



**M.E DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: JUNE 2018**

(Regulation 2015)

Second Semester

**POWER ELECTRONICS AND DRIVES**

P15PETE08: Power Electronics In Wind And Solar Power Conversion

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

**CO1:** Choose a power converter for the control and conversion of wind and solar energy.

**CO2:** Use the skills, modern engineering tools necessary for engineering practice.

**CO3:** Design a system, component or process to meet desired needs.

**Time: Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the Questions:-**

**PART A (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)**

1. Assertion (A): A solar cell is made up of silicon. CO2 [K<sub>1</sub>]  
Reason (R): Bandgap of silicon falls in the visible spectrum, so it is able to absorb much of the light that hits the Earth's surface.
  - a) Both A and R are Individually true and R is the correct explanation of A
  - b) Both A and R are Individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A
  - c) A is true but R is false
  - d) A is false but R is true
  
2. The wind speed at which a wind turbine starts to operate is called \_\_\_\_\_. CO2 [K<sub>1</sub>]
  - a) Cut-in speed
  - b) Cut-out speed
  - c) Down speed
  - d) Up speed
  
3. Solar radiation received on the earth's surface without change in direction, is called \_\_\_\_\_. CO2 [K<sub>1</sub>]
  - a) Beam radiation
  - b) Diffuse radiation
  - c) Total radiation
  - d) Global radiation

4. Match List I with List II.

CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]

List I	List II
A. Furnace	i. check alignment
B. motors	ii. Provide temperature controllers
C. Drives	iii. Use variable speed drives for large variable load
D. compressors	iv. Use a synthetic lubricant

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| a) | Ii  | i  | iii | iv |
| b) | Iii | iv | ii  | i  |
| c) | Ii  | iv | iii | i  |
| d) | Iii | i  | ii  | Iv |

5. Assertion (A): Use of offshore wind turbines are expensive.

CO2 [K<sub>1</sub>]

Reason (R): They need specific technology for construction and maintenance.

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6. The ratio between the tangential speed of the tip of a blade and the actual speed of the wind is called \_\_\_\_\_.

CO1 [K<sub>1</sub>]

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| a) Efficiency        | b) Tip speed ratio |
| c) Power coefficient | d) Pitch angle     |

7. Which of the following statements are true with respect to doubly fed induction generator (DFIG)?

CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]

- These are wound rotor induction generators.
- These have the ability to get ride through fault by its uninterruptable operation.
- These have poor controllability over active and reactive power.

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| a) 1,3 | b) 1 only. |
| c) 1,2 | d) 2,3     |

8. Temperature coefficient of a particular type panel is -0.5%. These panels are installed and meet the demand of the following cities, Ooty, Coimbatore, Chennai, Trichy. During may month which city generates the maximum power? CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]
- a) Ooty b) Trichy  
 c) Coimbatore d) Chennai
9. Wind velocity required to produce wind power is CO1 [K<sub>1</sub>]
- a) 10m/s b) 20m/s  
 c) 3m/s d) 15m/s
10. Arrange energy consumption of the following sources in Tamil Nadu from maximum to minimum. CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]
1. Wind
  2. Coal
  3. Hydro
  4. Nuclear
- a) 2-3-1-4 b) 1-3-2-4  
 c) 3-4-2-1 d) 4-1-3-2

**PART B (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

11. Write the needs to promote renewable energy technologies. CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]
12. State the reasons for Tamilnadu leads in wind power generation. CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]
13. Is solar energy eco-friendly? Justify your answers. CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]
14. Define solar constant. CO2 [K<sub>1</sub>]
15. List out the various classifications of WECS. CO2 [K<sub>1</sub>]
16. What are the various types of generators used in wind energy conversion system? CO1 [K<sub>1</sub>]
17. Draw the electrical connection of the wind farm with the grid. CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]
18. What is line commutated inverter? State its advantages. CO2 [K<sub>L</sub>]
19. What is hybrid systems? Draw its structure. CO3 [K<sub>1</sub>]
20. List the factors on which the battery sizing depends. CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]

**PART C (6 x 5 = 30 Marks)**

21. What are the measures taken by world energy council and India to reduce emission level? CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]

22. Explain the working of any two types of solar cells. CO2 [K<sub>1</sub>]
23. With neat block diagram explain the principle of operation of wind energy conversion system. CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]
24. Explain the grid related problems and its causes. CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]
25. Draw the circuit diagram of diode clamped multilevel inverter and mention its components. CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]
26. Write short notes on optimization of system components. CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]

**Answer any FOUR Questions**  
**PART D (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)**

27. Explain any two methods for measurement of solar radiation in detail. CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]
28. Explain the concept of maximum power point tracking (MPPT) and specify the types of MPPT algorithms used. Also explain in detail any one algorithm. CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]
29. Explain with neat diagram the application of matrix converter in wind energy conversion system. CO1 [K<sub>2</sub>]
30. With neat block diagram explain the grid connected solar energy conversion system. CO2 [K<sub>2</sub>]
31. What is cogeneration? Explain with neat diagrams the two types of cogeneration process. CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]

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