

2022

GREEN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

Paper Code: PGET 101

Full Marks: 100

Time: Three hours

The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions.

Answer all the questions.

1. Answer **any fifteen (15)** of the following. [2 x 15=30]
- What are the major components of lignocellulosic biomass?
 - Write the most favorable C/N ratio range of feedstock for anaerobic digestion (AD). What is the effect of lower C/N ratio during AD process?
 - Write the four major gasification reactions?
 - Mention the main composition of producer gas.
 - Define the term 'pyrolysis'. What are the main product of this process?
 - What do you mean by the term 'ebb'? Define tidal range.
 - What are the spring and neap tides?
 - Mention any two factors that cause the wind.
 - What does the mechanical energy of a flowing fluid consist of? Express each term in an equation and explain. Which part of mechanical energy is used in wind power conversion?
 - What do you mean by Betz limit? What is its maximum value?
 - Mention any two names of a working fluid used in a geothermal binary cycle power plant.
 - An absorption refrigeration system provides 15 kW of cooling by receiving heat in the generator at a rate of 21 kW. What is the COP of this system?
 - What is the difference between a run-of-river plant and a waterwheel?
 - Draw a schematic diagram of a closed-cycle ocean thermal energy conversion plant.
 - Define the term 'solar constant'. What is its value?
 - What do you understand by the concentration factor (CR) of a concentrating solar collector? What is the physical meaning of the greater value of CR?
 - Define latitude (ϕ). What is the value of declination (δ) on 21st June and 21st March?
 - What is the value of extraterrestrial radiation on the 3rd of March 2022?
2. Explain briefly **any four (4)** of the following. [5 x 4 = 20]
- The basic biochemical process of anaerobic digestion (AD).
 - First-generation ethanol production processes.

- c) Single Basin: single and double effect OTEC scheme.
- d) Geothermal base ammonia-water cooling system.
- e) Mechanism of solar radiation received at earth's surface.
- f) Low-temperature power generation cycle using liquid flat-plate collectors.

3. Answer **any five (5)** of the following. [8 x 5 =40]

- a) Determine the local apparent time (LAT) corresponding to 1430 h (IST) at Mumbai (19°07' N, 72°51' E) on June 21, 2021. In India, standard time is based on 82.50 °E.

Hints. Use the equation of time correction:

$$E = 229.18 [0.000075 + 0.001868 \cos B - 0.032077 \sin B - 0.014615 \cos 2B - 0.04089 \sin 2B]$$

Where, $B = [(n-1) 360/365]$, $n =$ Day of the year. [8]

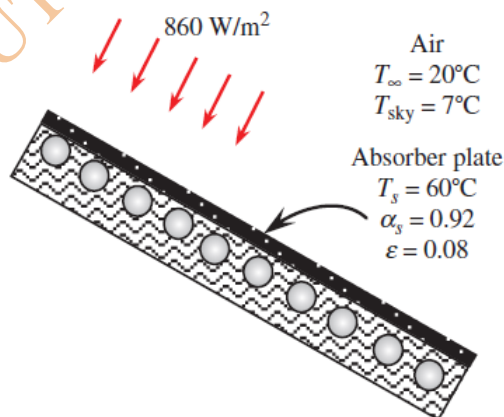
- b) Calculate the angle made by the beam radiation with the normal to a flat-plate collector on 23rd January 2023 at 1000 h (LAT). The collector is located at CIT Kokrajhar (26°28' N, 90°18' E). It is tilted at an angle of 30° with the horizontal and is pointing due south. **Hints.** Use the following relation: [8]

$$\cos \theta = \sin \delta \sin(\phi - \beta) + \cos \delta \cos \omega \cos(\phi - \beta)$$

- c) i) Determine the average temperature of the sun using the following data: [3]

Radius of sun = 0.619×10^9 m, $I_{sc} = 1367$ W/m²
 Mean earth distance = 1.5×10^{11} m, $\sigma = 5.67 \times 10^{-8}$ W/m².K⁴

- ii) The absorber surface of a solar collector is made of aluminium coated with black nickel oxide ($\alpha_s = 0.92$ and $\varepsilon = 0.08$). Solar radiation is incident on the surface at a rate of 860 W/m². The air and the effective sky temperatures are 20 and 7 °C, respectively, and the convection heat transfer coefficient is 15 W/m².K. For an absorber surface temperature of 60 °C, determine the net rate of solar energy delivered by the absorber plate to the water circulating behind it. [5]



- d) A single basin type tidal power plant has a basin area of 3 km². The tide has an average range of 10 m. Power is generated during the ebb cycle only. The turbine stops operating when the head on it falls below 3 m. Calculate the average power generated by the plant in a single emptying process of the basin if the turbine generator efficiency is 0.65. Also, estimate the average annual energy generation of the plant. Given, density of sea water = 1025 kg/m³. [8]

- e) A wind turbine with a blade diameter of 25 m is to be installed in a location where the average wind velocity is 6 m/s. If the overall efficiency of the turbine is 34%, determine- [8]
- The average electric power output
 - The amount of electricity produced by this turbine for an annual operating hour of 8000 h
 - The revenue generated if the electricity is sold at a price of Rs.7/kWh. Take the density of air to be 1.3 kg/m^3 .
- f) (i) Geothermal liquid water from a well is available at 105°C at a rate of $170,000 \text{ kg/h}$ and is to be used for space cooling using an absorption cooling system. Geothermal water leaves the generator of the absorption system at 85°C . If the COP of the absorption system is 0.72, determine the rate of cooling provided by the system. The specific heat of water at room temperature is $C_p = 4.18 \text{ kJ/kg}\cdot^\circ\text{C}$. [3]
- (ii) Calculate the radius of a rotor for a wind turbine operating at a wind speed of 6 m/s to pump water at a rate of $4.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{h}$ with a lift of 4.5 m. Use the following data: [5]
- Water density = 1000 kg/m^3 ,
 - Water pump efficiency = 50%,
 - Efficiency of motor to pump = 80%,
 - Power coefficient, $C_p = 0.3$,
 - Air density = 1.2 kg/m^3
4. Prove that the power potential of tidal energy for a single-pool tidal system is $P_{av} = 0.225AR^2$ where A is the pool's surface area, R is the tidal range. [10]

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