



# MANIPAL INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

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**II SEMESTER M.TECH (OPEN ELECTIVE)**  
**END SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS, APRIL 2018**  
**SUBJECT: RENEWABLE ENERGY TECHNOLOGY (MME 5286)**  
**REVISED CREDIT SYSTEM**

Time: 3 Hours

MAX. MARKS: 50

**Instructions to Candidates:**

- ❖ Answer **ALL** the questions.
- ❖ Missing data may be suitable assumed.

- 1A.** List the advantages of concentrating collectors over flat plate collectors. **2.0**
- 1B.** Briefly discuss the main elements in a wind turbine. Prove that the power derived from the wind varies in the cubic order of the wind velocity. **3.0**  
Estimate the annual energy production from a horizontal axis wind turbine with a 20 m diameter operating in a wind regime with an average speed of 10 m/s. Assume that the wind turbine is operating at normal atmospheric conditions ( $\rho=1.225 \text{ kg/m}^3$ ) with 50 % efficiency. **5.0**
- 1C.** Briefly discuss the disadvantages associated to tidal power generation system. **2.0**
- 2A.** Sketch a diagram for the binary cycle geothermal power plant and identify the main components in the plant. **3.0**  
Draw a photovoltaic cell showing the main components of the cell, the circuit connection, and the direction of generated electric current. Provide an example of a doped material(s) used in photovoltaic cells. **5.0**
- 2C.** List out the different manufacturing/synthesis methods for single crystal and thin films of silicon semiconductor. **4.0**
- 3A.** Explain the chemical vapor deposition (CVD) process of thin film growth for poly-crystalline silicon with a suitable diagram. **6.0**
- 3B.** Explain the *I-V* characteristics of a PV cell. Which factors need to be considered to maximize the power while designing a PV solar cell? **5.0**
- 4A.** Explain in brief with a schematic, the working of a Proton-Exchange Membrane Cell (PEMC). **5.0**
- 4B.** What are the advantages and the potential of tidal energy among renewable energy sources? **2.0**
- 5A.** Briefly discuss the differences between closed cycle and open cycle OTEC. **3.0**
- 5B.** Explain in brief with a neat diagram a floating type OTEC. **3.0**
- 5C.** Why is that land based OTEC more costly in construction and has lower efficiency than floating type. **2.0**
- 5D.**