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# P.E.S. College of Engineering, Mandya - 571 401

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**Eighth Semester, B.E. - Electrical and Electronics Engineering**

**Semester End Examination; July - 2021**

**Renewable Energy Sources**

*Time: 3 hrs*

*Max. Marks: 100*

*Note: Answer any FIVE full questions.*

- 1 a. Distinguish between renewable and non-renewable energy sources. 6
- b. What are the advantages and limitations of non-conventional energy sources? 6
- c. Explain the significance of energy consumption as a measure of prosperity. 8
- 2 a. Define the terms; 6
  - i) Zenith angle
  - ii) Declination angle
- b. Determine the local apparent time and declination at a location latitude  $22^{\circ}15'N$ , longitude  $78^{\circ}30'E$  at 12:25 IST on June 15. Equation of correction is  $= -(1'01'')$ . 8
- c. Explain the operation of pyronometer with suitable sketch. 6
- 3 a. With neat sketch, explain the construction and working of solar cooker. Mention its advantages and disadvantages. 8
- b. With a neat sketch, explain the working of solar furnace. 6
- c. Explain the principle of operation of green houses with suitable diagrams. 6
- 4 a. Explain the working of a solar pond with a neat diagram. 6
- b. With a block diagram, explain the basic operation of grid integrated solar PV systems. 8
- c. Explain the working of a solar water pumping system with a suitable diagram. 6
- 5 a. With a suitable block diagram, explain the function of different components of WECS. 8
- b. Identify the main considerations in selecting a site for WECS. 6
- c. Mention the advantages and disadvantages of WECS. 6
- 6 a. Derive an expression for the maximum power output of a horizontal axis wind turbine. 8
- b. Classify the wind energy conversion systems. 6
- c. Explain the basic principle of wind energy conversion. 6
- 7 a. With a suitable diagram, explain the operation of floating drum type (KVIC) biogas plant. 10
- b. Identify and explain the factors affecting biogas generation. 10
- 8 a. Explain the following as applied to biomass conversion:
  - i) Thermo chemical conversion 10
  - ii) Anaerobic digestion
  - iii) Fermentation
- b. With a suitable diagram, explain the operation of fixed dome type biogas plant. 10

- 9 a. Explain the working of Anderson cycle ocean thermal energy conversion system. 10
- b. Explain the operation of single basin-single effect and single basin-double effect schemes of tidol energy conversion system. 10
- 10 a. A tidal power plant of the simple single basin type has a basin area of  $30 \times 10^6 \text{ m}^2$ . The tide has a range of 12 m. The turbine, however stops operating when the head on it falls below 3 m. Calculate the energy generated in one filling (or emptying) process in kWhr, if the turbine generator efficiency is 0.73. 10
- b. Explain the working of claude cycle OTEC system. 10

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