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# Bachelor of Arts (FYUP) 2<sup>nd</sup> Semester (2055)

#### PHYSICS

Paper: Fundamentals of Solar Energy And Applications

Time Allowed: Three Hours] [Maximum Marks: 40

- Note:—(1) Attempt FIVE questions in all, selecting TWO each from Unit-I and Unit-II. Unit-III is compulsory.
  - (2) Use of non-programmable scientific calculator is allowed.

#### UNIT—I

- Describe the principle, construction, and working of Pyranometer as solar radiation measuring instrument. What are its types, applications, advantages and disadvantages?
- Explain the storage methods of solar energy. Discuss their advantages and challenges.
- 3. What are different types of radiation reaching on the surface of Earth from Sun? Discuss the factors affecting the availability of Solar radiation on Earth's surface. How do geographical and atmospheric conditions influence it?

## UNIT-II

 Explain the principle and significance of the Solar photovoltaic effect. Discuss its different types. Compare their efficiency and applications.

- Discuss the role of Solar thermal collectors in harnessing Solar energy. Compare different types with examples.
- Explain the principle, construction, working and applications of
  (a) Solar hot water systems (b) Solar distillation systems.

### **UNIT—III**

- 7. Attempt 8 parts. Each part carries 1 mark:
  - (1) What is the spectral distribution of Solar radiation?
  - (2) How do multi-junction Solar cells differ from conventional Solar cells?
  - (3) Define photo voltaic effect.
  - (4) What is the difference between direct and diffuse Solar radiation?
  - (5) What are the main advantages of using Solar energy?
  - (6) How does a Maximum Power Point Tracker (MPPT) improve the efficiency of a PV system?
  - (7) Define Solar constant.
  - (8) What are the ways to store Solar energy?
  - (9) What is the principle of Solar home lighting system?
  - (10) Discuss one major difference between a pyranometer and a pyrheliometer.  $8 \times 1 = 8$