M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER – 2021

First Semester

Energy Science

BASIC ENERGY SCIENCES

(CBCS - 2019 onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Maximum: 75 Marks

Part A $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

- 1. List the types of conventional energy resources.
- 2. Mention the energy resources used in India.
- 3. What is solar collector?
- 4. Mention the importance of solar energy.
- 5. What is wind farm?
- 6. Write the criteria for selecting wind farms.
- 7. How is bioenergy produced?
- 8. List out the limitation of biogas plant.
- 9. Define geothermal gradient.
- 10. What is tidal energy?

Part B $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

Answer all the questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Explain the benefits of energy conservation.

Or

- (b) Discuss the different types of non-conventional energy resources.
- 12. (a) Compare the basic principle of Dye sensitized solar cells and perovskite solar cell.

Or

- (b) Discuss about measurement of solar radiation.
- 13. (a) Discuss the different types of wind turbines used to extract wind energy.

Or

- (b) Write the advantage and disadvantage of wind energy.
- 14. (a) Explain the production of ethanol from biomass.

Or

- (b) Discuss biomass conversion system for waste to energy conversion.
- 15. (a) Write about geothermal power plant in India.

Or

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(b) Mention the advantage and limitations of tidal energy.

Answer any **three** questions.

- 16. Energy crises in India discuss.
- 17. Explain in detail about flat plate and concentrating type solar collector.
- 18. Explain the method of storing wind energy and mention its limitation.
- 19. Discuss about classification and estimation of biomass.
- 20. What is tidal energy? Explain the types of tidal power plant.

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PHYSICS FOR ENERGY SCIENCES

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Time: 3 Hours Maximum: 75 Marks

Part A $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

- 1. Define Force.
- 2. Why kinetic energy is scalar quantity?
- 3. State second law of thermodynamics.
- 4. What is Latent heat?
- 5. Define Kirchhoff's voltage law.
- 6. What is an electromotive force?
- 7. What is superconductivity?
- 8. What is Meissner effect?
- 9. Name some radioactive materials?
- 10. Write briefly about properties of nuclei.

Part B $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

Answer all questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) State and explain Work — Kinetic energy theorem.

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- (b) Differentiate conservative and non-conservative forces.
- 12. (a) Explain heat capacity and specific heat.

Or

- (b) Discuss the applications of first law of thermodynamics.
- 13. (a) Discuss about resistors in series and in parallel.

Or

- (b) Explain the working principle of transformer.
- 14. (a) Discuss the role of semiconductor in electrical conduction.

Or

- (b) Write about free electron theory of metals.
- 15. (a) Describe the liquid drop model of nucleus.

Or

(b) Write about Breeder reactor.

Part C $(3 \times 10 = 30)$

Answer any **three** questions.

- 16. What is conservative forces? Explain the relation between conservative force and potential energy.
- 17. Explain the thermal expansion of solids.

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- 18. Discuss the role of resistors, capacitors and inductors in an AC circuits.
- 19. Explain
 - (a) Energy and spectra of molecules.
 - (b) Band theory of solids.

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20. Explain in detail about nuclear reactors.

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CHEMISTRY FOR ENERGY SCIENCES

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Time: 3 Hours Maximum: 75 Marks

Part A $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

- 1. What is displacement reaction?
- 2. Define Bronsted acids and bases.
- 3. What is carbon compound?
- 4. Define electronegativity.
- 5. State Le Chatelier's principle.
- 6. What is dynamic equilibrium?
- 7. Write the criteria for spontaneity?
- 8. What is enthalpy change?
- 9. Mention the importance of buffer in chemical reactions.
- 10. Mention any two application of electrolysis.

Part B $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

Answer all the questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Write about metathesis reaction.

Or

- (b) Explain the reactions of metals with acids.
- 12. (a) Differentiate ionic and covalent bond with an example.

Or

- (b) Discuss about electronegativity and polarity of bonds.
- 13. (a) Explain the vapour pressure of liquids and solids.

Or

- (b) Why gases are differ from liquids and solids? Explain.
- 14. (a) State and explain third law of thermodynamics.

Or

- (b) Explain in detail Gibbs free energy.
- 15. (a) What is ionization constant for weak acids and bases?

Or

(b) Write a note on cell potential.

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Answer any **three** questions.

- 16. Explain the theories of acids and bases.
- 17. Discuss briefly the concept of resonance in acids and bases.
- 18. Explain the changes of state and dynamic equilibrium of liquids and solids.
- 19. Discuss briefly about factors affecting the rate of reaction.
- 20. What is Galvanic cell? How Galvanic cell is differing from electrolytic cell?

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POLYMER SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY

(CBCS - 2019 onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Maximum: 75 Marks

Part A $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

- 1. What are monomers and polymers? Give suitable examples.
- 2. Differentiate addition and condensation polymerization.
- 3. Give an example For Thermoplastic polymer.
- 4. What is copolymerization?
- 5. What is called filled plastics?
- 6. What is the role of additives in polymers?
- 7. Give an example for biodegradable polymers.
- 8. How to convert polymer into conducting polymer?
- 9. What is meant by thermoxidative degradation of polymer?
- 10. Write briefly about toxicity nature of polymers.

Part B $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

Answer all questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) What are the types of Polymerization? Give an example.

Or

- (b) Describe the mechanism of step-growth polymerization.
- 12. (a) Explain in detail about the polymer testing methods.

Or

- (b) Discuss about the general properties of polymers.
- 13. (a) Differentiate polymer blend and polymer alloy.

Or

- (b) Write a brief note on post fabrication operations.
- 14. (a) Mention the applications of polymers for space.

Or

- (b) Write about biomedical polymers.
- 15. (a) Discuss the thermo-oxidative degradation of polymers.

Or

(b) Write about problems of polymer in energy and environment.

Part C $(3 \times 10 = 30)$

Answer any three questions.

- 16. Explain the polymer process and its kinetics.
- 17. Discuss in detail about the structure and properties of polymer.

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- 18. Explain in detail about the fabrication techniques of polymer.
- 19. Discuss
 - (a) Bio-degradable polymers
 - (b) Non-linear optical polymers.

(5+5)

20. Describe the application of polymer in energy devices.

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Third Semester

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HYDROGEN ENERGY SYSTEMS

(CBCS - 2019 onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Maximum: 75 Marks

Part A $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

- 1. Mention the composition and uses of coal gas
- 2. What are the main benefits of hydrogen fuel cells?
- 3. Define the term gasification
- 4. Name any two bacteria belonging to *Thermotogae* class
- 5. What happens when water is electrolysed?
- 6. What is meant by Photoelectrochemical (PEC) water splitting?
- 7. Distinguish between acid and alkaline fuel cell
- 8. Mention the advantages and disadvantages of fuel cells?
- 9. What is the best way to store hydrogen?
- 10. Mention the difficulties in storage and transportation of hydrogen gas

Part B

 $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

Answer all questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Discuss the processes of gas separation.

Or

- (b) Write a note on membrane reactors.
- 12. (a) What is fermentation? Explain the production of hydrogen by fermentation.

Or

- (b) Explain the role of sulphur in sulfidogenesis process.
- 13. (a) Write a note on photo-biochemical cells.

Or

- (b) Describe the production of hydrogen in photovoltaic cells.
- 14. (a) Discuss the working of Micro fuel cell.

Or

- (b) How is power generated in mobile and portable power generator.
- 15. (a) Write a note on underground hydrogen storage.

Or

(b) How is hydrogen stored using amine borane complexes?

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Answer any **three** questions.

- 16. (a) Describe the preparation of hydrogen gas from various fuels
 - (b) Explain the characteristics of steam reforming process. (5+5)
- 17. Discuss the production of hydrogen from bacteria and carbon sources
- 18. Discuss the principle and working of (a) Tandem cell and (b) Photoelectrochemical cells. (5 + 5)
- 19. Write short notes on (a) Phosphoric acid fuel cell (b) solid oxide fuel cells (5 + 5)
- 20. Describe the storage of hydrogen using (a) clathrates and (b) carbon nanotubes. (5+5)

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WIND AND HYDRO ENERGY

(CBCS - 2019 onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Maximum: 75 Marks

Part A $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

- 1. What are the main types of wind energy?
- 2. Give the relationship between turbine size power ratings.
- 3. What are Onshore and offshore wind turbines?
- 4. Where can wind turbines be installed?
- 5. What is hydropower?
- 6. How is hydropower used in water mills?
- 7. What is wave tidal power?
- 8. What is importance of hydrology?
- 9. What are the different types of power plant?
- 10. What are the basic parameters to be considered while designing a power palnt?

Part B

 $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

Answer all questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Explain the different types of propellers.

Or

- (b) Draw the neat diagram of wind turbine and explain the components involved in it.
- 12. (a) Write a note on wind farms.

Or

- (b) Discuss the planning and commissioning of wind farm designing.
- 13. (a) How are hydro power plants classified? Explain any one in detail.

Or

- (b) Explain micro hydro electric systems with a neat diagram.
- 14. (a) Distinguish between conventional power plant and pumped storage power plant.

Or

- (b) Write a note on Run-of-river water plant.
- 15. (a) What are the procedures to be followed to select the site for hydro power system?

Or

(b) Discuss the initial and operation cost for designing a power plant.

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Answer any **three** questions.

- 16. What is air density? How is it calculated for the moist air and dry air? How does it vary with humidity and pressure?
- 17. Describe the Challenges and development in wind power generation.
- 18. Discuss the working and applications of small hydropower systems.
- 19. (a) Compare the power generation of Run-of-river and tidal power plants.
 - (b) Write a detailed notes on hydro power markets 5+5.
- 20. Explain the environmental issues related to large hydro projects system.

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SOLAR THERMAL ENERGY

(CBCS - 2019 onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Maximum: 75 Marks

Part A $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

- 1. State two limitations of solar energy
- 2. What is solar radiation and insolation?
- 3. What is the most efficient thermodynamic cycle?
- 4. What are binary cycles give examples?
- 5. What are disadvantages of solar collectors?
- 6. Define solar flux unit
- 7. Mention the components present in the solar thermal system.
- 8. What is the advantage of solar thermal systems?
- 9. What are the economic impacts of solar?
- 10. Mention any two major companies manufacturing solar system

Part B

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Answer all questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Using a neat diagram, explain the working of pyrheliometer

Or

- (b) What are the factors effecting solar radiation?
- 12. (a) What is Carnot cycle? Explain it with neat diagram.

Or

- (b) Describe the construction of Hybrid solar-gas power plant.
- 13. (a) Explain the different types of solar collectors.

Or

- (b) Write a brief note on Flat plate collector.
- 14. (a) Explain the principle of solar thermal energy systems.

Or

- (b) Distinguish between active and passive solar heating.
- 15. (a) Discuss the economical aspects of solar energy use.

Or

(b) Explain the electrical specification employed in solar panel.

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Answer any three questions.

- 16. (a) Discuss the spectral energy distribution of solar radiation
 - (b) Explain the characteristics of extraterrestrial radiation 5+5
- 17. Write short notes on
 - (a) Stirling cycle
 - (b) Brayton cycle
- 18. Describe the principle and construction of Evacuated tube collector with a neat diagram
- 19. Discuss the applications of solar thermal system
- 20. Describe the outlook and development potential of solar thermal power market

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ADVANCED INSTRUMENTAL METHODS OF ANALYSIS

(CBCS - 2019 onwards)

Time: 3 Hours Maximum: 75 Marks

Part A $(10 \times 2 = 20)$

Answer all questions.

All questions carry equal marks.

- 1. What is atomic spectroscopy? Why it is needed?
- 2. What are the applications of Atomic Fluorescence Spectroscopy?
- 3. Write any two advantages of IR spectroscopy.
- 4. Define FTIR.
- 5. What do you understand by potentiometry?
- 6. What is CV measurement?
- 7. Define XPS.
- 8. Differentiate SEM and TEM.
- 9. What is thermal analysis?
- 10. What do you meant by DSC?

Part B

 $(5 \times 5 = 25)$

Answer all questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Explain the working principle of Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy (AAS).

Or

- (b) Discuss the different types of Fourier transforms.
- 12. (a) How FTIR differ from Raman spectroscopy? Explain.

Or

- (b) Discuss in detail about SERS with appropriate sketch.
- 13. (a) List and explain the types of potentiometric titration.

Or

- (b) Discuss in detail about pulse voltammetry.
- 14. (a) Write the working principle of X-ray Photoelectron Spectroscopy (XPS).

Or

- (b) What are the applications and limitations of SEM?
- 15. (a) Differentiate differential thermal analysis (DTA) and differential Scanning Calorimetry (DSC).

Or

(b) Write a note on different methods of thermal analysis.

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Answer any **three** questions.

- 16. List out the types of optical instruments. Explain the principles of Fourier transform optical measurements.
- 17. With suitable diagram explain the working, applications and limitations of Raman spectroscopy.
- 18. Explain the working of cyclic voltammetry with sketch. State the applications of cyclic voltammetry.
- 19. Write a note on
 - (a) X-ray Diffraction (XRD)
 - (b) Energy Dispersive X-ray Spectroscopy (EDAX)
- 20. Describe the construction, working and applications of Thermo Gravimetric Analysis (TGA).

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