## Week 7 Assignment

## Task 1

**Solar radiation** is electromagnetic energy emitted by Sun. It is radiated in the form of electromagnetic waves, including visible and also ultraviolet lights and infrared radiation.

 $G_{SC}$  is the solar constant which is a flux density measuring solar irradiance, it is an average of varying value which is 1367 W/m<sup>2</sup>.

*The Solar radiation* when it goes throw atmosphere to reach the Earth's surface is modified in spectral distribution and in total irradiance.

This is happening due to dispersion and absorption phenomena.

**Dispersion** is molecular and particle scattering.

**Absorption** of solar radiation is due to the atmospheric components, especially ozone, water and carbon dioxide, which absorb the incident radiation in specific absorption bands which is modifying its energetic spectrum.

## Solar radiation depends on:

- 1. The sun position in the sky
- 2. The weather condition
- 3. The site altitude over the sea level
- 4. Sunshine hours













