

**BIRLA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY, MESRA, RANCHI  
(MID SEMESTER EXAMINATION SP2025)**

**CLASS:** B.Tech.  
**BRANCH:** Electrical and Electronics Engg.

**SEMESTER :** VI  
**SESSION :** SP/2025

**SUBJECT:** EE365 INTRODUCTION TO SUSTAINABLE ENERGY  
**TIME:** 02 Hours

**FULL MARKS:** 25

**INSTRUCTIONS:**

1. The question paper contains 5 questions each of 5 marks and total 25 marks.
  2. Attempt all questions.
  3. The missing data, if any, may be assumed suitably.
  4. Tables/Data handbook/Graph paper etc., if applicable, will be supplied to the candidates
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| Q.1(a) Define Renewable and Non-Renewable sources. State some challenges of higher dependency on Renewable Sources for power generation.   | [2]                         | 1                           | 1                |       |                       |     |  |  |  |
| Q.1(b) What are the reasons for shifting the focus from Non-Renewable Sources to Renewable sources for Power Generation?   | [3]                         | 1                           | 1                |       |                       |     |  |  |  |
| Q.2(a) Explain how photovoltaic source generates DC voltage.   | [2]                         | 2                           | 2                |       |                       |     |  |  |  |
| Q.2(b) Explain the nature of IV characteristics of a solar cell. How is it different from the characteristics of a diode under the dark?   | [3]                         | 2                           | 2                |       |                       |     |  |  |  |
| Q.3(a) A Solar cell has the following parameters:  | [2]                         | 2                           | 3                |       |                       |     |  |  |  |
| <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"><thead><tr><th>Open circuit voltage (Voc)</th><th>Short circuit current (Isc)</th><th>Fill Factor (FF)</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td style="text-align: center;">0.6 V</td><td style="text-align: center;">35 mA/cm<sup>2</sup></td><td style="text-align: center;">78%</td></tr></tbody></table> | Open circuit voltage (Voc)  | Short circuit current (Isc) | Fill Factor (FF) | 0.6 V | 35 mA/cm <sup>2</sup> | 78% |  |  |  |
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| What will be its efficiency?   |                             |                             |                  |       |                       |     |  |  |  |
| Q.3(b) What are the different types of losses in solar cells? Draw and explain the two-diode model of the solar cell.  | [3]                         | 2                           | 3                |       |                       |     |  |  |  |
| Q.4(a) Why boost converter is used instead of a buck converter with the solar photovoltaic panel?  | [2]                         | 2                           | 3                |       |                       |     |  |  |  |
| Q.4(b) Explain either the perturb and observe method or incremental conductance method for maximum power point tracking in solar PV systems.   | [3]                         | 2                           | 3                |       |                       |     |  |  |  |
| Q.5(a) Write a short note on power generation from wind turbine.   | [1]                         | 1                           | 1                |       |                       |     |  |  |  |
| Q.5(b) Explain how to realise any desired power from a solar photovoltaic panel with proper equations. Explain the necessity of voltage and current controllers.   | [4]                         | 5                           | 4                |       |                       |     |  |  |  |

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