

Reg. No.

Seventh Semester B.E. Degree Examination, January/February 2006
Electrical & Electronics Engineering
Renewable Energy Sources

Time: 3 hrs.)

(Max.Marks : 100)

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions.

1. (a) State and explain solar constant. (5 Marks)
- (b) Explain the following terms as referred to solar radiation
 - i) Diffuse solar radiation
 - ii) Beam radiation
 - iii) Insolation. (10 Marks)
 Briefly state how these are affected by Sun's altitude.
- (c) With a suitable diagram explain Angstrom compensation pyrheliometer. (5 Marks)
2. (a) With a suitable sketch state the main components of liquid heating flat plate collector. Mention the advantages of glass cover in such an application. (10 Marks)
- (b) State the relative advantages of concentrating solar collector over flat plate collector. (10 Marks)
3. (a) State the factors which influence optimum capacity of solar energy storage. (8 Marks)
- (b) State the advantages of photo voltaic solar energy conversion. (8 Marks)
- (c) State the principle involved in solar green house. (4 Marks)
4. (a) State and briefly explain the factors that determine the output power from wind energy. (5 Marks)
- (b) With a suitable block diagram explain the functions of different components of WECS. (15 Marks)
5. (a) Briefly explain the following as applied to biomass conversion
 - i) Thermochemical conversion
 - ii) Anaerobic digestion
 - iii) Fermentation. (12 Marks)
- (b) State and briefly explain any four factors which affect biodigestion. (8 Marks)
6. (a) With a suitable diagram explain a two stage continuous plant biogas plant. (10 Marks)
- (b) With a suitable diagram explain the working of Janatha model fixed dome digester. (10 Marks)
7. (a) With a suitable diagram explain open cycle OTEC system for ocean thermal energy power generation. (12 Marks)
- (b) Briefly explain advantages of non conventional energy sources. (8 Marks)
8. (a) State and explain the three main components of tidal power plant. (12 Marks)
- (b) Explain the working of single basin tidal power plant. (8 Marks)