IB Physics
FA IB8.1 – Energy Production

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1. A 57.0% efficient gas water heater contains 175 liters of water at 18.0 ^{o}C. What is the temperature of the water ($c = 4186$ J kg^{-1} ^{o}C^{-1}) after it has burned 0.784 kg of natural gas? (The specific energy of natural gas is 55 MJ kg^{-1})

2. A 42.0% efficient power plant burns coal and generates an average power output of 2.60 MW. How many kilograms of coal will it burn in a year? (The specific energy of the coal used is 47.0 MJ kg^{-1})

3. Air with a density of 1.28 kg m^{-3} enters a 24.0 m radius wind turbine at 7.30 m/s and exits at 6.10 m/s. It generates 160. kW of electrical power. What is the efficiency of the generator in turning the captured wind energy into electrical energy?

4. You are designing a pumped storage electrical generation site. It needs to generate 950. kW of electrical power with a flow rate of 860. kg s^{-1}. What height above the generation site does the reservoir need to be if such systems are typically 65.0% efficient?

5. A solar panel measures 2.74 m by 1.35 m, and generates 547 W of power when the sunlight intensity is 800. W m^{-2}. What is the efficiency of the panels?