





ENGINEERING & MANAGEMENT EXAMINATIONS, APRIL – 2009
NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES
SEMESTER - 8



Time : 3 Hours]

[Full Marks : 70

GROUP – A

(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

1. Choose the correct alternatives for the following : 10 × 1 = 10

i) MNES (Ministry of Non-conventional Energy Sources) was established in

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| a) 1981 | b) 1982 |
| c) 1987 | d) 1992. |

ii) The production of biogas through anaerobic digestion depends on slurry

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| a) temperature | b) both temperature and pH value |
| c) pH value | d) pressure. |

iii) Electrical machines used in fan wind turbine power generation are

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| a) synchronous machines only | b) induction generators only |
| c) DC generators only | d) any of these. |

iv) Peak power rating of a typical solar cell of 10 cm diameter is

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| a) 1 watt | b) 5 watt |
| c) 10 watt | d) 100 watt. |



v) A full tidal cycle is of the duration of ⁴

- a) 6 hrs b) 12 hrs
 c) 12 hrs 25.2 minutes d) 24 hrs.

vi) Which one is correct with conventional symbols ?

- a) $P = \frac{1}{2} \rho A^2 V^3$ b) $P = \frac{1}{2} \rho AV^2$
 c) $P = \frac{1}{2} \rho AV^3$ d) $P = \frac{1}{2} \rho A^2 V^2 .$

vii) For a horizontal axis windmill the tip speed ratio is

- a) a cubic function of number of blades
 b) proportional to the number of blades
 c) inversely proportional to the number of blades
 d) a square function of number of blades.

viii) The solar insolation on a clear day on the equator at mean sea level is

- a) 1 mW/m² b) 1 W/m²
 c) 1 kW/m² d) 1 MW/m² .

ix) The number of blades of multi-blade wind turbine usually ranges from

- a) 13 to 30 b) 12 to 20
 c) 14 to 28 d) 16 to 32.

x) The main component of biogas is

- a) Methane gas b) Nitrogen gas
 c) Carbon dioxide gas d) Oxygen gas.



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GROUP – B

(Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following.



3 × 5 = 15

2. a) What is the source of tidal energy ?
b) Draw a schematic layout of linked basin tidal plant & explain its operation. 2 + 3
3. a) What is the origin of biomass energy ? What is its global potential ?
b) What is understood by energy farming ? 3 + 2
4. Which type of non-conventional energy source is the best suitable for rural India ?
Explain. 5
5. Discuss environmental effect of NCES. 5
6. Find the open circuit voltage of the single crystal silicon solar cell having the short circuit current rating of $I_s = 3$ amps & dark current (I_o) = 5×10^{-9} amps at 28°C.
Find the peak power with a fill factor of 0.8. 5

GROUP – C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following.

3 × 15 = 45

7. a) Describe the fabrication process of silicon single crystal solar cell starting from SiO_2 .
b) Draw a sketch & label the following parts – encapsulation, anti-reflecting coating, current collecting fingers, *p-n* junction with depletion layer & the bottom electrode.
c) Explain why series-parallel connection of solar cells are made. Why are diodes put in the series link in a given direction ? 5 + 5 + 5



8. a) Explain the principle of operation of Horizontal Axis Wind Turbine (HAWT) with the help of a diagram.
- b) Derive the relation between extracted wind power and unperturbed wind speed by Betz Model.
- c) What is understood by pitch angle ? 7 + 7 + 1
9. a) How is geothermal energy generated inside the earth crust ?
- b) Critically assess the potential of geothermal energy as an alternative source of energy.
- c) Discuss on the prospects of geothermal energy in India. 3 + 6 + 6
10. a) What is bio-mass ? How is it useful ?
- b) Discuss briefly a type of Biogas gasifier.
- c) How bio-energy may be useful for rural application ? 5 + 5 + 5
11. Write short notes on any *two* of the following : $2 \times 7\frac{1}{2}$
- a) Ocean thermal energy conversion
- b) Single basin tidal system
- c) Vertical axis wind turbine.

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