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FIFTH SEMESTER (CBCSS—UG) DEGREE EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2023

Physics/Applied Physics

PHY 5D 01 (1)/APH 5D 01 (1)—NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: Two Hours

Maximum: 60 N

The symbols used in question paper have their usual meanings.

Section A (Short Answer Type)

Answer all questions in two or three sentences. Each correct answer carries a maximum of 2 marks.

- 1. List the conventional energy sources.
- 2. What do you mean by solar constant?
- 3. What are the advantages of solar distilling?
- 4. What is photovoltaic effect? Write any two solar cell materials.
- 5. What are the basic characteristics of wind?
- 6. List any four characteristics of a good wind power site.
- 7. List any four problems in operating large wind power generators.
- 8. What are the methods of extraction of geothermal energy?
- 9. What are the raw materials used in a biogas plant?
- 10. Discuss the major ocean energy sources.
- 11. List any four advantages of fuel cells.
- 12. What are the major problems in using hydrogen as an energy source?

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Section B (Paragraph/Problem Type)

Answer all questions in a paragraph of about half a page to one page.

Each correct answer carries a maximum of 5 marks.

- 13. Using a suitable schematic, explain the working principle of a solar indirect crop dryer.
- 14. Using a suitable figure, list the essential parts of a wind-electric generating power plant
- 15. List any four advantages and disadvantages of wind energy conversion system.
- 16. Explain the binary cycle hydro-geothermal energy resource.
- 17. List any four advantages and disadvantages of geothermal energy.
- 18. Explain Seebeck and Peltier effects.
- 19. What do you mean by a nuclear reactor? Give its classification.

Section C (Essay Type)

Essays.

Answer in about two pages, any one question.

Correct answer carries 10 marks.

- 20. Using a suitable figure, discuss the working principle of a solar furnace. What are the a and uses of a solar furnace?
- 21. Explain the processes involved in a biomass conversion process.

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