

FIFTH SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2019

(CUCBCSS-UG)

Physics/Applied Physics

PHY 5D 01(1)—NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES

Time : Two Hours

Maximum : 40 Marks

Section A (One word answer)*Answer all questions.**Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. The radiation coming from the sun appears to be equivalent to that coming from a black body of temperature _____.
2. A solar cell converts solar energy to _____.
3. In biomass, solar energy is stored in the form of _____.
4. Are secondary batteries rechargeable ?
5. Write any one disadvantage of geothermal energy.
6. Give a factor that determines the output of a wind energy converter.

(6 × 1 = 6 marks)

Section B (Short Answer)*Answer all questions in one or two sentences.**Each question carries 2 marks.*

7. What is the working principle of Pyrheliometer ?
8. Give two advantages of a solar furnace.
9. Mention any two applications of wind energy.
10. Write any two sources of geothermal energy.
11. What are the essential parts of a tidal power plant ?

(5 × 2 = 10 marks)

Section C (Paragraph Answer)*Answer any four questions.**Each question carries 4 marks.*

12. Discuss the principle of conversion of solar radiation to heat.
13. Using a suitable figure, explain the working principle of a solar distillation unit.
14. Discuss the basic mechanisms behind the generation of local winds. What do you mean by the power coefficient of a wind energy conversion system ?

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15. Explain the different methods of obtaining energy from biomass.
16. Discuss a method for converting wave energy to mechanical energy.
17. Discuss the working principle of a battery.

(4 × 4 = 16 marks)

Section D (Essay)

Answer any **one** question.

The question carries 8 marks.

18. What do you mean by a solar green house? What are its advantages? Discuss the working principle of any two types of solar green houses.
19. Explain the principle of wind energy conversion. With the help of a block diagram, discuss the basic components of a wind energy conversion system.
20. Explain the principle of ocean thermal energy conversion. Discuss the open cycle OTEC system.

(1 × 8 = 8 marks)