



UNIVERSITY COLLEGE TATI (UC TATI)

FINAL EXAMINATION QUESTION BOOKLET

COURSE CODE	:	BET 4043
COURSE	:	RENEWABLE ENERGY
SEMESTER / SESSION	:	02 - 2024/2025 (PERDANA & ANJAL)
DURATION	:	3 HOURS

Instructions:

1. This booklet contains **4** question sets. Answer **ALL**.
2. All answers should be written in the answer booklet.
3. Write legibly and draw sketches wherever required.
4. If in doubt, raise your hand and ask the invigilator.

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QUESTION 1

- a) Name **one** (1) radioactive material. (1 mark)
- b) Illustrate nuclear decay of uranium-238 using suitable diagrams and descriptions. (8 marks)
- c) A traffic monitoring outpost is equipped with the following electrical appliances together with their utilization hours.
- Two (2) 15 Watt lamps (utilized for 12 hours per day)
 - One (1) 60 Watt fan (utilized for 24 hours per day)
 - One (1) 100 Watt refrigerator (runs 24 hours per day, compressor: 12 hours ON, 12 hours OFF).

The outpost is going to be powered by 12 Vdc, 300 Wp solar PV modules. Showing all calculations;

- i. Determine the total energy used per day by the electrical (3 marks) appliances.
 - ii. Determine the PV modules total energy requirement per day. (3 marks)
 - iii. Determine the number of PV modules required. (3 marks)
- d) Explain wind power. (3 marks)

QUESTION 2

- a) Illustrate how wind is made using suitable diagrams and descriptions. (6 marks)

- b) Explain geothermal gradient. (3 marks)

- c) Explain the following environmental effects of geothermal electricity power station.
 - i. Adverse land stability effect. (3 marks)
 - ii. Toxic chemicals. (3 marks)

- d) Illustrate the stand-alone *PV + Wind +Generator* energy system using suitable diagrams and descriptions. (6 marks)

QUESTION 3

- a) List any **three (3)** types of batteries used with renewable energy systems. (3 marks)

- b) Name the **four (4)** types of bacteria used to breakdown waste in an anaerobic digester. (4 marks)

- c) Explain the concerns regarding the biogas digester systems. (5 marks)

- d) Illustrate the **three (3)** production method of bioethanol using suitable diagrams and descriptions. (9 marks)

QUESTION 4

- a) Explain biodiesel blends. (5 marks)
- b) Explain biodiesel utilization problems. (4 marks)
- c) Illustrate the conventional method of electrical energy production using suitable diagrams and descriptions. (6 marks)
- d) Name any two (2) types of fuel cell. (2 mark)

-----End of Questions-----

Formula Sheet

Solar PV System Sizing
Power Consumption Demand
<p>1. Calculate total Watt-hours per day for each appliance used. Add the Watt-hours needed for all appliances together to get the total Watt-hours per day which must be delivered to the appliances.</p> <p>2. Calculate total Watt-hours per day needed from the PV modules. Multiply the total appliances Watt-hours per day times 1.3 (the energy lost in the system) to get the total Watt-hours per day which must be provided by the panels.</p>
PV Modules Sizing
<p>1. Calculate the total Watt-peak rating needed for PV modules.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divide the total Watt-hours per day needed from the PV modules by 3.43 (PV module generation factor) to get the total Watt-peak rating needed for the PV panels needed to operate the appliances. <p>2. Calculate the number of PV panels for the system.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Divide the answer obtained in item 2.1 by the rated output Watt-peak of the PV modules available to you. • Increase any fractional part of result to the next highest full number and that will be the number of PV modules required.
Inverter Sizing
Inverter size should be 25%-30% bigger than total Watts of appliances.