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## B.TECH.

# THEORY EXAMINATION (SEM-VIII) 2016-17 NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY RESOURCES

Time: 3 Hours Max. Marks: 100

*Note*: Be precise in your answer. In case of numerical problem assume data wherever not provided.

## SECTION - A

# 1. Explain the following:

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- (a) State Seebeck Effect and Peltier Effect.
- (b) Write the chemical reaction takes place in Alkaline Fuel Cell.
- (c) What is an aerobic digestion?
- (d) Define solar constant. What is its standard value?
- (e) Discuss the terms Energy conservation and Energy audit.
- **(f)** What is the maximum energy conversion efficiency of a wind turbine for a given swept area?
- (g) Define Fill Factor.
- (h) On what factors does the collector efficiency of a solar flat plate collector depend?
- (i) What is OTEC? Discuss in brief.
- (j) Describe various Geothermal Energy Resources.

#### SECTION - B

# 2. Attempt any five of the following questions:

 $5 \times 10 = 50$ 

- (a) Discuss the main features of various types of renewable and non-renewable energy sources. Also explain the importance of non-conventional energy sources in the context of global warming.
- (b) Classify different types of solar thermal collector and show the constructional details of a flat plate collector. What are its main advantages?
- (c) Explain the mechanism of photoconduction in a PV cell.
- (d) Explain the process of gasification of solid biomass. What is the general composition of the gas produced and what is its heating value? What are its applications?
- (e) Explain the 'Single Basin' and 'Two Basin' systems of tidal power harnessing. Discuss their advantages and limitations.
- **(f)** Explain the essential features of a hydrogen-oxygen cell. Draw a suitable diagram of this cell and give the reactions took place at the electrodes.
- (g) With the help of a schematic diagram, explain the operation of closed cycle MHD generating system.
- (h) Explain the process of production of biogas from biomass. Describe Deen Bandhu Biogas plant.

#### SECTION - C

## Attempt any two of the following questions:

 $2 \times 15 = 30$ 

- 3. What are the most favorable sites for installing wind turbines? Using Betz model of a wind turbine, derive the expression for power extracted from wind. Under what condition does the maximum theoretical power can be extracted from the wind turbine?
- **4. Write short notes on:** i) Practical problems associated with MHD power generation.
  - ii) Solar Cell Arrays. iii) Vertical Axis Wind Mills.
- 5. Describe the principle of working and constructional details of basic thermionic generator. What is the basic difference between thermoelectric and thermionic conversion systems? Also, explain the working of thermoelectric generators.