



**M.E DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/DEC 2023**

(Regulation 2018)

First Semester.

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

P18EET1004: Solid and Hazardous Waste Management

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

- CO1:** Manage solid and hazardous waste constituents based on Indian legislation.
- CO2:** Analyse and characterize the solid waste for source reduction.
- CO3:** Optimize the solid waste collection and transport systems.
- CO4:** Apply various steps involved in the Solid waste treatment and disposal techniques.
- CO5:** Economically implement the onsite vs. offsite waste management options.

**Time: Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the Questions:-**

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

1. The size of waste components can be determined using which of the following equations: CO1 [K<sub>1</sub>]
  - a)  $Sc = L$
  - b)  $Sc = (L+w)/2$
  - c)  $Sc = (L+w+h)/3$
  - a) Both a and b b) a, b and c
  - c) only b d) only c
2. The average composition of MSW is CO1 [K<sub>1</sub>]
  - a) 41% organic, 40% inert & 19% recyclable b) 19% organic, 41% inert & 40% recyclable
  - c) 30% organic, 20% inert & 50% recyclable d) 20% organic, 60% inert & 20% recyclable
3. A residential area consisting of 1400 houses has an average of 3 residents per house. CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]

For estimating the quantity of solid wastes generated, the following observations were made at disposal site for a period of one week. The total quantity of wastes generated was 48650 kg/ week. Determine the unit rate of solid wastes generation





26. Explain the stages involved in waste decomposition

CO4 [K<sub>2</sub>]

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

27. Derive an approximate molecular formula for the organic portion of a solid waste sample with the following table. Using the chemical composition obtained, determine the energy content of this sample.

CO1 [K<sub>3</sub>]

Component	Moist mass (kg)	% of Chemical component present in the sample					
		C	H	O	N	S	Ash
Food wastes	15	0.48	0.64	0.38	0.03	0.004	0.05
Paper	45	0.43	0.06	0.44	0.003	0.002	0.06
Cardboard	10	0.23	0.03	0.24	0.002	0.001	0.026
Wood	20	0.11	0.013	0.09	0.0004	0.0002	0.003

28. Explain the properties and characteristics of Municipal Solid waste.

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

29. Explain in detail the different types of collection systems based on the mode of operation

CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]

30. Compare the various thermal processes and bring out your opinion about the best thermal process that can be adopted in solid waste treatment.

CO4 [K<sub>2</sub>]

31. Discuss the criteria considered for site selection in landfill development, considering environmental, social, and economic factors.

CO5 [K<sub>2</sub>]

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