

# GATE Mining Engineering Syllabus

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## Section 1: Engineering Mathematics

**Linear Algebra:** Matrices and Determinants; Systems of linear equations; Eigen values and Eigen vectors.

**Calculus:** Limit, continuity and differentiability; Partial Derivatives; Maxima and minima; Sequences and series; Test for convergence; Fourier series.

**Vector Calculus:** Gradient; Divergence and Curl; Line; surface and volume integrals; Stokes, Gauss and Green's theorems.

**Differential Equations:** Linear and non-linear first order ODEs; Higher order linear ODEs with constant coefficients; Cauchy's and Euler's equations.

**Probability and Statistics:** Measures of central tendency; Random variables; Poisson, normal and binomial distributions; Correlation and regression analysis.

**Numerical Methods:** Solutions of linear algebraic equations; Integration of trapezoidal and Simpson's rule; Single and multi-step methods for differential equations.

## Section 2: Mine Development and Surveying

**Mine Development:** Methods of access to deposits; Underground drivages; Drilling methods and machines; Explosives, blasting devices and practices.

**Mine Surveying:** Levels and leveling, theodolite, tacheometry, triangulation; Contouring; Errors and adjustments; Correlation; Underground surveying; Curves; Photogrammetry; Field astronomy; EDM and Total Station; Introductory GPS.

## Section 3: Geomechanics and Ground Control

**Engineering Mechanics:** Equivalent force systems; Equations of equilibrium; Two dimensional frames and trusses; Free body diagrams; Friction forces; Particle kinematics and dynamics; Beam analysis.

**Geomechanics:** Geo-technical properties of rocks; Rock mass classification; Instrumentation and stress measurement techniques; Theories of rock failure; Ground vibrations; Stress distribution around mine openings; Subsidence; Rock bursts and coal bumps; Slope stability.

**Ground Control:** Design of pillars; Roof supporting systems; Mine filling.

## Section 4: Mining Methods and Machinery

**Mining Methods:** Surface mining: layout, development, loading, transportation and mechanization, continuous surface mining systems; Underground coal mining: bord and pillar systems, room and pillar mining, longwall mining, thick seam mining methods; highwall mining; Underground metal mining: open, supported and caved stoping methods, stope mechanization, ore handling systems.

**Mining Machinery:** Generation and transmission of mechanical, hydraulic and pneumatic power; Materials handling: haulages, conveyors, face and development machinery, hoisting systems, pumps, crushers.

## Section 5: Surface Environment, Mine Ventilation, and Underground Hazards

**Surface Environment:** Air, water and soil pollution : Standards of quality, causes and dispersion of contamination, and control; Noise; Land reclamation.

**Mine Ventilation:** Underground atmosphere; Heat load sources and thermal environment, air cooling; Mechanics of air flow, distribution, natural and mechanical ventilation; Mine fans and their usage; Auxiliary ventilation; Ventilation planning; Ventilation networks.

**Subsurface Hazards:** Mine Gases. Underground hazards from fires, explosions, dust and inundation; Rescue apparatus and practices; Safety in mines; Accident data analysis; Mine lighting; Mine legislation; Occupational safety.

## Section 6: Mine Economics, Mine Planning, Systems Engineering

**Mine Economics:** Mineral resource classification; Discounted cash flow analysis; Mine valuation; Mine investment analysis; Mineral taxation.

**Mine Planning:** Sampling methods, practices and interpretation; Reserve estimation techniques: Basics of geostatistics and quality control; Optimization of facility location; Work-study.

**Systems Engineering:** Concepts of reliability; Reliability of simple systems; Maintainability and availability; Linear programming, transportation and assignment problems; Network analysis; Inventory models; Queueing theory; Basics of simulation.