DEE-53106 Introduction to Renewable Energy Sources

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Calculator is not need/allowed in the exam.

Answers to all the three questions should fit into one common writing paper.



- 1. Answer to two out of three question (a, b and c).
 - a) The velocity of wind is v and the length of the windmill blade is l. Derive equations for the energy and power of wind facing a windmill starting from the basic equation of kinetic energy.
 - b) What is the theoretical maximum conversion efficiency of solar radiation to electrical energy? Remember to validate your arguments.
 - c) Name three important technical achievements/advancements in the utilization of primary energy resources, which have happened during the last decade.
- 2. a) Name the top four renewable energy sources of the installed electricity production capacity worldwide in order of magnitude according to the latest available statistics.
 - b) Name the renewable energy sources, which have increased their proportion of the installed worldwide electricity production capacity during the last decade.
- 3. a) What is the most commonly used energy conversion principle (from one form of energy to other) in electricity production worldwide?
 - b) What energy conversion principle is the second common in use in electricity production worldwide?
 - c) Define the theoretical maximum efficiencies of those conversion principles.
 - d) What primary energy sources are converted to electrical energy using both of those conversion principles?