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BOARD DIPLOMA EXAMINATION, (C-14) OCT/NOV-2016

DEEE—FOURTH SEMESTER EXAMINATION

POWER SYSTEMS—I (GENERATION)

Time : 3 hours]

[Total Marks : 80

PART—A

3×10=30

Instructions : (1) Answer **all** questions.

- (2) Each question carries **three** marks.
- (3) Answers should be brief and straight to the point and shall not exceed *five* simple sentences.
- 1. State any three advantages of tidal power.
- 2. What is energy auditing?
- **3.** What is pulverization?
- 4. State the need of surge tank.
- 5. State the disadvantages of hydroelectric power station.
- 6. State the uses of moderator in nuclear power plant.
- 7. List various risks involved in using nuclear energy.
- 8. State any three applications of solar photovoltaic system.

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- 9. Define (a) maximum demand and (b) diversity factor.
- 10. State any three disadvantages of low power factor.

Instructions : (1) Answer any five questions.

- (2) Each question carries ten marks.
- (3) Answers should be comprehensive and the criterion for valuation is the content but not the length of the answer.
- **11.** (a) Explain the construction and working of biomass energy.
 - *(b)* State any five factors governing the selection of site for thermal power station.
- **12.** Explain the working of thermal power station with a neat line diagram.
- **13.** A hydroelectric power station has a catchment area of 3000 sq. km. The average rainfall in the area is 180 cm. The mean head available for turbine is 200 metres. Assuming seepage and losses as 25% and head lost in penstocks as 5%, calculate the power available from such a project. Assume overall efficiency as 80%. Also suggest suitable capacity and number of generators to be installed.
- 14. Explain the working of the following in nuclear power plants :
 - (a) Coolant
 - (b) Reflector
 - (c) Control rods
- **15.** What are solar collectors? Explain flat-plate collector with neat sketch.
- **16.** Explain the construction and working principle of windmill with neat sketch.
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17. A thermal station has a maximum demand of 100 MW. Calculate the cost per unit generated from the following data :

Annual load factor = 40% Capital cost = ₹ 1,500 per kW installed Interest and depreciation = 15% Annual cost of fuel oil = ₹ 10×10⁶ Salaries, wages and taxes = ₹ 11 10⁶

What would be the cost of unit generated, if the load factor is increased to 60% with a consequent increase in fuel costs by 10% and other cost remaining the same?

- 18. (a) State the methods of improving the power factor.
 - (b) A single-phase 400-V, 50-Hz motor connected across a supply draws a current of 40 A at a power factor of 0.6 lagging. The motor power factor is improved to 0.85 by connecting a condenser in parallel. Calculate the capacity of the condenser required.

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