



**KERALA AGRICULTURAL UNIVERSITY**  
**B.Tech. (Ag. Engg.) 2016 Admission**  
**V Semester Final Examination-January 2019**

**Fpme.3111**

**Bio-Energy Systems: Design and Applications (1+1)**

**Marks: 50**

**Time: 2 hours**

**I Fill up the following**

**(10x1=10)**

- 1 Producer gas mainly consists of \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ combustible gases.
  - 2 pH requirement in a biogas digester is between \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - 3 Optimum C:N ratio for biogas production should be \_\_\_\_\_
  - 4 Thermal decomposition of organic compounds in the absence of air is called \_\_\_\_\_
  - 5 Biogas is a mixture of mainly \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ gases.
- State True/False**
- 6 Production of biogas through anaerobic digestion is independent of temperature.
  - 7 Retention time for production of biogas is more in winters than in summers.
  - 8 Downdraught gasifiers are recommended for engine operation.
  - 9 Biogas is released at variable pressure in fixed dome type biogas plants.
  - 10 The nutrient content (N,P,K) in biogas spent slurry is higher than Farm Yard Manure.

**II Write Short notes on any FIVE of the following**

**(5x2=10)**

- 1 Combustion
- 2 Gasification
- 3 Pyrolysis
- 4 Anaerobic digestion
- 5 Trans-esterification
- 6 Photosynthesis
- 7 Bio-photolysis

**III Answer any FIVE of the following.**

**(5x4=20)**

- 1 Mechanics of biomethanation.
- 2 Factor affecting biogas production.
- 3 Chemistry of gasification of biomass.
- 4 Biomass characterization.
- 5 Process of biodiesel production.
- 6 Working principle of fuel cell.
- 7 Process of biomass briquetting.

**IV Answer any ONE of the following**

**(1x10=10)**

- 1 Digester design considerations and selection of site for biogas plant.
- 2 Gasifier based Power Generating System.

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