

Code: ME7T4D

**IV B.Tech - I Semester – Regular/Supplementary Examinations
October – 2018**

**ALTERNATIVE SOURCES OF ENERGY
(MECHANICAL ENGINEERING)**

Duration: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 70

PART – A

Answer *all* the questions. All questions carry equal marks

11 x 2 = 22 M

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- a) Discuss briefly about the limitations of renewable energy sources.
- b) Distinguish between flat plate and concentrating collectors.
- c) Define photo voltaic effect.
- d) List out the various components present in a wind turbine.
- e) What are the main applications of geothermal energy?
- f) Explain the combustion characteristics of bio gas.
- g) Write the disadvantages of fuel cells.
- h) Explain the principles of Direct energy conversion.
- i) Write a short note on types of basins used in tidal energy.
- j) Define Betz criteria.
- k) Explain the principle of solar pond.

PART – B

Answer any **THREE** questions. All questions carry equal marks. 3 x 16 = 48 M

2. a) Define the terms: Hour angle, Declination, Zenith angle and Solar Azimuth angle. 8 M

b) Explain working of solar heating and water heating with neat line diagram. 8 M

3. a) Give classification of wind turbines and explain horizontal axis wind turbines. 8 M

b) Explain the working of bio gas plants with schematic diagram. 8 M

4. a) What are the different sources of geothermal energy? Describe them in brief. 8 M

b) Explain the working principle of open cycle and closed cycle OTEC systems with suitable. 8 M

5. a) Explain the working of PEM fuel cell with neat sketch. 8 M

b) Explain the working of oscillating water column type wave energy power generation. 8 M

6. a) With the help of neat sketch explain working of MHD generators. 8 M

b) How would you summarize the principle and working of PFAC? 8 M