressive strength and porosity test for iron ore lumps-aggregates. **6**  
(b) Discuss the various variables which affects the rate of production of balls. **8**
7. (a) What are the different types of briquetting machines and their applications ? **8**  
(b) Describe with a neat figure the Grate kiln used for firing of pellets. **6**
8. (a) Describe with flow sheet the iron ore pellet plant with relevant process details. **8**  
(b) What is the role of moisture during sintering and pelletisation ? **6**