

NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
(AEIE 3132)

Time Allotted : 3 hrs

Full Marks : 70

Figures out of the right margin indicate full marks.

*Candidates are required to answer Group A and
any 5 (five) from Group B to E, taking at least one from each group.*

Candidates are required to give answer in their own words as far as practicable.

Group - A
(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

1. Choose the correct alternative for the following: **10 × 1 = 10**
- (i) If a hydrocarbon molecule has 30 carbons, what form would it most likely be?
(a) solid (b) liquid (c) gas (d) others.
- (ii) The maximum value of the tip speed ratio for the lift force type arrangement of WECS will be
(a) 10 (b) 1 (c) 5 (d) None.
- (iii) What is the temperature in the outer layer of outer core of the earth?
(a) 6000K (b) 3000K (c) 4000K (d) 5000K.
- (iv) Output of a wind turbine varies on air velocity
(a) exponentially (b) logarithmically
(c) linearly (d) cubically.
- (v) In case of OTEC, the gross mechanical power is proportional to the
(a) $(\Delta T)^3$ (b) $(\Delta T)^2$ (c) (ΔT) (d) $(\Delta T)^5$
- (vi) Ocean wave energy can be effectively stored as
(a) Hydrogen energy (b) Electrical energy
(c) Thermal energy (d) Mechanical energy.
- (vii) Tidal power is directly proportional to
(a) square root of tidal range (b) square of tidal range
(c) logarithm of tidal range (d) proportional to the tidal range.
- (viii) Which one to be acted as best working fluid in OTEC?
(a) ammonia (b) alcohol
(c) water plus ammonia (d) none of these.
- (ix) A two-blade wind turbine produces maximum power when the tip-speed ratio is equal to
(a) π (b) 2π (c) 3π (d) 0.593.

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- (x) The maximum efficiency of a silicon solar cell is achieved when the cell is fabricated from
- (a) Mono-crystal Si (b) Polycrystal Si
(c) Amorphous Si (d) any other Si.

Group - B

2. (a) Comparison between conventional and non conventional sources. Draw the basic block diagram of a hybrid system consist of biomass and PV cell as a resource.
- (b) Why energy audit is important? What are the different types of energy audit phase?
 $(3 + 4) + (2 + 3) = 12$
3. (a) As per the temperature gradient of a distillation column, what are the components available from the crude oil?
- (b) Draw the basic block diagram of a nuclear power plant.
- (c) Discuss the environmental effects due to oil and natural gases.
 $5 + 4 + 3 = 12$

Group - C

4. (a) Derive an expression of maximum efficiency of a solar cell. Define fill factor.
- (b) What is a solar PV module? What are the different materials used for fabrication of solar cells.
 $(6 + 2) + (2 + 2) = 12$
5. (a) Discuss solar spectrum and Air mass ratio. What are the advantages and disadvantages of pyranometer?
- (b) Describe solar water distillation system with proper sketch.
 $(2 + 2 + 3) + 5 = 12$

Group - D

6. (a) Derive an expression of maximum output power from a wind turbine. Find its value at Betz condition?
- (b) What factors are taken onto consideration in site selection for wind power generation?
 $(6 + 2) + 4 = 12$
7. (a) Discuss operating characteristics of the wind mill.
A wind energy generator generates 2000 watts at a rated speed of 24 kph at the atmospheric pressure and temperature 20°C. Calculate the change in output if

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the wind generator is operated at a altitude of 2000m at temperature 10°C, wind speed 35kph and air pressure 0.88 atmosphere

- (b) Explain updraft and downdraft gasifier with proper block diagram.

(3 + 4) + 5 = 12

Group - E

8. (a) What do you understand by spring and neap tides? Derive an expression of power generated by tidal current/stream power.

- (b) What are the advantages and disadvantages of wave energy?

(4 + 5) + 3 = 12

9. (a) What are the main types of ocean thermal energy conversion (OTEC) power plants? Explain any one.

- (b) What are the environmental impacts due to construction of OTEC? Draw the basic block diagram of dry steam power plant based on geothermal as a resource.

(2 + 4) + (2 + 4) = 12

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