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B.E/B.Tech. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2021.

Fourth Semester

Electrical and Electronics Engineering

EE 2252/EE 43/EE 1252/10133 EE 403/080280027 — POWER PLANT
ENGINEERING

(Regulations 2008/2010)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

PART A — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

1. What is the function of deaerator in a thermal power plant?
2. Why thermal plants are not suitable for supplying fluctuating loads?
3. What is the function of draft tube?
4. List any four advantages of hydro-electric power plant.
5. What is the purpose of a moderator?
6. Define nuclear fission.
7. What are the methods by which thermal efficiency of a gas turbine power plant be improved?
8. What is the basic difference between a diesel engine and a steam turbine?
9. Define Law of conservation of Energy.
10. Write the use of thermionic converter.

PART B — (5 × 16 = 80 marks)

11. (a) Explain with a neat sketch the working of a thermal electric power plant station and discuss the function of major components in it. (16)

Or

- (b) Write short notes on
- (i) Coal handling plant. (8)
 - (ii) Ash handling system. (8)

12. (a) Compare the working of Francis turbine with Pelton wheel and explain the drawbacks of the Francis compared with Pelton. (16)

Or

- (b) With neat schematic explain the following:
- (i) Low head hydro plant (8)
 - (ii) Pumped storage power plant. (8)

13. (a) (i) Explain different types of nuclear reactions and initiation of nuclear reactions. (8)
- (ii) Briefly explain the pressurized water reactor (PWR) with neat sketch. (8)

Or

- (b) (i) Explain Boiling Water Reactor (BWR) with neat sketch. Give its advantage and disadvantage. (8)
- (ii) Explain different methods for nuclear waste disposal with necessary sketch. (8)

14. (a) Draw a layout of diesel power plant, showing various systems and explain each system in detail. (16)

Or

- (b) Draw diagrams and explain the difference between open cycle and closed cycle gas turbine plants. (16)

15. (a) Write short notes on
- (i) Solar energy generation (8)
 - (ii) Thermionic power generation. (8)

Or

- (b) Explain the following:
- (i) Wind energy conversion (8)
 - (ii) Tidal power plant. (8)
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