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FIFTH SEMESTER UG DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022

(Regular/Improvement/Supplementary)

PHYSICS (OPEN COURSE)

GPHY5D01T: NON CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES

Time: 2 Hours Maximum Marks: 60

SECTION A: Answer the following questions. Each carries 2 marks. (Ceiling 20 Marks)

- 1. Differentiate between renewable and non-renewable energy
- 2. List any two methods of energy storage.
- 3. What is the use of a solar green house?
- 4. Distinguish between direct and diffused component of solar radiation.
- 5. What are the causes for local winds?
- 6. List the four advantages of wind energy conversion.
- 7. Draw the schematic of a wind mill indicating the major parts.
- 8. How is thermoelectric energy created?
- 9. What are the main benefits of hydrogen fuel cells?
- 10. What are the two methods for ocean thermal electric power generation?
- 11. Write down the advantages and disadvantages of biogas technology.
- 12. What are the major components of tidal power plant?

SECTION B: Answer the following questions. Each carries 5 marks. (Ceiling 30 Marks)

- 13. Give any two direct applications of wind energy.
- 14. Discuss the horizontal and vertical axes wind turbine generators.
- 15. What are the factors that determine the output from a wind energy converter?
- 16. Explain the source of waves. Discuss the methods to convert wave energy to mechanical energy.
- 17. Write down the advantages and disadvantages of tidal energy.
- 18. Describe the closed type OTEC system.
- 19. Explain how biogas is produced by anaerobic digestion.

SECTION C: Answer any *one* question. Each carries 10 marks.

- 20. Describe the construction and working of a box type solar cooker and solar furnace. Discuss its advantages and disadvantages.
- 21. Explain the different geothermal energy sources. What are the advantages and disadvantages of geothermal energy over other forms of energy? Discuss the applications of geothermal energy.