



2) How does nuclear fission take place?

- Ans.: 1) When neutron is bombarded on atom of uranium -235, it absorbs the neutron and converts into its isotopes uranium -236.
 - 2) Uranium 236 being extremely unstable converts into atoms of Barium and Krypton through a process of fission releasing three neutrons and 200 mev energy.
 - 3) The three neutrons generated in this process causes fission of three other uranium 235 atoms releasing more energy.
 - 4) The neutrons released in this reaction release more energy through fission of more uranium nuclei.
 - 5) This process of uranium -235 atoms continues and is called the chain reaction.
 - 6) In nuclear power plants, a controlled chain reaction results in release of thermal energy, which is used for electric energy generation.



Nuclear fission (Chain reaction)

3) Explain the advantages of hydroelectric power plant using a block diagram.

- Ans.: 1) Since no fuel is burnt in hydroelectric power generation, there is no pollution resulting from combustion of fuels.
 - 2) If there is sufficient water storage in the dam, it is possible to generate electricity as and when necessary.
 - 3) Although water reservoir is used for power generation, it can be replenished during rainy season leading to uninterrupted power generation.



Different Stages in hydroelectric power plant

4) How can we get the required amount of energy by connecting solar panels?

- Ans.: (a) 1) If two solar cells are connected in series, the potential difference obtained from the combination is addition of the potential differences of individual solar cells.
 - 2) However, the current generated from this combination, is equal to the current from an individual cell.
 - 3) It means that when solar cells are connected in series, currents from the individual cells are not added



Solar cells in series

- b) 1) Similarly if two solar cells are connected in parallel, the current generated from this combination is the summation of the currents from an individual solar cells.
 - 2) However, the potential difference, obtained from this combination is the same as the potential difference obtained from individual cells.
 - 3) Thus, if two solar cells are connected in parallel, the potential differences from the Two cells are not added.



Solar cells in parallel

In this way, by connecting many solar cells in series and in parallel solar panels generating required current and potential differences are made.

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Q. 4: Solve the following question. (Any One)

1) Explain energy obtained from fossil fuels is not green energy.

- Ans.: i) The energy produced from renewable energy sources which are never ending is called green energy.
 - ii) Fossil fuels is non renewable energy source for e.g. coal, petroleum, diesel.

iii) Deposits of fossil fuels are limited and they obtained from mines.

iv) Lakh's of years ago remnants of plants and animal got buried into the earth. They were converted into fossil fuels due to the tremendous pressure of the earth's layers above them

and the heat inside this process does not take place in a short time but it requires lakh's of years.

- v) As a result formation of fossil fuels required lakh's of years. So once fossil fuel deposits are finished we have to wait for lakhs of year. It is not easily available so fossil fuels is not green energy as the deposit are limited.
- 2) Observe the given diagram and answer the following questions.



