ES486 Petroleum Geology Final Exam Study Guide
Winter 2015

Exam Format

Two-Part Exam, Thursday March 19, 2015:

Part 1 - Closed Book, short answer essay – terms and definitions, draw sketches, long answer essay – “compare and contrast”, “discuss”, “explain”.

Part 2, Open Book, lab-style problem solving, you will be able to use all of your class resources to solve math-based, lab-style problems.

Study Tips

- go through the web site, look at the figures and slide shows, compare to notes
- use study guide in combination with notes
- go back through the in class / lab exercises, make sure you can work the math / units
- spend a couple days studying, the exam will be essay and there is much material.
- don't wait until the last minute!
- carefully go through the notes, some of the material we briefly discussed, but did not spend much time on in class... but the notes will give you the detail
-finish all your lab exercises and readings before taking the exam!!! Lab questions will appear.
-Exam format: Part 1. Closed book short answer / essay. Part 2. Open-book lab-style problem solving.

Final Digital Lab Portfolio Moodle Upload Due Thursday March 19, 2015

Recommendation:
Review Selley "Essentials of Petroleum Geology" Text Chapters (posted on Moodle class site); Review class notes on ES486 web site; review class slide shows

KEY WORD SUMMARY

Reservoirs (Selley Chapter 6)
http://www.wou.edu/las/physci/taylor/es486_petro/6_Reservoir_Characterization.pdf

Porosity
Effective porosity
Total porosity
Primary porosity
Secondary porosity
Intergranular porosity
Fracture porosity
Solution porosity
"Vuggy Porosity"
Intercrystalline porosity
Cementation/compaction
Diagenesis
permeability
permeability vs. porosity vs. lithology
Darcy's Law
Millidarcy
100 md reservoir threshold
Viscosity
Permeameter
Horizontal vs. vertical permeability
Homogenous vs. heterogeneous
Anisotropic vs. Isotropic
Artesian Reservoirs (gushers)
Texture vs. Permeability vs. Porosity
Grain Shape-Sorting-Grain Size
Clay/shale vs. Sand/Sandstone
Grain packing; grain fabric
Sandstone/Limestone Reservoirs
Shale/Mudstone Seals
Diagenesis effects on Reservoir
Clay alteration
Authigenic Clay
Feldspar degradation
Porosity loss vs. compaction
Cementation vs. porosity
Depth-compaction curves
Clay diagenesis / dewatering
Carbonate diagenesis
Dolomitization
Calcite-Dolomite Transformation
Reservoir shape / continuity
Sheet vs. ribbon vs. pod

Traps and Seals (Selley Chapter 7)
http://www.wou.edu/las/physci/taylor/es486_petro/7_Traps_Seals.pdf

Trap vs. Seal
Oil-Water Contact (OWC)
Bottom water
Edge water
Bottom oil / tar mats
Fluid contacts
Shale Seal
Trap Classification
Structural traps
    Fold traps
    Fault traps
Diapir Traps
    Salt Domes
Stratigraphic Traps
    Pinch out
    Interfingering
    Unconformable
    Channel / ribbons
    Barrier Island Bars
    Reefs
Combination Traps
Compressional Anticlines
Compactional Anticlines
"Drape Anticlines"
Drag Folds
Faults – normal-reverse-thrust
Block faulting
Strike-slip faults
Transcurrent faults
Tranpression/transtension
Pull-apart basins
Updip / downdip
Growth faults
Onlap-Offlap
Transgression-Regression

Sedimentary Basins and Petroleum Systems (Selley Chapter 8)
http://www.wou.edu/las/physci/taylor/es486_petro/8_Sed_Basins_Petro_Systems.pdf

Sedimentary Basin
Structural vs. Topographic Basin
Marine vs. nonmarine basins
Symmetrical vs. asymmetrical
Depocenter
Basin Mechanisms
    Thermal contraction
    Crustal extension
    Crustal compression
    Crustal loading
Cratonic Basins
Intracratonic Sag
Passive Margin Loading
Forearc Basins
Backarc Basins
Foreland (Thrust) Basins
Rift Basins
Aulacogen
Strike-Slip Basins
Pull-Apart Basins

Petroleum Exploration Methods (Selley Chapter 3)
http://www.wou.edu/las/physci/taylor/es486_petro/9_Exploration_Methods.pdf

Drilling Techniques
Cable tool – mud rotary
Directional drilling
Drill rods
Kelley bushing
Tri-cone roller bit
Drill stem
Drilling derrick
Drilling mast
Offshore / onshore rigs
Mud logging
Coring / sidewall coring
Wireline logs
Electrical logs
Caliper logs
Temperature logs

Pressure logs
SP
Resistivity
Gamma Ray
Density Logs
Porosity logs
Neutron Logs
Seismic surveys
Seismic Lines
Seismic Refraction
Data processing
Seismic Reflection
Gravity Surveying
Magnetic Surveying
Remote Sensing
Well correlation
Isopach map
Structure contour map
Facies map
Seismic facies analysis
Stratigraphic analysis

Production and Recovery (Other Reading Review Assignment)
http://www.wou.edu/las/physci/taylor/es486_petro/10_Production_Recovery.pdf

Oil Reserve
Hydrocarbon Recovery
Primary vs. Secondary Recovery
Water Drive
Water flooding
Reservoir drive energy
Flowing vs. shut-in pressure
Explosive fracturing
Hydraulic fracturing
Well depletion
Thermal recovery
Reservoir model

Case Studies / Student Presentations
http://www.wou.edu/las/physci/taylor/es486_petro/ES486_Case_Studies.htm

rift basin
forearc basin
back arc basin
foreland basin
TOC
Seismic lines
Seismic reflection
Basin analysis
Vitrinite reflectance
Igneous reservoirs
Sills-dikes
Fracture reservoirs
Fracture permeability
Migration pathways
Tar Sands
Flexure loading
Canadian Shield
Bitumen
Kimberlite Pipes
Breached anticline
Heavy oil
Delta systems
Depositional model
Source terraine
Rift zone
Catchment analysis
Petrophysical analysis
Shale gas reservoirs
Free gas vs. dissolved gas
“tight” reservoirs
Heterogeneity
Salt domes
Diapir
Louann Salt
Triassic Rift Basin
Flexure Zone
Deep Gulf Basin
Marcellus Shale
Sequence stratigraphy
High stand tract
Low stand tract
Formation-member
Lithic vs. gamma ray logs
Transgression/regression
Isopach maps
Jurassic-Cretaceous
Giant Oil Field
North sea
Rift basin
Seismic profile
Reservoir architecture
Synrift sediments
Postrift sediments
Fault Traps
Petroleum System
Sandstone wedges
Fault block / extension
Turbidites
Source rocks
Trap rocks
Secondary porosity
Syncline-anticline
Unconventional reservoirs
Facies analysis
Wireline log
Shelf-offshore facies
Well correlation
Paleogeography
Biostratigraphy
Carbonate platform
Source rock maturation
Extension
Rift tectonics
Heat flow
Burial
Synrift sedimentation
Subsidence history
Thermal migration
Tight-gas sandstone
3-D Seismic
Fault trends
Fracture analysis
Fracture density
Reservoir evaluation
Seismic reflections
Fracture intensity

Quantitative / Lab Skills

Quantitative Skills
Perform basic unit conversions-unit algebra-solve quantitative word problems
Process Rate Calculations
porosity-density-specific weight

Subsurface Mapping
Contouring-contour interval-contour interpolation-drawing contour lines
Isopach mapping
Structure Contour Mapping
Strike / Dip
Constructing Paleofacies Maps
Strater Software Functions; basic well log manipulation and printing using Strater

Stratigraphic/Log Correlation
Identify formations-members-beds from lithologic logs
Correlate lithologic logs-define geologic/stratigraphic contacts in cross-section
Create a stratigraphic column from log data, to scale, and correlate lithologic units
Use Gamma-SP-Density logs to correlate stratigraphic units between wells

Big Concepts for Essay Questions

Discuss Porosity and Permeability, how measured? What is darcy's law? Units and equation?
List and discuss the concepts of reservoir, trap, seal; provide geologic examples.
What types of rocks are typical in reservoir.
Discuss the classification of traps.
What is a sedimentary basin? Classify and describe sedimentary basins in relation to plate tectonics.
What is the difference between a structural and stratigraphic trap, provide examples with sketches.
How is geophysics used in petroleum exploration?
What are the main wireline geophysics methods we used in the lab exercises to correlate strata?
What are the steps required for the exploration and discovery of petroleum?
What are the primary drilling techniques used in exploration? Sketch and discuss.
How do salt domes form and why are they important with respect to petroleum exploration?
Summarize the key concepts of the three student presentations from the case study review.
What are the primary sedimentary environments and how do they relate to source-reservoir-trap-seal?
What geologic conditions lead to the accumulation of economically viable hydrocarbon deposits?
What types of diagenetic processes lead to reservoir degradation?
Define the concept of "residual oil" saturation. Define the concept of "ultimate recoverable oil".
Define the concept of "reserve"
Discuss the geological factors that control the degree of oil recovery.
Describe the "water flooding" recover technique. What is it, how effective is it?
What is "enhanced oil recovery" and how does it compare to "tertiary recovery".
Sketch, label and discuss the following enhanced production methods: "Acidizing", "Explosive Fracturing", "Hydraulic Fracturing".
What is thermal hydrocarbon recovery?
What are nonconventional reservoirs? Provide some examples.
Provide examples of real-world oil fields as related to the student presentations. Where to they form and what environments lead to commercial quantities of hydrocarbons.