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B.E./B.Tech. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2013.

Sixth Semester

Mechanical Engineering

080120036 — POWER PLANT ENGINEERING

(Regulation 2008)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

Answer ALL questions.

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6. What is the function of moderator and give examples?
7. What is the use of regenerator?
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Or

- (b) What are auxiliaries of a hydro —power plant, and what methods of drives are employed for these? Discuss the advantages and disadvantages of each method.

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Or

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