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B. Tech Degree S6 (R,S) / (WP), S4 (PT) Exam April 2025 (2019 Scheme)

Course Code: EET322

Course Name: RENEWABLE ENERGY SYSTEMS

Max. Marks: 100

Duration: 3 Hours

		PART A	
		Answer all questions, each carries 3 marks.	Marks
1		Explain the benefits of the Clean Development Mechanism under Kyoto Protocol	(3)
		in sustainable development.	
2		Why CO ₂ emission reduction is prioritized in climate change mitigation	(3)
		strategies?	
3		Differentiate tilt angle, solar azimuth angle, and declination angle.	(3)
4		Draw the typical I-V and P-V characteristics of a solar cell and explain the need	(3)
		for Maximum Power Point Tracking.	
5		Compare HAWT and VAWT in WECS.	(3)
6		Explain the advantages and disadvantages of micro hydel projects	(3)
7		A hybrid OTEC system is more advantageous compared to closed or open-cycle	(3)
		systems. Justify the statement.	
8		Enumerate the key criteria for selecting suitable sites for a tidal plant.	(3)
9		Explain the concept of power from satellites.	(3)
10		List and explain any three methods to produce hydrogen	(3)
PART B			
		Answer one full question from each module, each carries 14 marks.	
		Module I	
11	a)	Explain how the promotion of renewable energy sources helps in attaining	(6)
		sustainable development goals.	
	b)	Describe the steps taken by the global teamwork under the UNFCCC in solving	(8)
		environmental problems caused by energy use and greenhouse gas emissions.	

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OR

a) Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of any two conventional and two non-conventional energy sources.
 b) Explain the key mechanisms and initiatives under the Kyoto Protocol. (6)

Module II

- a) With a neat diagram, explain the construction and working of a parabolic dish collector and central tower collector. Compare their concentration ratios and temperature ranges.
 - b) With the help of I-V characteristics of a PV cell and connection diagram, how (6) partial shading can develop hot spots in series-connected solar cells.

OR

- 14 a) Describe the construction, working, and typical voltage and current ratings of a (7) solar cell. How can it be used in power applications of kW ranges?
 - b) Explain the design steps of a stand-alone photovoltaic system with a few days of autonomy. Describe the importance of DOD of the battery.

Module III

- 15 a) Define the power coefficient of a wind turbine. Derive the expression for its (10) maximum value.
 - b) Classify small hydro projects based on their capacity and construction. (4)

OR

- 16 a) Compare fixed-speed and variable-speed wind energy conversion systems (6) (WECS) in terms of their design, efficiency, and grid integration capabilities.
 - b) Explain the main parts of a small hydro project (SHP) with a suitable schematic (8) diagram and describe the criteria for the selection of turbines for SHPs.

Module IV

- 17 a) Explain the double basin schemes for the tidal energy conversion. Highlight their (8) advantage over single basin schemes.
 - b) Contrast the phenomena and principles utilised for tidal energy conversion and (6)
 OTEC.

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- 18 a) Classify single-basin tidal power generation systems based on their mode of operation. Describe each mode and its relevance in terms of power generation.
 - b) Compare the construction, working, and advantages of Anderson and Claude (8) cycle OTEC systems.

Module V

- 19 a) Explain different stages of biogas formation. Discuss the factors that affect the (10) formation of biogas.
 - b) Explain the working of a fly-wheel energy storage system. (4)

OR

- 20 a) Compare the constructional difference between floating drum type and fixed dome (8) type bio-gas plant with suitable sketches. Discuss advantages and limitations.
 - b) With a neat diagram explain the basic working of a Phosphoric acid fuel cell. (6)
