

UNIVERSITY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY STUDIES
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Course: Solar Thermal Technologies (EPEG 7016)
Program: M. Tech. - Renewable Energy Engineering
Time: 03 hrs.

Semester: II
Max. Marks: 100

SECTION A

S. No.		Marks	CO
Q 1	Derive an expression for solar day length.	4	CO1
Q 2	Discuss material aspect of individual parts of liquid flat plate collector.	4	CO2
Q 3	Discuss the criteria use for judging the suitability of thermochemical reaction for solar energy application.	4	CO3
Q 4	With the help of schematic diagram, explain the working of solar thermal water pump.	4	CO5
Q 5	Compare the relative merits of and demerits of LiBr – water and aqua – ammonia vapour – absorption-cooling system.	4	CO4, CO5

SECTION B

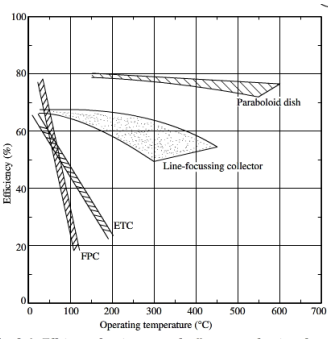
Q 6	With the help of diagram, discuss basic features of pyrheliometer.	10	CO1
Q 7	Calculate total radiation falling on a flat plate collector, facing due south, tilted at 30° with horizontal, at a location in a city, with latitude 28°51' on January 1 at 12 noon (solar time). The reflection coefficient of ground is 0.2. Given $I_b = 549.22 \text{ W/m}^2$ and $I_d = 107.6 \text{ W/m}^2$.	10	CO2
Q 8	<p>Estimate the collector area required for a 80 MW line focusing solar thermal power plant producing electricity for 8 hours every day. The collector is operating at a temperature of 400°C.</p> <p>Make following assumptions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> The Rankine cycle has an efficiency of 0.36. The electrical generator efficiency is 0.96. The solar insolation during a typical day is 6 kWh/m². 	10	CO5, CO6
 <p>The graph plots Efficiency (%) on the y-axis (0 to 100) against Operating temperature (°C) on the x-axis (0 to 700). Four collector types are shown: Parabolic dish (highest efficiency, ~80% at 300°C), Line-focussing collector (~60% at 300°C), ETC (~40% at 200°C), and CPC (~20% at 100°C). Efficiency generally decreases as temperature increases for most types.</p>			
Q 9	Design a central receiver system using a molten salt as a heat transfer fluid.	10	CO4, CO6

Fig. 2.6 Efficiency of various types of collectors as a function of operating temperature (Adapted from Gehlisch et al. [1] and Rabl [2])

SECTION-C

Q 10	<p>Describe followings for a thermochemical storage for a solar application</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">a) Criteria used for judging the suitability of a thermochemical reaction</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">b) Schematic representation of a thermochemical reaction</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">c) Thermochemical storage reactions, temperatures of forward and reverse reaction and energy stored</p>	20	CO3
Q 11	<p>A cylindrical parabolic focussing collector is used for heating a thermic fluid ($C_p = 2.2 \text{ kJ/kg-K}$) which enters with a temperature of 160°C. The concentrator has an aperture of 1.6 m and a length of 2.8 m. The absorber tube has an inner diameter of 2.6 cm and outer diameter of 3.0 cm and has a concentric glass cover around it.</p> <p>Given that:</p> <p>Specular reflectivity of concentrator surface: 0.82</p> <p>Intercept factor: 0.91</p> <p>$(\alpha\tau)_b$: 0.8</p> <p>Beam radiation incident normally on aperture plane: 550 W/m^2</p> <p>Diffuse radiation incident on aperture plane: 150 W/m^2</p> <p>Overall loss coefficient: $9.5 \text{ W/m}^2\text{-K}$</p> <p>Convective heat transfer coefficient on inside of absorber tube: $325 \text{ W/m}^2\text{-K}$</p> <p>Ambient temperature: 27°C</p> <p>Mass flow rate of fluid: 360 kg/h</p> <p>Calculate the useful heat gain rate, the exit temperature of the fluid and the instantaneous efficiency.</p> <p style="text-align: center; margin: 20px 0;"><u>OR</u></p> <p>A cylindrical parabolic collector is used in New Delhi ($28^\circ 35' N, 77^\circ 12' E$). Estimate the beam radiation falling on aperture plane of this collector (LAT) on June 10 for the tracking mode - I for following:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(i) from 06:00 to 07:00 h</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">(ii) from 16:00 – 17:00 h</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">For tracking mode I, $\cos \theta = \sin^2 \delta + \cos^2 \delta \cos \omega$</p>	20	CO2, CO5

Time (h)	I_b (W/m ²)	Time (h)	I_b (W/m ²)
0630	110	1230	523
0730	240	1330	495
0830	333	1430	445
0930	424	1530	322
1030	495	1630	220
1130	550	1730	118