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Eighth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, July/August 2021 Operation and Maintenance of Solar Electric System

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions.

- 1 a. Explain the effect of the earth's atmosphere on solar radiation. (06 Marks)
 - b. Define solar altitude, azimuth angle magnetic declination. (06 Marks)
 - c. With the neat graph, explain I-V and P-V characteristics. Mark I_{SC}, V_{OC}, V_{MP}, I_{MP}, M_{PP}.

 (08 Marks)
- 2 a. Compare Mono crystalline silicon, multi crystalline silicon and Thin film solar cells.

(06 Marks)

- b. List and explain the factors affect the performance of photo voltaic array. (08 Marks)
- c. In an array 4 solar Panel are connected:

Panel
$$1 - V_{mp} = 12V$$
, $I_{mp} = 6A$, $P_{max} = 100w$

Panel 2 –
$$V_{mp}$$
 = 12V, I_{mp} = 6A, P_{max} = 100w

Panel
$$3 - V_{mp} = 24V$$
, $I_{mp} = 6A$, $P_{max} = 200w$

Panel
$$4 - V_{mp} = 36V$$
, $I_{mp} = 10A$, $P_{max} = 360w$

Find total V_{mp} , I_{mp} and P_{max} if it is connected in series and also it is connected in parallel.

(06 Marks)

- 3 a. Compare different categories of grid interactive inverters. (08 Marks)
 - b. Explain different techniques to mount PV arrays on roof. (08 Marks)
 - What is wind loading? (04 Marks)
- 4 a. Compare net metering and gross metering. (08 Marks)
 - b. Briefly explain types of ground mounting system. (06 Marks)
 - c. Compare basic functions of grid interactive inverters with battery inverters. (06 Marks)
- 5 a. Explain information to be collected during site assessment for PV system installation.
 - b. Explain use of solar path finder and Horicatcher. (06 Marks)
 (08 Marks)
 - c. Write a note on Portrait and landscape installation. (06 Marks)
- 6 a. Explain the potential sources of shading. (06 Marks)
 - b. List and explain important factors to be considered when choosing system components.
 - c. What is Fault—current protection? (08 Marks)

(10 Marks)

- 7 a. What are the issues to be taken care during installation of Grid connected PV system.
 - b. Explain the system documents to be supplied to the owner after completion of PV installation. (10 Marks)
- 8 a. What are the risk associated with installing PV systems. How risks are classified. (10 Marks)
 b. Explain the Testing of PV system. (10 Marks)
- 9 a. What are the various costs involved in PV system? Explain in detail. (10 Marks)

List and explain the strong barriers to PV technology

- 10 a. What is feed-in tariff? What are the two different ways of feed in Tariff? Give important features (10 Marks)
 - b. What are the positive attributes of PV systems need to be considered while marketing.

 (10 Marks)