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2011 RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY

Time Allotted: 3 Hours Full Marks: 70

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.

GROUP - A

(Multiple Choice Type Questions)

1. Choose the correct alternatives for any *ten* of the following.

 $10 \times 1 = 10$

- i) Renewable energy is defined as energy which is
 - a) regenerated
 - b) exhaustible
 - c) never exhausted
 - d) easily available.
- ii) Which one of the following is not the component of ligno-cellulose material?
 - a) Peptone
- b) Cellulose
- c) Hemicellulose
- d) Lignin.

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- iii) A methanogenic microorganism is
 - a) Pseudomonas fluorescens
 - b) Bacillus subtilis
 - c) Pseudomonas fragi
 - d) Methanococcus jannaschii.
- iv) In radioactive decay the final product is
 - a) Sn

b) Pb

c) Si

- d) A1.
- v) A photosynthetic hydrogen producing strain is
 - a) Saccharomyces cerevisiae
 - b) Zymomonas mobilis
 - c) Escherichia coli
 - d) Rhodospirillum capsulatus.
- vi) The composition of gasoline is
 - a) Petrol
 - b) Petrol + 10% Ethanol
 - c) Petrol + 40% Ethanol
 - d) Petrol + 25% Ethanol.

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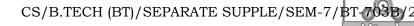


- vii) A well known nuclear accident was
 - a) Nine miles island accident
 - b) Bhopal accident
 - c) Chernobyl accident
 - d) Minamata accident.
- viii) Which of the following places has five wind-power units in West Bengal?
 - a) Frazerganj
 - b) Haldia
 - c) Shankarpur
 - d) Digha.
- ix) A proposed tidal power project in India is
 - a) Kachchh Tidal Power Project
 - b) Thiruvananthapuram Tidal Power Project
 - c) Paradip Tidal Power Project
 - d) Puducherry Tidal Power Project.

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- x) Which one of the following microorganisms is a metal-reducing bacteria applied in microbial fuel cell (MFC)?
 - a) Shewanella putrefaciens
 - b) Geobacter sulfurreducens
 - c) Pyrococcus furiosus
 - d) Thermus aquaticus.
- xi) Which one of the following is not a process for physicochemical pretreatment of lignocellulose for bioethanol production?
 - a) Acid catalysed steam explosion
 - b) Acid-freeze explosion
 - c) Alkaline wet oxidation
 - d) Hydrogenation.
- xii) One well-renowned place which has been allocated for Ocean Thermal Energy Conversion (OTEC) project in USA is
 - a) New York
- b) Hawaii
- c) San Francisco
- d) California.

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(Short Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following. $3 \times 5 = 15$

- 2. What are Biosurfactants ? Explain briefly the major application.
- 3. Define tidal and wave energy? Discuss in brief the basic mechanism of tidal power generation.
- 4. What is Xanthan gum ? Briefly explain the chemistry, production and applications.
- 5. What is geothernal energy? What are the technologies involved in geothermal energy process?
- 6. Define wind energy? Explain the mechanism behind it.

GROUP - C

(Long Answer Type Questions)

Answer any *three* of the following. $3 \times 15 = 45$

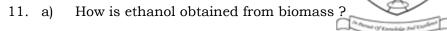
7. a) What is biophotolysis? Write in brief how hydrogen is produced by photosynthetic microorganism.

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- b) What is gasification? Explain different types of biomass gasifier with suitable diagram.
- c) Which are the natural sources for biodiesel production? Write in brief how biodiesel is produced from oils and fats. 5 + 5 + 5
- 8. a) Mention three different types of sources of biomass.
 - b) What are the constituents of biomass and how are they quantitatively determined?
 - c) Mention the biochemical methods for conversion of biomass to biofuel. 3 + 6 + 6
- 9. Write short notes on the following: 5 + 5 + 5
 - a) Microbial recovery of petroleum
 - b) Burner reactor
 - c) Breeder reactor.
- 10. Briefly explain how solar energy can be used in case of
 - a) Crop drying, b) Salt production and c) Photovoltaics.

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- b) Describe the role of industrial and domestic organic wastes for biomethane production.
- c) What are the advantages and disadvantages of biomass as biofuel? 5+6+4