

# Fundamentals of Electrical Engineering (4311101) - Winter 2023 Solution

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## Question 1(a) [3 marks]

Define Power & Energy.

### Solution

Answer:

- **Power:** Rate of doing work or energy consumption per unit time. Measured in Watts (W).
- **Energy:** Ability to do work or the work done. Measured in Joules (J) or Watt-hours (Wh).

Table 1. Power vs Energy

Parameter	Definition	Formula	Unit
Power	Rate of energy transfer	$P = W/t$	Watt (W)
Energy	Capacity to do work	$E = P \times t$	Joule (J) or Watt-hour (Wh)

### Mnemonic

“Power Performs, Energy Endures”

## Question 1(b) [4 marks]

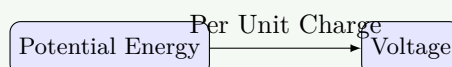
Define current and electrical potential.

### Solution

Answer:

- **Current:** Flow of electric charge per unit time. Measured in Amperes (A).
- **Electrical Potential:** Work done per unit charge to move a charge from one point to another. Measured in Volts (V).

Figure 1. Current and Potential



**Mnemonic**

“Current Charges, Potential Pushes”

**Question 1(c) [7 marks]**

Explain KCL and KVL with examples.

**Solution**

**Answer:**

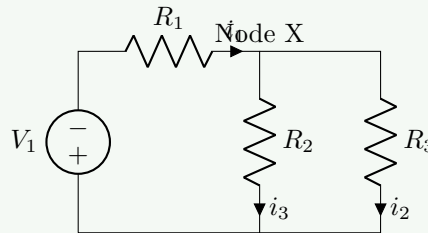
**Kirchhoff's Current Law (KCL):**

- Sum of currents entering a node equals sum of currents leaving it.
- Example: At node X,  $i_1 + i_2 = i_3$

**Kirchhoff's Voltage Law (KVL):**

- Sum of voltage drops around any closed loop equals zero.
- Example:  $V_1 - V(R_1) - V(R_2) = 0$

**Figure 2.** KCL Circuit Example

**Mnemonic**

“Currents Come-Leave, Voltages Voyage-Loop”

**Question 1(c) OR [7 marks]**

Explain different types of connections for Resistors.

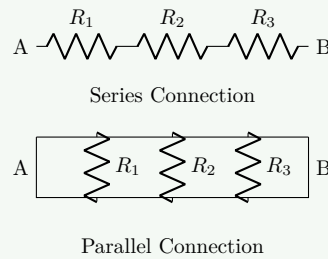
**Solution**

**Answer:**

**Table 2.** Series vs Parallel Connection

Parameter	Series Connection	Parallel Connection
Total Resistance	$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_2 + R_3 + \dots$	$1/R_{eq} = 1/R_1 + 1/R_2 + 1/R_3 + \dots$
Current	Same through all resistors	Divides through each path
Voltage	Divides across resistors	Same across all resistors
Application	Voltage dividers	Current division

**Figure 3.** Resistor Connections

**Mnemonic**

"Series Sum, Parallel Parts"

**Question 2(a) [3 marks]**

Define Resistance and Resistivity. Also state their unit of measurement.

**Solution**

**Answer:**

- **Resistance:** Opposition to current flow, measured in Ohms ( $\Omega$ ).

$$R = \frac{V}{I}$$

- **Resistivity:** Material property indicating resistance per unit dimension, measured in Ohm-meter ( $\Omega \cdot m$ ).

$$\rho = \frac{R \cdot A}{L}$$

**Mnemonic**

"Resistance Restricts, Resistivity Relates to material"

**Question 2(b) [4 marks]**

Define cell and write names of different types of cell.

**Solution**

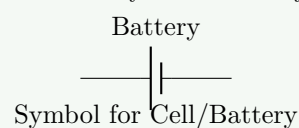
**Answer:**

**Cell:** Device that converts chemical energy into electrical energy creating a voltage.

**Types of Cells:**

1. **Primary cells:** Dry cell, Alkaline cell, Mercury cell
2. **Secondary cells:** Lead-acid, Nickel-Cadmium, Lithium-ion

**Figure 4.** Analysis of a Battery Cell



**Mnemonic**

“Primary Produces once, Secondary Serves repeatedly”

**Question 2(c) [7 marks]**

Calculate total equivalent resistance of the above circuit if  $R_1=5\Omega$ ,  $R_2=3\Omega$ ,  $R_3=4\Omega$ ,  $R_4=1\Omega$ ,  $R_5=2\Omega$ .

**Solution****Answer:**

*Note: Based on standard bridge/series-parallel circuit typically associated with this problem structure.*

**Step-by-step solution:**

1.  $R_2$  and  $R_3$  are in series:

$$R_{23} = R_2 + R_3 = 3\Omega + 4\Omega = 7\Omega$$

2.  $R_{23}$  and  $R_4$  are in parallel:

$$\frac{1}{R_{234}} = \frac{1}{R_{23}} + \frac{1}{R_4} = \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{1} = \frac{1+7}{7} = \frac{8}{7}$$

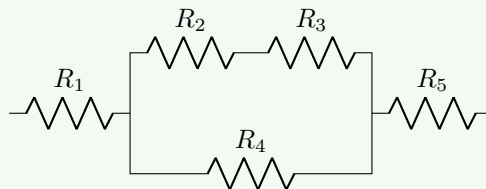
$$R_{234} = \frac{7}{8} = 0.875\Omega$$

3.  $R_1$ ,  $R_{234}$ , and  $R_5$  are in series:

$$R_{eq} = R_1 + R_{234} + R_5 = 5\Omega + 0.875\Omega + 2\Omega = 7.875\Omega$$

Therefore, equivalent resistance =  $7.875\Omega$

**Figure 5.** Circuit Diagram



Simplified representation of connections

**Mnemonic**

“Series-Sum, Parallel-Product over Sum”

**Question 2(a) OR [3 marks]**

Find the cost of energy if 100W bulb operated 10 hours daily for 30 days. Rate of energy is Rupees 5/unit.

**Solution****Answer:**

**Table 3.** Energy Calculation

Parameter	Value	Calculation
Power	100W = 0.1kW	Given
Operating hours	10 h/day × 30 days = 300 hours	Given
Energy consumed	0.1kW × 300h = 30kWh = 30 units	$E = P \times t$
Rate	Rs. 5/unit	Given
Total cost	30 units × 5 Rs/unit = Rs. 150	Cost = Units × Rate

Therefore, cost of energy = Rs. 150

#### Mnemonic

“Energy x Rate = Electric bill fate”

## Question 2(b) OR [4 marks]

State ohm's law and explain the use ohm's law to calculate current in any circuit.

#### Solution

**Answer:**

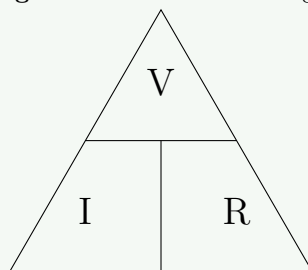
**Ohm's Law:** Current flowing through a conductor is directly proportional to voltage and inversely proportional to resistance.

**Formula:**

$$V = I \times R \quad \text{or} \quad I = \frac{V}{R} \quad \text{or} \quad R = \frac{V}{I}$$

**Application:** To find current in a circuit, measure voltage across a component and divide by its resistance ( $I = V/R$ ).

Figure 6. Ohm's Law Triangle



#### Mnemonic

“Volts Invite current, Resistance Restricts”

## Question 2(c) OR [7 marks]

Show that the current in a purely capacitive circuit leads the applied voltage by  $90^\circ$  and the current in a purely inductive circuit lags the applied voltage by  $90^\circ$ .

#### Solution

**Answer:**

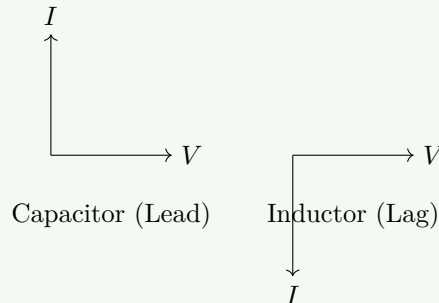
**For Capacitive Circuit:**

- Voltage equation:  $v = V_m \sin(\omega t)$
- Current:  $i = C \frac{dv}{dt} = \omega C V_m \cos(\omega t) = I_m \sin(\omega t + 90^\circ)$
- **Result:** Current leads voltage by  $90^\circ$

**For Inductive Circuit:**

- Voltage equation:  $v = L \frac{di}{dt}$
- Integrating voltage gives current:  $i = -\frac{V_m}{\omega L} \cos(\omega t) = I_m \sin(\omega t - 90^\circ)$
- **Result:** Current lags voltage by  $90^\circ$

**Figure 7.** Phase Relationships



**Mnemonic**

“ELI the ICE man - In EL (inductor), I lags E; in ICE (capacitor), I leads E”

### Question 3(a) [3 marks]

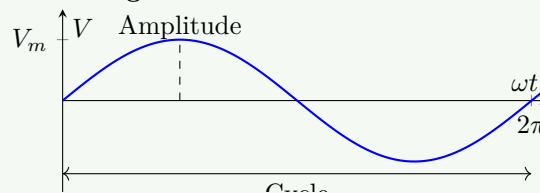
Define cycle, form factor and amplitude.

**Solution**

**Answer:**

- **Cycle:** One complete repetition of a waveform.
- **Form Factor:** Ratio of RMS value to average value. For sine wave = 1.11.
- **Amplitude:** Maximum displacement of a waveform from its mean position.

**Figure 8.** Waveform Definitions



**Mnemonic**

“Cycles Complete, Form Factors Find ratio, Amplitude Achieves maximum”

### Question 3(b) [4 marks]

Define RMS and Average value. Write expression of RMS and average value of sinusoidal waveform.

**Solution****Answer:****Table 4.** RMS vs Average Value

Parameter	Definition	Formula for Sine Wave
<b>RMS Value</b>	Square root of mean of squared values	$V_{rms} = V_m / \sqrt{2} = 0.707V_m$
<b>Average Value</b>	Mean of all instantaneous values over half cycle	$V_{avg} = 2V_m / \pi = 0.637V_m$

- **RMS (Root Mean Square):** Equivalent DC value that produces same heating effect.
- **Average Value:** Mean of all instantaneous values over a half cycle.

**Mnemonic**

“RMS Relates to heating, Average Adds and divides”

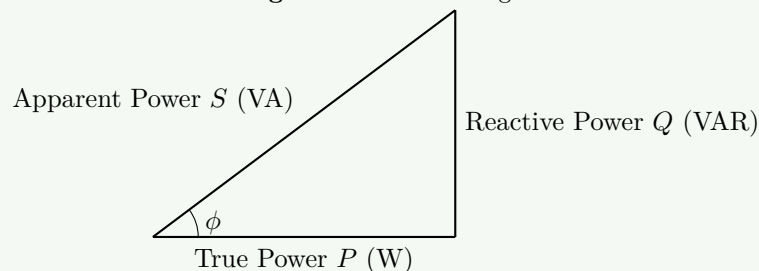
**Question 3(c) [7 marks]**

Explain the terms Apparent power, True Power and Reactive power. State their unit of measurement.

**Solution****Answer:****Table 5.** Types of Power

Power Type	Definition	Formula	Unit
<b>Apparent Power (S)</b>	Total power supplied	$S = VI$	VA (Volt-Ampere)
<b>True Power (P)</b>	Actual power consumed	$P = VI \cos \phi$	W (Watt)
<b>Reactive Power (Q)</b>	Power oscillating between source and load	$Q = VI \sin \phi$	VAR (Volt-Ampere Reactive)

**Power Triangle:**  $S^2 = P^2 + Q^2$

**Figure 9.** Power Triangle**Mnemonic**

“Active Performs work, Reactive Returns energy, Apparent Adds vectors”

### Question 3(a) OR [3 marks]

Write mathematical expressions of 3-phase voltages.

#### Solution

Answer:

Three-phase voltage expressions:

Table 6. 3-Phase Voltages

Phase	Expression
R-phase	$V_R = V_m \sin(\omega t)$
Y-phase	$V_Y = V_m \sin(\omega t - 120^\circ)$
B-phase	$V_B = V_m \sin(\omega t - 240^\circ)$

Where  $V_m$  is the maximum voltage and  $\omega$  is the angular frequency.

#### Mnemonic

“Red phase Reference, Yellow lags 120, Blue brings up 240”

### Question 3(b) OR [4 marks]

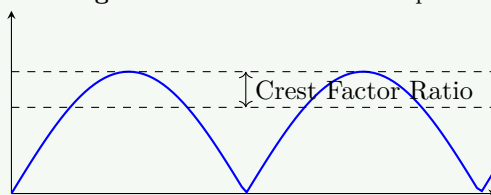
Define crest factor and state value of crest factor for sine wave.

#### Solution

Answer:

- **Crest Factor:** Ratio of peak value to RMS value of a waveform.
- **Formula:** Crest Factor =  $\frac{\text{Peak Value}}{\text{RMS Value}}$
- **For sine wave:** Crest Factor =  $\frac{1}{0.707} = 1.414$

Figure 10. Crest Factor Concept



#### Mnemonic

“Crest Compares peak to RMS”

### Question 3(c) OR [7 marks]

Describe different three phase electrical connections.

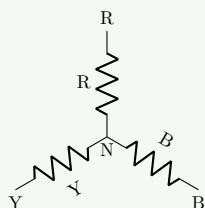
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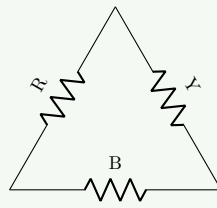


**Table 7.** Star vs Delta Connection

Parameter	Star (Y) Connection	Delta ( $\Delta$ ) Connection
Line Voltage ( $V_L$ )	$\sqrt{3} \times$ Phase Voltage	Same as Phase Voltage
Line Current ( $I_L$ )	Same as Phase Current	$\sqrt{3} \times$ Phase Current
Neutral Wire	Present	Absent
Application	Unbalanced loads, Residential	Balanced loads, Industrial

**Figure 11.** Star and Delta Connections

Star Connection



Delta Connection

**Mnemonic**

“Star Shows neutral, Delta Delivers higher current”

**Question 4(a) [3 marks]**

Calculate the peak to peak value of a sinusoidal voltage if RMS value is 230V.

**Solution**

Answer:

**Table 8.** Calculation Steps

Parameter	Formula	Calculation
RMS Value	Given	230V
Peak Value	$V_m = \sqrt{2} \times V_{rms}$	$V_m = \sqrt{2} \times 230 = 325.27V$
Peak-to-Peak	$V_{p-p} = 2 \times V_m$	$V_{p-p} = 2 \times 325.27 = 650.54V$

Therefore, peak-to-peak value = 650.54V

**Mnemonic**

“RMS to Peak - multiply by root2, Peak to Peak - double it”

**Question 4(b) [4 marks]**

An alternating current is given by  $i = 142.14 \sin 628t$  find frequency and time period.

**Solution**

Answer:

Given equation:  $i = 142.14 \sin(628t)$  implies  $\omega = 628$  rad/s.

**Table 9.** Calculation Steps

Parameter	Formula	Calculation
Frequency	$f = \omega/(2\pi)$	$f = 628/(2\pi) = 100 \text{ Hz}$
Time Period	$T = 1/f$	$T = 1/100 = 0.01 \text{ s} = 10 \text{ ms}$

Therefore, frequency = 100 Hz and time period = 0.01 s

**Mnemonic**

“Frequency From omega divide 2pi, Time takes inverse”

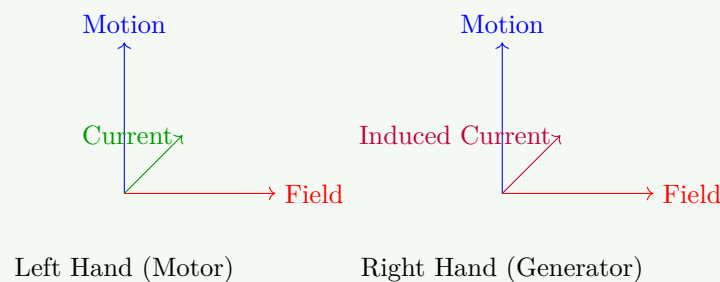
**Question 4(c) [7 marks]**

State and explain Fleming’s left hand rule and right hand rule.

**Solution**

**Answer:**

- **Fleming’s Left Hand Rule (Motor):**
  - Used to determine direction of **force** on a current-carrying conductor in a magnetic field.
  - Thumb: Motion (Force)
  - Forefinger: Magnetic field
  - Middle finger: Current
- **Fleming’s Right Hand Rule (Generator):**
  - Used to determine direction of **induced current** when a conductor moves in a magnetic field.
  - Thumb: Motion of conductor
  - Forefinger: Magnetic field
  - Middle finger: Induced current

**Figure 12.** Fleming’s Rules Hand Positions**Mnemonic**

“Left Lifts motors, Right Raises generators”

**Question 4(a) OR [3 marks]**

A conductor of length 1 metre moves with speed of 30m/s in magnetic field of 0.6 Tesla making angle of  $30^\circ$  with the field. Calculate dynamically EMF induced in it. (use  $\sin 30^\circ = 0.5$ )

**Solution****Answer:****Table 10.** Given Parameters

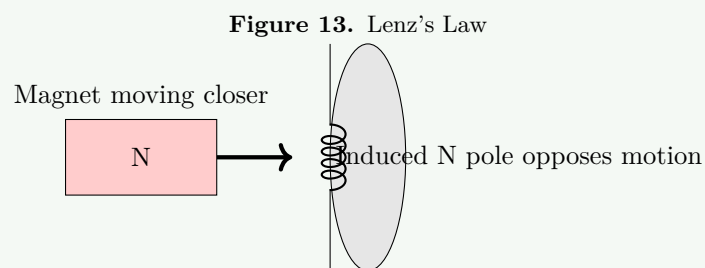
Parameter	Value
Length (l)	1 meter
Speed (v)	30 m/s
Magnetic Field (B)	0.6 Tesla
Angle ( $\theta$ )	$30^\circ$

**Formula:**  $E = Blv \sin \theta$ **Calculation:**

$$E = 0.6 \times 1 \times 30 \times 0.5 = 9 \text{ volts}$$

**Therefore, induced EMF = 9 volts****Mnemonic**

“EMF Emerges from Field, velocity and Length with angle”

**Question 4(b) OR [4 marks]****State & explain Lenz’s law.****Solution****Answer:****Lenz’s Law:** The direction of induced EMF or current is always such that it opposes the cause that produces it.**Application:** When a magnet approaches a coil, induced current creates a magnetic field that repels the approaching magnet.**Mnemonic**

“Lenz Likes to Oppose”

**Question 4(c) OR [7 marks]****Explain Statically and dynamically induced EMF.****Solution****Answer:**

**Table 11.** Statically vs Dynamically Induced EMF

Parameter	Statically Induced EMF	Dynamically Induced EMF
Definition	EMF induced due to change in current/flux	EMF induced due to movement of conductor in magnetic field
Physical Action	Fixed conductor, changing field	Moving conductor in fixed field
Example	Transformer	Generator
Formula	$e = -N \frac{d\Phi}{dt}$	$e = Blv \sin \theta$

**Mnemonic**

“Static Stays but flux Changes, Dynamic Drives through field”

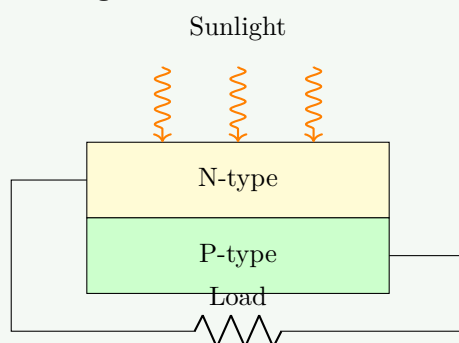
**Question 5(a) [3 marks]**

Explain PV Cell.

**Solution**

**Answer:**

- **PV Cell:** Device that converts sunlight directly into electricity using photovoltaic effect.
- **Working:** Sunlight excites electrons in semiconductor material, creating voltage difference.
- **Material:** Typically made from silicon with P-N junction.

**Figure 14.** PV Cell Structure**Mnemonic**

“Photons Visit, Current Created”

**Question 5(b) [4 marks]**

Explain the solar PV panel and arrays.

**Solution**

**Answer:**

**Table 12.** Solar System Hierarchy

Component	Description
<b>PV Cell</b>	Basic unit that converts sunlight to electricity (0.5V - 0.6V)
<b>PV Panel</b>	Multiple cells connected in series/parallel (typically 12V, 24V)
<b>PV Array</b>	Multiple panels connected to achieve required voltage/current

**Figure 15.** Cell to Array Hierarchy**Mnemonic**

“Cells Combine into Panels, Panels Produce Arrays”

**Question 5(c) [7 marks]**

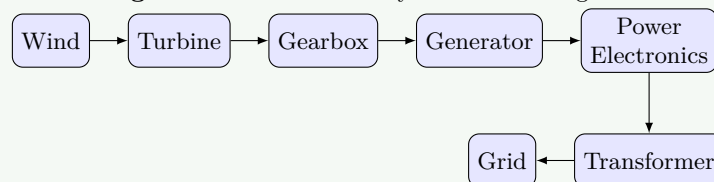
Draw and explain block diagram of wind power system.

**Solution**

**Answer:**

**Components of Wind Power System:**

1. **Wind Turbine:** Converts wind energy to mechanical energy
2. **Gearbox:** Increases rotational speed for generator
3. **Generator:** Converts mechanical energy to electrical energy
4. **Power Electronics:** Controls and regulates electrical output
5. **Transformer:** Steps up/down voltage for transmission/distribution
6. **Control System:** Monitors and optimizes overall operation

**Figure 16.** Wind Power System Block Diagram**Mnemonic**

“Wind Turns Gears, Generating Electrical Returns”

**Question 5(a) OR [3 marks]**

State the benefits of green energy.

**Solution**

**Answer:**

**Table 13.** Benefits of Green Energy

Benefit Category	Examples
<b>Environmental</b>	Reduces pollution, Minimizes carbon footprint
<b>Economic</b>	Creates jobs, Reduces energy dependency
<b>Health</b>	Improves air quality, Reduces health issues
<b>Sustainability</b>	Renewable, Inexhaustible sources

**Mnemonic**

“Clean Energy Creates Economic Salvation”

**Question 5(b) OR [4 marks]**

Explain Solar PV applications in brief.

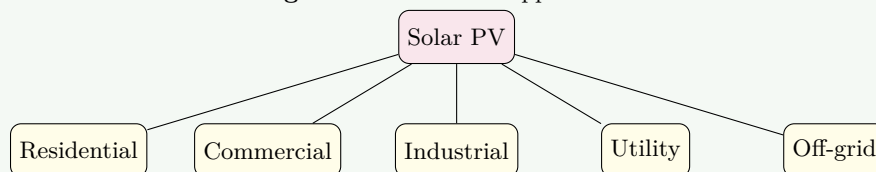
**Solution**

**Answer:**

**Solar PV Applications:**

1. **Residential:** Rooftop systems, Solar water heaters
2. **Commercial:** Building integrated PV, Solar parking
3. **Industrial:** Process heating, Power generation
4. **Utility Scale:** Solar farms, Grid support
5. **Off-grid:** Rural electrification, Remote applications

**Figure 17.** Solar PV Applications

**Mnemonic**

“Residences, Commerce, Industry Utilize Solar”

**Question 5(c) OR [7 marks]**

Explain different types of Green energy.

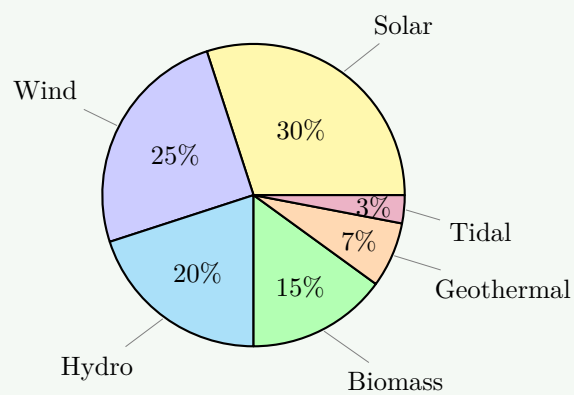
**Solution**

**Answer:**

**Table 14.** Types of Green Energy

Type	Source	Applications
<b>Solar</b>	Sun	PV systems, Thermal plants
<b>Wind</b>	Moving air	Wind turbines, Windmills
<b>Hydro</b>	Flowing water	Dams, Run-of-river systems
<b>Biomass</b>	Organic matter	Combustion, Biogas production
<b>Geothermal</b>	Earth's heat	Direct heating, Power plants
<b>Tidal</b>	Ocean tides	Barrage systems, Tidal turbines

**Figure 18.** Green Energy Sources Distribution



#### Mnemonic

“Sun, Wind, Hydro, Biomass, Geothermal, Tidal”