

- 5.) Consider a bicycle-style exercise machine that has been converted to generate electricity. The pedals are mounted on crankshafts with a 20 cm radius. A person in good physical condition can turn the pair of pedals at 80 RPM against a resistance of 20 N on each pedal and do this continuously for an hour or more. Assuming the whole machine from pedals to electrical output is 75 percent efficient. . .
- a.) How much electrical power can be produced by one such machine with a well-conditioned person working it?
(Don't forget— The exercise bicycle has two pedals and you may assume the rider has two feet!)
- b.) Consider installing a bunch of these machines in a “fitness center” and paying people to “ride” them. Assume the electricity produced can be sold at wholesale for 2 cents per kilowatt-hour and that riders can be paid half of that (1 cent per kilowatt hour), the remaining amount being used to repair and maintain the machines and make a profit. Also, suppose that this fitness center has no heat or air conditioning, indeed it consumes no electricity at all so that every kilowatt-hour produced is sold! It is illuminated and ventilated via windows. What will the hourly wage be for a “well conditioned rider?”

- 6.) The "Introduction to Electrical Engineering" handout mentions that China's Three Gorges Dam is a controversial project. North America also has its share of controversial electrical power projects. Use the Internet or the library to answer the following questions: (Please use a word processor to write your answers.)
- a.) In what year was electric power first generated at the Glen Canyon Dam?
 - b.) How much electric power generation, in GW, is installed at the Glen Canyon Dam (installed capacity)?
 - c.) As a percentage, how does the power generation capacity of Glen Canyon Dam compare to that of Niagara Falls (both the U.S. and Canadian sides) and the plans for the Three Gorges Dam?
 - d.) Using 200 words or less, present the best argument you can for keeping and maintaining the Glen Canyon Dam.
 - e.) Using 200 words or less, present the best argument you can for removing the Glen Canyon Dam.

Some suggested sources:

- [a] http://www.usbr.gov/projects/Facility.jsp?fac_Name=Glen+Canyon+Dam
- [b] <http://www.livingrivers.org/campaigns/grandcanyon/article5.cfm>
- [c] <http://www2.kenyon.edu/projects/Dams/>
- [d] <http://www.google.com/search?hl=en&q=glenn+canyon+dam+hydroelectric+power&btnG=Google+Search>

- 7.) Some tests are performed on an electric motor used to operate a grain auger. The motor operates on 240 V RMS, 60 Hz AC power. The motor draws 9.5 A RMS and the power factor is 0.8. The motor is 90% efficient. How much electrical power does the motor draw? How much mechanical power does it produce?