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Open Course—Physics/Applied Physics

NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES

Maximum: 30 Weightage Time: Three Hours

Part I (Objective Type Questions)

Answer all questions.

Each question carries a weightage of 1/4.

- 1. Which of the following is an example of secondary energy source :
 - (a) Petrol.

(b) Coal.

(c) Nuclear fuel. (d) Wind.

- 2. Ozone of the atmosphere absorbs mainly:
 - (a) UV band of the sunlight.
- (b) Cosmic rays.
- (c) Infrared band of the sunlight. (d) Blue colour of sunlight.
- 3. A pyranometer is used to measure:
 - (a) Total solar radiation.
 - (b) Infrared radiation from the sun.
 - (c) Heat energy from solar radiation.
 - (d) Intensity of solar radiation as a function of incident angle.
- 4. In a solar pond, solar energy is stored as:
 - (a) Thermal energy.
- (b) Electrical energy.
- (c) Chemical energy.
- (d) Mechanical energy.
- 5. The advantage of air foils is:

 - (a) Light weight. (b) Lift drag ratio is high.
 - (c) Lift drag ratio is low. (d) Zero drag force.
- 6. Which of the following is an example of renewable energy source:

 - (a) Coal. (b) Petrol.
 - (c) Geothermal steam.
- (d) Agricultural farm waste.

- 7. Water vapour of the atmosphere absorbs the band of sunlight.
- 8. The duration of bright sun shine in a day is measured by means of an instrument
- 9. The primary source behind wind energy is ----- energy
- 10. Hot molten rock present at depth greater than 25 km. on earth is called ———.
- 11. Green plants convert solar energy into biomass by the process called ———.
- 12. battery is an example of alkali metal batteries.

 $(12 \times \frac{1}{4} = 3 \text{ weig})$

Part II (Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer **all** questions.

Each question carries a weightage of 1.

- 13. Explain how green house effect is achieved in a glass chamber.
- 14. What is meant by photovoltaic effect?
- 15. What do you mean by sensible heat storage?
- 16. What is meant by "isovents"?
- 17. Give any two methods for storing energy from wind energy converter systems.
- 18. What do you mean by a biofuel? Give examples.
- 19. What are the basic kinds of Geothermal sources?
- 20. What are the main components of a tidal power plant?
- 21. Explain any two advantages of hydrogen as a "clean fuel".

 $(9 \times 1 = 9 \text{ weig})$

Part III (Short Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **five** questions.

Each question carries a weightage of 2.

- 22. With the help of a diagram, explain the principle of a natural circulation solar water heat
- 23. With the help of a diagram, explain the principle of solar furnace.
- 24. With the help of a block diagram, explain the basic components and operation of a wind conversion system.
- 25. Explain any two techniques used to derive useful energy from biomass.
- 26. List the advantages and disadvantages of geothermal energy over other forms of energy.
- 27. Describe a method for converting wave energy to mechanical energy.
- 28. What are the advantages of fuel cells? Explain the principle of hydrogen fuel cells.

 $(5 \times 2 = 10 \text{ weig})$

Part IV (Essay Questions)

Answer any **two** questions.

Each question carries a weightage of 4.

- 29. (a) Explain the different aspects of solar radiation reaching the surface of the earth.
 - (b) What are the basic instruments used for the measurement of solar radiation.
- 30. Write short notes on the following:
 - (a) Solar distillation.
 - (b) Solar ponds.
- 31. Explain the classification of batteries. Describe the reaction taking place in lead-acid battery. What are the advantages of batteries for bulk energy storage?

 $(2 \times 4 = 8 \text{ weightage})$