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**WATER TREATMENT 303  
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### Hyperlink to the Glossary and Appendix

<http://www.abctlc.com/downloads/PDF/WTGlossary.pdf>

### Three Types of Public Water Systems

1. Provides water to the same population year-round for example: homes, apartment buildings.

- A. TNCWS    C. NTNCWSs  
B. CWSs    D. None of the above

2. Approximately 85,000 systems

- A. TNCWS    C. NTNCWSs  
B. CWSs    D. None of the above

3. Approximately 18,000 water systems

- A. TNCWS    C. NTNCWSs  
B. CWSs    D. None of the above

### Water Quality Section

#### Surface (Raw) Water Introduction

4. Operators need to appropriately treat surface water is never pure of \_\_\_\_\_, it. Most of the earth's water sources obtain their water supplies through precipitation.

- A. Excess nutrients    C. Pollution  
B. Biological actions    D. None of the above

5. Water passes runoffs and infiltrates the ground during precipitation; this runoff acquires a wide variety of \_\_\_\_\_ that intensely alters its usefulness.

- A. Excess nutrients    C. Dissolved or suspended impurities  
B. Biological actions    D. None of the above

6. Raw water generally contains varying amounts of dissolved minerals including calcium, magnesium, sodium, chlorides, sulfates and bicarbonates, depending on its source.

- A. True    B. False

### Surface Water Properties

7. Water is accepted as the \_\_\_\_\_ because will dissolve most substances that comes in contact.
- A. Universal solvent                      C. Surface water  
B. Water quality                          D. None of the above
8. Adjustments in the dissolved oxygen, algae, temperature, suspended solids, turbidity, and carbon dioxide will change because of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Excess nutrients                      C. Discharge  
B. Biological activities                  D. None of the above

### Managing Water Quality at the Source

9. Contingent upon the region, source water may have several restrictions of use as part of a Water Shed Management Plan. In some areas, it may be restricted from recreational use, discharge or runoff from agriculture, or \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Excess nutrients                      C. Industrial and wastewater discharge  
B. Biological actions                      D. None of the above
10. Another characteristic of quality control is aquatic plants. The ecological equilibrium in lakes and reservoirs plays a natural part in purifying and sustaining the life of the lake. Certain vegetation removes the excess nutrients that would promote the growth of algae. Too much algae will imbalance the lake and kill fish.
- A. True                      B. False
11. Algae growth is supplied by the energy of the sun. As algae absorbs this energy, it converts carbon dioxide to oxygen. Algae and rooted aquatic plants are essential in the food chain of fish and birds. Algae growth is the result of photosynthesis.
- A. True                      B. False

### Physical Characteristics of Water

12. Physical characteristics are the elements found that are considered alkali, metals, and non-metals such as carbonates, fluoride, \_\_\_\_\_. The consumer relates it to scaling of faucets or staining.
- A. pH and alkalinity                      C. Powdered activated carbon and chlorine  
B. Sulfides or acids                          D. None of the above
13. Total Dissolved Solids (TDS) is not a primary pollutant; it is a gauge of appealing water characteristics such as hardness and an indication of an assortment of chemical contaminants that might be present, such as?
- A. Turbidity                      C. Arsenic  
B. Colloids                          D. None of the above
14. pH is the negative logarithm of the hydrogen ion concentration,  $[H^+]$ , a measure of the degree to which a solution is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Alkalinity                      C. Hydrogen ion ( $H^+$ )  
B. Acidic or alkaline                      D. None of the above
15. \_\_\_\_\_ is a substance that can give up a hydrogen ion ( $H^+$ ); a base is a substance that can accept  $H^+$ .
- A. Acid                                  C. Acidic or alkaline  
B. Base                                  D. None of the above

16. The more acidic a solution the greater the hydrogen ion concentration and the lower the pH; a pH of 7.0 indicates neutrality, a pH of less than 7 indicates acidity, and a pH of more than 7 indicates \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Acid
- B. Base
- C. Alkalinity
- D. None of the above

### Alkalinity

17. Alkalinity of water is its acid-neutralizing capacity. It is the sum of all the titratable bases. The measured value may vary significantly with the end-point pH used.

- A. True
- B. False

18. Alkalinity measurements are used in the interpretation and control of water and wastewater treatment processes

- A. True
- B. False

### Turbidity Introduction

19. When heavy rains transpire, runoff into streams, rivers, and reservoirs occurs, causing turbidity levels to increase. In most cases, the particle sizes are relatively large and settle relatively quickly in both the water treatment plant and the source of supply. However, in some instances, fine, colloidal material may be present in the supply, which may cause some difficulty in the coagulation process.

- A. True
- B. False

20. Generally, higher turbidity levels require higher coagulant dosages. However, seldom is the relationship between turbidity level and \_\_\_\_\_ linear.

- A. Coagulant dosage
- B. Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)
- C. Temperature
- D. None of the above

21. Usually, the extra coagulant required is relatively small when turbidities are much higher than normal due to higher collision probabilities of the \_\_\_\_\_ during high turbidities.

- A. Turbidity
- B. Colloids
- C. Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)
- D. None of the above

22. Low \_\_\_\_\_ waters can be very difficult to coagulate due to the difficulty in inducing collision between the colloids.

- A. Turbidity
- B. Colloids
- C. Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)
- D. None of the above

23. \_\_\_\_\_ may be existing in a water supply due to pollution, and these colloids can be difficult to remove in the coagulation process. In this situation, higher coagulant dosages are generally required.

- A. Turbidity
- B. Organic colloids
- C. Total Dissolved Solids (TDS)
- D. None of the above

### Turbidity MCL

24. An MCL for turbidity established by the EPA because \_\_\_\_\_ interferes with disinfection. This characteristic of water changes the most rapidly after a heavy rainfall.

- A. Conductivity
- B. Turbidity
- C. Temperature
- D. None of the above

25. The temperature variation of a sample, a scratched or unclean sample tube in the nephelometer and selecting an incorrect wavelength of a light path may be conditions caused by an inaccurate \_\_\_\_\_ measurement.

- A. Conductivity
- B. Turbidity
- C. Temperature
- D. None of the above

### Dissolved Oxygen

26. The level of dissolved oxygen in natural waters is often a direct indication of quality, since aquatic plants produce oxygen, while microorganisms generally consume it as they feed on \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Pollutants
- B. Organic matter
- C. E. coli bacteria
- D. None of the above

27. Thermal stratification is possible as water becomes less dense when heated, meaning water weighs less per unit volume. Therefore, warmer water will be lighter and colder water will be heavier. Due to this, there will always be a level of “self-induced” \_\_\_\_\_ in a water storage.

- A. Saturation level(s)
- B. Thermal stratification
- C. Permanent hardness
- D. None of the above

### Objections to Hard Water

#### Scale Formation

28. Hard water forms scale, usually \_\_\_\_\_, which causes a variety of problems. Left to dry on the surface of glassware and plumbing fixtures, including showers doors, faucets, and sink tops; hard water leaves unsightly white scale known as water spots.

- A. Magnesium carbonate
- B. Calcium carbonate
- C. Calcite
- D. None of the above

### Secondary Standard

29. TDS is most often measured in parts per million (ppm) or milligrams per liter of water (mg/L). The normal TDS level ranges from \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 50 ppm to 1,000 ppm
- B. 5 ppm to 10 ppm
- C. 50 ppm to 100 ppm
- D. None of the above

### Langelier Saturation Index

30. The Langelier Saturation index (LSI) is an evenness scale derived from the theoretical concept of saturation and provides an indicator of the degree of saturation of water with respect to calcium carbonate. It can be shown that the Langelier saturation index (LSI) approximates the base 10 logarithm of the \_\_\_\_\_ saturation level.

- A. Magnesium carbonate
- B. Calcium carbonate
- C. Calcite
- D. None of the above

31. The Langelier saturation level approaches the concept of saturation using pH as a main variable. The LSI can be interpreted as the pH change required to bring water to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Saturation level(s)
- B. Stratification
- C. Equilibrium
- D. None of the above

### More on the Stage 2 DBP Rule

32. Which of the following rules focuses on public health protection by limiting exposure to DBPs, specifically total trihalomethanes and five haloacetic acids, that form in water through disinfectants used to control microbial pathogens?

- A. Stage 2 DBP rule
- B. Stage 1 DBPR
- C. Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule
- D. None of the above

33. Which of the following rules will reduce potential cancer and reproductive and developmental health risks from disinfection byproducts?

- A. Stage 1 DBPR
- B. Stage 2 DBPR
- C. Long Term 2 Enhanced Surface Water Rule
- D. None of the above

### What are Disinfection Byproducts (DBPs)?

34. Which of the following form when disinfectants used to treat drinking water react with naturally occurring materials in the water?

- A. Chloramines
- B. Humic and fulvic acids
- C. Disinfection byproducts (DBPs)
- D. None of the above

### Are THMs and HAAs the only disinfection byproducts?

35. The presence of TTHM and HAA5 is representative of the occurrence of many other chlorination DBPs; thus, an increase of TTHM and HAA5 generally indicates an increase of DBPs from chlorination.

- A. True
- B. False

### All disinfectants form DBPs in one of two reactions:

36. Chlorine and chlorine-based compounds (halogens) react with organics in water causing the hydrogen atom to substitute other atoms, resulting in halogenated by-products.

- A. True
- B. False

### Public Health Concerns

37. Results from toxicology studies have shown several DBPs (e.g., bromodichloromethane, bromoform, chloroform, dichloroacetic acid, and bromate) to be inert to laboratory animals.

- A. True
- B. False

38. Other DBPs (e.g., chlorite, bromodichloromethane, and certain haloacetic acids) have also been shown to cause adverse mutations (extra chromosomes) in laboratory animals.

- A. True
- B. False

### Disinfection Byproduct Research and Regulations Summary

39. \_\_\_\_\_ is unquestionably the most important step in the treatment of water for drinking water supplies.

- A. DBP(s)
- B. Turbidity (particle)
- C. Disinfection
- D. None of the above

### Controlling Disinfection Byproducts

40. Treatment techniques are available that provide water suppliers the opportunity to maximize potable water safety and quality while minimizing the risk of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. DBP risks
- B. Turbidity (particle)
- C. Disinfectants and DBPs
- D. None of the above

41. Generally, the best approach to reduce \_\_\_\_\_ is to remove natural organic matter precursors prior to disinfection.
- A. DBP(s)
  - B. Turbidity (particle)
  - C. DBP formation
  - D. None of the above

### Absorption

42. Activated carbon can be used to absorb \_\_\_\_\_ that react with disinfectants to form byproducts.
- A. Inorganic coagulants
  - B. Most contaminants
  - C. Soluble organics
  - D. None of the above

### Membrane Technology

43. Membranes, used historically to desalinate brackish waters, have also demonstrated excellent removal of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. THMs and HAAs
  - B. Optimization of pH
  - C. Natural organic matter
  - D. None of the above
44. EPA predicted that most water systems will be able to achieve compliance with new DBP regulations through the use of one or more of these relatively low cost methods (EPA, 1998). Water system managers may also consider switching from chlorine to alternative disinfectants to reduce formation of \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. THMs and HAAs
  - B. Optimization of pH
  - C. Natural organic matter
  - D. None of the above

### Organisms Descriptors and Meanings

45. Photo means...
- A. Feed or nourish
  - B. Other (Organic carbon)
  - C. Light
  - D. None of the above
46. Facultative means...
- A. Without air
  - B. With air or without air
  - C. Self (Inorganic carbon)
  - D. None of the above
47. Aerobic means...
- A. Without air
  - B. With air
  - C. Self (Inorganic carbon)
  - D. None of the above

### Contaminants that may be present in sources of drinking water include:

48. Which of the following like salts and metals, which can be naturally occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming?
- A. Radioactive contaminants
  - B. Pesticides and herbicides
  - C. Inorganic contaminants
  - D. Microbial contaminants
49. Which of the following may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture, urban stormwater run-off, and residential uses?
- A. Radioactive contaminants
  - B. Pesticides and herbicides
  - C. Inorganic contaminants
  - D. Microbial contaminants

50. Which of the following, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife?

- A. Microbial contaminants
- B. Pesticides and herbicides
- C. Inorganic contaminants
- D. All of the above

### **Background**

51. Coliform bacteria and chlorine residual are the only routine sampling and monitoring requirements for small ground water systems with chlorination. The coliform bacteriological sampling is governed by the Coliform Reduction amendment of the SDWA.

- A. True
- B. False

### **TCR**

52. The TCR recommends most of the Public Water Systems (PWS) to monitor their distribution system for bacteria according to the written sample sitting plan for that system.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Routine Sampling Requirements**

53. Total coliform samples must be collected by PWSs at sites that are representative of water quality throughout the distribution system according to a written sample siting plan subject to state review and revision.

- A. True
- B. False

54. For PWSs collecting more than one sample per month, collect total coliform samples at regular intervals throughout the month, except that ground water systems serving 4,900 or fewer people may collect all required samples on a single day if the samples are taken from different sites.

- A. True
- B. False

55. Each total coliform-positive (TC+) routine sample must be tested for the presence of heterotrophic bacteria.

- A. True
- B. False

56. If any TC+ sample is also E. coli-positive (EC+), then the EC+ sample result must be reported to the state by the end of the month that the PWS is notified.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Dangerous Waterborne Microbes**

57. Which of the following is a parasite that enters lakes and rivers through sewage and animal waste. It causes cryptosporidiosis, a mild gastrointestinal disease. The disease can be severe or fatal for people with severely weakened immune systems.

- A. Coliform Bacteria
- B. Cryptosporidium
- C. Giardia lamblia
- D. None of the above

58. Which of the following are not necessarily agents of disease; may indicate the presence of disease-carrying organisms?

- A. Fecal coliform bacteria
- B. Cryptosporidium
- C. Shigella dysenteriae
- D. None of the above

59. Which of the following is a parasite that enters lakes and rivers through sewage and animal waste. It causes gastrointestinal illness (e.g. diarrhea, vomiting, and cramps)?  
 A. Coliform Bacteria C. Protozoa  
 B. Cryptosporidium D. None of the above
60. Which of the following is a species of the rod-shaped bacterial genus Shigella?  
 A. Fecal coliform bacteria C. Shigella dysenteriae  
 B. Cryptosporidium D. None of the above
61. Which of the following are common in the environment and are generally not harmful? However, the presence of these bacteria in drinking water are usually a result of a problem with the treatment system or the pipes which distribute water, and indicates that the water may be contaminated with germs that can cause disease.  
 A. Coliform Bacteria C. Giardia lamblia  
 B. Cryptosporidium D. None of the above
62. Which of the following are bacteria whose presence indicates that the water may be contaminated with human or animal wastes? Microbes in these wastes can cause short-term effects, such as diarrhea, cramps, nausea, headaches, or other symptoms.  
 A. Fecal Coliform and E. coli C. Shigella dysenteriae  
 B. Cryptosporidium D. None of the above

### **Bacteriological Monitoring Introduction**

63. Which of the following are usually harmless, occur in high densities in their natural environment and are easily cultured in relatively simple bacteriological media?  
 A. Indicator bacteria C. Viruses  
 B. Amoebas D. None of the above
64. Indicators in common use today for routine monitoring of drinking water include total coliforms, fecal coliforms, and?  
 A. Cryptosporidium C. Escherichia coli (E. coli)  
 B. Protozoa D. None of the above
65. According to the text, the routine microbiological analysis of your water is for?  
 A. Contamination C. Coliform bacteria  
 B. Colloids D. None of the above

### **Bacteria Sampling**

66. Water samples for \_\_\_\_\_ must always be collected in a sterile container.  
 A. Amoebas C. Viruses  
 B. Bacteria tests D. None of the above

### **Methods**

67. The MMO-MUG test, a product marketed as \_\_\_\_\_, is the most common. The sample results will be reported by the laboratories as simply coliforms present or absent.  
 A. Colilert C. Total coliform analysis  
 B. Coliform D. None of the above

### Microbial Regulations

68. One of the key regulations developed and implemented by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) to counter pathogens in drinking water is the Surface Water Treatment Rule.

- A. True      B. False

69. Among Surface Water Treatment Rule provisions, the rule requires that a public water system, using surface water (or ground water under the direct influence of surface water) as its source, have sufficient treatment to reduce the source water concentration of protozoa and coliform bacteria by at least 99.9% and 99.99%, respectively.

- A. True      B. False

### Basic Types of Water Samples

70. It is important to properly identify the type of sample you are collecting.

- A. True      B. False

### The three (3) types of samples are:

71. Samples collected following a coliform present routine sample. The number of repeat samples to be collected is based on the number of \_\_\_\_\_ samples you normally collect.

- A. Repeat      C. Routine  
B. Special      D. None of the above

72. A PWS has a second Level 1 Assessment within a rolling 12-month period.

- A. Trigger: Level 1 Assessment      C. All of the above  
B. Trigger: Level 2 Assessment      D. None of the above

73. A PWS on state-approved annual monitoring has a Level 1 Assessment trigger in 2 consecutive years.

- A. Trigger: Level 1 Assessment      C. All of the above  
B. Trigger: Level 2 Assessment      D. None of the above

74. A PWS collecting fewer than 40 samples per month has 2 or more TC+ routine/ repeat samples in the same month.

- A. Trigger: Level 1 Assessment      C. All of the above  
B. Trigger: Level 2 Assessment      D. None of the above

75. Noncommunity and nontransient, noncommunity water systems with less than 10,000 daily population and groundwater as a source will sample on an annual basis.

- A. True      B. False

### Maximum Contaminant Levels (MCLs)

76. State and federal laws establish standards for drinking water quality. Under normal circumstances when these standards are being met, the water is safe to drink with no threat to human health. These standards are known as maximum contaminant levels (MCL). When a particular contaminant exceeds its MCL a potential health threat may occur.

- A. True      B. False

(S) Means the answer can be plural or singular in nature

### **Positive or Coliform Present Results**

77. If you are notified of a positive coliform test result you need to contact either the Drinking Water Program or your local county health department within 72 hours, or by the next business day after the MCL compliance violation

- A. True      B. False

78. With a positive total coliform sample and after you have contacted an agency for assistance, you will be instructed as to the proper repeat sampling procedures and possible corrective measures for solving the problem. It is very important to initiate the \_\_\_\_\_ as the corrective measures will be based on those results.

- A. Perform routine procedures      C. Corrective measures  
B. Repeat sampling immediately      D. None of the above

### **Heterotrophic Plate Count HPC**

79. Heterotrophic Plate Count (HPC) --- formerly known as the Bac-T plate, is a procedure for estimating the number of live heterotrophic bacteria and measuring changes during water treatment and distribution in water or in swimming pools.

- A. True      B. False

### **Heterotrophic Plate Count (Spread Plate Method)**

80. Which of the following provides a technique to quantify the bacteriological activity of a sample?

- A. Colonies      C. Heterotrophic Plate Count  
B. Agar      D. None of the above

### **Total Coliforms**

81. This MCL is based on the presence of total coliforms, and compliance is on a daily or weekly basis, depending on your water system type and state rule.

- A. True      B. False

### **The following are acute violations:**

82. Which determines a violation of nitrate?

- A. Presence      C. MCLG  
B. MCL      D. None of the above

### **Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) Summary**

83. EPA published the Revised Total Coliform Rule (RTCR) in the Federal Register (FR) on February 13, 2013 (78 FR 10269). It is the revision to the 1989 Total Coliform Rule (TCR).

- A. True      B. False

84. The RTCR upholds the purpose of the 1989 TCR to protect public health by ensuring the duplicity of the drinking water distribution system and monitoring for the absence of microbial contamination.

- A. True      B. False

85. The RTCR establishes criteria for systems to qualify for and stay on for special increased monitoring, which could reduce water system problems for better system operation.

- A. True      B. False

86. The water provider shall develop and follow a sample-siting plan that designates the PWS's collection schedule. This includes location of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Routine and repeat water samples
- B. Reduced monitoring
- C. Microbial contamination
- D. Repeat water samples

87. The water provider shall collect \_\_\_\_\_ on a regular basis (monthly, quarterly, annually). Have samples tested for the presence of total coliforms by a state certified laboratory.

- A. Routine water samples
- B. Reduced monitoring
- C. Microbial contamination
- D. Repeat water samples

88. PWSs incur violations if they do not comply with the requirements of the RTCR. The violation types are essentially the same as under the TCR with few changes. The biggest change is no acute or monthly MCL violation for \_\_\_\_\_ only.

- A. CCR(s)
- B. PN
- C. Total coliform positive samples
- D. TC+ routine or repeat sample

89. Community water systems (CWSs) must use specific language in their CCRs when they must conduct an assessment or if they incur \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. CCR(s)
- B. PN
- C. An E. coli MCL violation
- D. TC+ routine or repeat sample

90. The water provider shall analyze all \_\_\_\_\_ that are total coliform positive (TC+) for E. coli.

- A. Routine or repeat water samples
- B. Reduced monitoring
- C. Microbial contamination
- D. None of the above

91. The RTCR requires public water systems (PWSs) to meet a legal limit for E. coli, as demonstrated by required monitoring.

- A. True
- B. False

92. The RTCR suggests the frequency and timing of required microbial testing based on public water type and source water type.

- A. True
- B. False

### Disinfection Key

93. The RTCR requires 99.99% or 4 log inactivation of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Enteric viruses
- B. Crypto
- C. Giardia lamblia cysts
- D. None of the above

94. The RTCR requires 99% or 2 log inactivation of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Enteric viruses
- B. Crypto
- C. Giardia lamblia cysts
- D. None of the above

### Waterborne Pathogen Section - Introduction

#### Pathogen Section

95. Most pathogens are generally associated with diseases that \_\_\_\_\_ and affect people in a relatively short amount of time, generally a few days to two weeks.

- A. Cause intestinal illness
- B. Are mild in nature
- C. Will cause fatalities
- D. None of the above

### How Diseases are Transmitted.

96. Waterborne pathogens are primarily spread by the?  
A. Fecal-oral, or feces-to-mouth route      C. Oral to fecal route  
B. Dermal to fecal route      D. None of the above

### Protozoan Caused Diseases

97. Which of the following bugs is larger than bacteria and viruses but still microscopic; they invade and inhabit the gastrointestinal tract?  
A. Hepatitis A      C. Protozoan pathogens  
B. E.coli      D. None of the above
98. Some of the parasites enter the environment in a dormant form, with a protective cell wall, called a?  
A. Lamblia      C. Cyst  
B. Shell      D. None of the above

### Giardia lamblia

99. Which of the following bugs has been responsible for more community-wide outbreaks of disease in the U.S. than any other, and drug treatment are not 100% effective?  
A. Giardia lamblia      C. Giardiasis  
B. Cryptosporidiosis      D. None of the above
100. All of these diseases, with the exception of \_\_\_\_\_, have one symptom in common: diarrhea. They also have the same mode of transmission, fecal-oral, whether through person-to-person or animal-to-person contact.  
A. HIV infection      C. Hepatitis A  
B. Giardiasis      D. None of the above

### Primary Waterborne Diseases Section

101. Humans are the reservoir for the Salmonella typhi pathogen, which causes diarrheal illness, and also known as?  
A. Campylobacter      C. Typhoid fever  
B. Shigella dysenteriae      D. None of the above
102. Shigella species, in the United States two-thirds of the shigellosis in the U.S. is caused by Shigella dysenteriae and the remaining one-third is caused by Shigella Campylobacter.  
A. True      B. False
103. Campylobacter, the basics. It's a bacterium. It causes diarrheal illness.  
A. True      B. False
104. Legionnaire's disease, which causes a severe pneumonia, and the second, \_\_\_\_\_, which is a non-pneumonia illness; it's typically an influenza-like illness, and it's less severe.  
A. Pontiac fever      C. Typhoid fever  
B. Yellow fever      D. None of the above
105. Hepatitis A virus is resistant to combined chlorines, so it is important to have an adequate free chlorine residual. Fecal matter can shield Hepatitis A virus from chlorine.  
A. True      B. False

106. Humans are the reservoir for the Norovirus. Prevention strategies for this pathogen include?

- A. Internal protection
- B. Source protection
- C. Containment protection
- D. None of the above

107. Cryptosporidium is typically associated with animals and humans, and it can be acquired through consuming fecally contaminated food, contact with fecally contaminated soil and water.

- A. True
- B. False

108. Cryptosporidium, prevention. Prevention strategies for this pathogen include source protection. A CT value of 50 is required when dealing with fecally accidents. CT equals a concentration, in parts per million, while time equals a contact time in minutes.

- A. True
- B. False

109. Giardia prevention strategies for this pathogen include \_\_\_\_\_; filtration, coagulation, and halogenation of drinking water.

- A. Internal protection
- B. Source protection
- C. Containment protection
- D. None of the above

### **Waterborne Bacterial Diseases**

110. Campylobacteriosis outbreaks have most often been associated with food, especially chicken and un-pasteurized milk, as well as un-chlorinated water. These organisms are also an important cause of "travelers' diarrhea." Medical treatment generally is not prescribed for campylobacteriosis because recovery is usually rapid.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Viruses**

#### **Coronavirus**

111. It looks like the COVID-19 coronavirus is not able to live in water.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Chain of Custody Procedures**

112. If both parties involved in the transfer must sign, date and note the time on the chain of custody record, this is known as?

- A. TC Plan
- B. Sample siting plan
- C. Samples transfer possession
- D. None of the above

113. The recipient will then attach the \_\_\_\_\_ showing the transfer dates and times to the custody sheets. If the samples are split and sent to more than one laboratory, prepare a separate chain of custody record for each sample.

- A. Shipping invoices
- B. Chain of custody release
- C. Sample siting plan
- D. None of the above

### **Factors in Chlorine Disinfection: Concentration and Contact Time**

114. Based on the work of several researchers, CXT values [ final free chlorine concentration (mg/L) multiplied by minimum contact time (minutes)], offer water operators guidance in computing an effective combination of chlorine concentration and \_\_\_\_\_ required to achieve disinfection of water at a given temperature.

- A. Chlorine concentration
- B. Chlorine contact time
- C. Higher strength chlorine solutions
- D. None of the above

115. The CXT formula demonstrates that if an operator chooses to decrease the chlorine concentration, the required \_\_\_\_\_ must be lengthened.

- A. Chlorine concentration
- B. Temperature
- C. Contact time
- D. None of the above

116. As \_\_\_\_\_ are used, contact times may be reduced.

- A. Chlorine concentration
- B. Temperature
- C. Higher strength chlorine solutions
- D. None of the above

### **Water Treatment Section - Preliminary Treatment Process**

#### **Preliminary Treatment**

117. Weeds, leaves, and trash, if not removed, these will cause problems to the treatment plant's pumps and equipment, the best way to protect the plant is?

- A. Screening
- B. Super settling
- C. Change source
- D. None of the above

118. According to the text, wire mesh screens need maintenance and require?

- A. Manual cleaning
- B. PM cleaning
- C. No cleaning
- D. None of the above

119. Mechanical bar screens vary in size and use some type of horizontal raking mechanism that travels horizontally down the bars to scrap the debris off.

- A. True
- B. False

#### **Pre-Sedimentation**

120. Sand and grit will damage plant equipment and pipes, so it must be removed with either rectangular or round shaped basin are called?

- A. Filtration basin(s)
- B. Coagulation basin(s)
- C. Sedimentation basin(s)
- D. None of the above

121. Which of the following treatment terms is used after the flocculation process?

- A. Filtration basin(s)
- B. Coagulation basin(s)
- C. Sedimentation basin(s)
- D. None of the above

122. Scrapers on the bottom move the settled sludge to one or more hoppers at the influent end of the tank, it may have a \_\_\_\_\_ or traveling bridge used to collect the sludge.

- A. Screw conveyor
- B. Conveyor belts
- C. Manual skimmer
- D. None of the above

123. Most clarifiers will have baffles to prevent backflow from entering the effluent.

- A. True
- B. False

#### **Flights and Chains**

124. Flights and chains remove the scum from the \_\_\_\_\_ of the basin.

- A. Scum box
- B. Surface
- C. Armature
- D. None of the above

(S) Means the answer can be plural or singular in nature

125. The flights are usually concrete flights mounted on parallel chains and the motor shaft is connected through a shaft which turns the gear.

- A. True      B. False

### **Circular Clarifiers**

126. The common type of circular clarifier has a center pier or column.

- A. True      B. False

127. Which of the following systems use graded silica sand filter media?

- A. Traditional filter systems    C. Chemical pretreatment  
B. Reconditioning cycle      D. None of the above

128. Filtration occurs only within the last few inches of the coarser materials at the bottom of the bed.

- A. True      B. False

129. According to the text, when the pressure difference between filter inlet and outlet increases by 5 - 10 psi from the beginning of the cycle, the filter should be reconditioned. Operating beyond this pressure drop increases the chance of fouling - called "Mud-balling" - within the filter.

- A. True      B. False

130. Which of the following processes uses alum and cationic polymer to neutralize the charge of colloidal particles?

- A. Filtration                      C. Flocculation  
B. Reconditioning      D. None of the above

131. Which of the following compounds combines with alkalinity in the raw water to form a white precipitate that neutralizes suspended particles' electrical charge?

- A. Activated sodium              C. Alum  
B. PAC                                  D. None of the above

132. Which of the following terms may increase filtered water clarity, measured in NTU, by 90% compared with filtration alone?

- A. Chemical pretreatment    C. Fast rinse  
B. Reconditioning cycle      D. None of the above

133. Water treatment systems use settling tanks unit to allow for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Gravity                          C. Settling time  
B. Particle(s)                      D. Sedimentation and settling

134. The main aim of tube settlers is to minimize the \_\_\_\_\_ that a small floc particle must settle before agglomerating into larger particles.

- A. Gravity                          C. Settling time  
B. Vertical distance    D. Solids

135. Water treatment is a major requirement both for raw water for drinking and wastewater management, both have particles that need to sediment in order to obtain clear water.

- A. True      B. False

136. Tube settler design reduces the depth significantly compared to the conventional clarifier. This helps in reduction of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Gravity
- B. Particle(s)
- C. Settling time
- D. Solids

137. Tube settler collects solids into a compact mass and slides it down the tube channel. When using tube settlers water flow is upward through the tubes and the solids slide down against the current using \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Gravity
- B. Pressure
- C. Settling time
- D. Filters

138. Tube settler design involves the use of \_\_\_\_\_ at an angle of 60 degrees and adjacent to each other. This helps in increasing the settling area effectively.

- A. Weirs
- B. Uptakes
- C. Multiple tubular channels sloping
- D. Filters

### Conventional Water Treatment Process Introduction

139. \_\_\_\_\_ along with pre-chlorination for removal of dissolved iron when present with small amounts relative of manganese

- A. Disinfection
- B. Coagulation
- C. Pre-treatment
- D. Aeration

140. \_\_\_\_\_ to remove particles from water either by passage through a sand bed that can be washed and reused or by passage through a purpose- designed filter that is washable.

- A. Disinfection
- B. Coagulation
- C. Pre-treatment
- D. Filtration

141. \_\_\_\_\_ for killing bacteria viruses and other pathogens.

- A. Disinfection
- B. Coagulation
- C. Pre-treatment
- D. Aeration along with pre-chlorination

142. \_\_\_\_\_ or slow-sand filtration

- A. Disinfection
- B. Coagulation
- C. Pre-treatment
- D. Coagulation or flocculation

### Treatment Design and Plant Operation

143. SCADA (Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition) automation of water treatment is common in the US. Source water quality through the seasons, scale, and environmental impact can dictate capital costs and operating costs. End use of the treated water dictates the necessary quality monitoring technologies.

- A. True
- B. False

### SWTR Rule

144. Turbidity is caused by particles suspended in water. These particles scatter or reflect light rays, making the water appear cloudy.

- A. True
- B. False

145. Turbidity is expressed in nephelometric turbidity units (ntu) and a reading in excess of 5 ntu is generally noticeable to water system customers.

- A. True
- B. False

146. Besides the appearance of turbidity being unpleasant to customers, turbidity in water is significant from a public health standpoint because suspended particles could shelter microorganisms from the disinfectant and allow them to still be viable when they reach the customer.

A. True      B. False

### **Zeta Potential Introduction**

147. Zeta potential is a physical property exhibited by all solid-liquid and liquid-liquid colloidal systems. Surrounding the surface of all dispersed particles is a thick layer of ions that have the same charge of the particle's surface called the ATP layer.

A. True      B. False

148. The zeta potential is defined as the voltage at the edge of the slipping (shear) plane with respect to the bulk-dispersing medium, where ions, molecules and other agents are no longer associated with a particle's surface.

A. True      B. False

### **Solubility of Substances in Water**

149. Water is an excellent solvent for many compounds. Some dissolve in it as molecules while others, called electrolytes, dissociate and dissolve not as neutral molecules but as charged species called ions.

A. True      B. False

150. Compounds which exist as solid ionic crystals dissolve in water as ions, and most of them are highly soluble in water. "Highly soluble" is a somewhat elastic description, but generally means soluble to at least the extent of forming 0.1 to 1.0 molar aqueous solutions.

A. True      B. False

### **Purpose of Coagulation**

151. Chemical Coagulation in the water/wastewater treatment is the process of bringing suspended matter in untreated water together for the purpose of settling and for the preparation of the water for filtration.

A. True      B. False

### **Turbidity Particles**

152. The ability of particles to remain suspended in water is a function of hydrogen ion activity.

A. True      B. False

153. Turbidity particles can range in size from molecular to 50 microns (a tremendous range).

A. True      B. False

154. Particles that are greater than one micron in diameter are considered silt, and settle out due to their relatively large size and density in a matter of days with the need to coagulation.

A. True      B. False

(S) Means the answer can be plural or singular in nature

### **Olation**

155. Olation involves the bridging of two or more of these large molecules to form even larger, positively charged ions. A typical molecule can contain eight aluminum ions, twenty hydroxide ions, and will have a +4 charge.

- A. True      B. False

### **Zeta Potential**

156. The Zeta Potential is reduced to zero in order for coagulation to occur, because the forces of attraction are predominant.

- A. True      B. False

### **Coagulants – Alum and Ferric**

#### **Aluminum Sulfate (Alum)**

157. Aluminum Sulfate is also known as alum, filter alum, and alumina sulfate. Alum is the most widely used coagulant. Alum is available in dry form as a powder or in lump form. It can also be purchased and fed as a liquid.

- A. True      B. False

158. Alum has an exact formula due to the constant water molecules of hydration that may be attached to the aluminum sulfate molecule.

- A. True      B. False

159. Once in water, alum can react with hydroxides, carbonates, bicarbonates, and other anions to form \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. pH                      C. Large, positively charged molecules  
B. Alkalinity            D. None of the above

160. Carbon dioxide and sulfate are generally byproducts of these reactions. During the reactions, alum acts as \_\_\_\_\_ to reduce the pH and alkalinity of the water supply. It is important that sufficient alkalinity be present in the water supply for the various reactions to occur.

- A. Inorganic coagulant(s)    C. Byproducts of these reactions  
B. An acid                      D. None of the above

161. The aluminum ions become soluble rather than insoluble and do not participate in the hydration and \_\_\_\_\_ necessary to make the alum effective as a coagulant. In these instances the plant may experience higher than normal filtered water turbidities, and much of the aluminum will pass through the filters.

- A. Post filtration alum coagulation    C. Byproducts of these reactions  
B. Olation reaction(s)                  D. None of the above

162. When the pH level of the water is above 7.8 after the addition of the alum, the aluminum ions again become soluble, and the efficiency of coagulation is decreased. Under these conditions, aluminum ions again penetrate the filters, and \_\_\_\_\_ can occur in the clear well and in the distribution system in some cases.

- A. Post filtration alum coagulation    C. Byproducts of these reactions  
B. Olation reaction(s)                  D. None of the above

#### **Ferric Chloride (Ferric)**

163. Ferric chloride is becoming more extensively used as a coagulant due partially to the fact that the material can be purchased as a liquid.

- A. True      B. False

164. Ferric chloride may also be purchased as an anhydrous solid. Liquid ferric chloride is highly corrosive, and must be isolated from all corrodible metals.

- A. True      B. False

165. Like ferric sulfate, ferric chloride exhibits a wide \_\_\_\_\_ range for coagulation, and the ferric ion does not easily become soluble.

- A. pH                      C. Olation  
B. Alkalinity              D. None of the above

166. As a result, many plants are replacing alum with ferric chloride to eliminate the penetration of aluminum ions through the plant filters. Ferric chloride also reacts as an acid in water to reduce \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. pH                      C. Olation  
B. Alkalinity              D. None of the above

167. \_\_\_\_\_ are available, such as potash alum, ammonia alum, ferrous sulfate (copperas), and chlorinated copperas.

- A. Other inorganic coagulants      C. Byproducts of these reactions  
B. Olation reaction(s)              D. None of the above

168. Typical dosages of the inorganic coagulants range from 50 pounds per million gallons of water treated under ideal conditions to as high as 800 to 1000 pounds per million gallons of water treated under \_\_\_\_\_ conditions.

- A. Worst case              C. Increased  
B. Decreased              D. None of the above

## Factors Influencing Coagulation

### Effects of pH

169. The pH range in which a coagulation process occurs may be the single most important factor in \_\_\_\_\_ coagulation. The vast majority of coagulation problems are related to improper pH levels.

- A. Improper              C. Proper  
B. Optimum              D. None of the above

170. Whenever possible, coagulation should be conducted in \_\_\_\_\_. When this is not done, lower coagulation efficiency results, generally resulting in a waste of chemicals and a lowered water quality.

- A. The optimum pH zone      C. Collision between the colloids  
B. The coagulation process      D. None of the above

171. Each of the inorganic salt coagulants has its own characteristic \_\_\_\_\_ pH range.

- A. Improper              C. Little or no effect  
B. Optimum              D. None of the above

172. In many plants, it is necessary to adjust the pH level in the coagulation process. In most cases, this involves the addition of lime, caustic soda, or soda ash to maintain a minimum pH level. In some cases, however, acids may be necessary to raise or lower the pH level to an \_\_\_\_\_ range.

- A. Improper              C. Little or no effect  
B. Optimum              D. None of the above

173. In some water plants, the acidic reactions of the inorganic salts are taken advantage of when the raw water pH levels are \_\_\_\_\_. In these instances, overfeed of the coagulant is intentionally induced in order for the coagulation process to occur in the optimum range.

- A. Improper
- B. Optimum
- C. Higher than desired
- D. None of the above

### Effects of Salts

174. Since no natural waters are completely pure, each will have various levels of cations and anions such as calcium, sodium, magnesium, iron, manganese, sulfate, chloride, phosphate, and others. Some of these ions may affect the efficiency of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. All chemical reactions
- B. The coagulation process
- C. Collision between the colloids
- D. None of the above

175. Trivalent cations do not have an adverse effect on the process in most instances. In fact, significant concentrations of naturally occurring iron in a water supply has resulted in the ability to feed \_\_\_\_\_ dosages of inorganic salt coagulants.

- A. Improper
- B. Optimum
- C. Lower than normal
- D. None of the above

### Nature of Turbidity

176. Generally, higher turbidity levels require higher coagulant dosages. However, seldom is the relationship between turbidity level and coagulant dosage linear. Usually, the additional coagulant required is \_\_\_\_\_ when turbidities are much higher than normal due to higher collision probabilities of the colloids during high turbidities.

- A. Improper
- B. Optimum
- C. Relatively small
- D. None of the above

177. Conversely, low turbidity waters can be very difficult to coagulate due to the difficulty in inducing \_\_\_\_\_. In this instance, floc formation is poor, and much of the turbidity is carried directly to the filters.

- A. All chemical reactions
- B. The coagulation process
- C. Collision between the colloids
- D. None of the above

178. Organic colloids may be present in a water supply due to pollution, and these colloids can be difficult to remove in the coagulation process. In this situation, \_\_\_\_\_ coagulant dosages are generally required.

- A. Improper
- B. Higher
- C. Slowly
- D. None of the above

### Water Temperature

179. Cold water temperatures can cause two factors which add to the difficulty of the coagulation process. As water temperatures approach freezing, almost all chemical reactions occur more \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Improper
- B. Higher
- C. Slowly
- D. None of the above

180. It can be difficult to evenly disperse the coagulants into the water. In addition, floc settling characteristics become poor due to the higher density of the water during near freezing temperatures. As a result, the coagulant process becomes less efficient, and higher coagulant dosages are generally used to compensate for these effects.

- A. True
- B. False

### Mixing Effects

181. Poor or inadequate mixing results in an uneven dispersion of the coagulant. Unfortunately, many older plants were designed with mixing facilities which generally do not accomplish mixing in the most efficient manner. As a result, it becomes necessary to use higher than necessary dosages of coagulant to achieve an optimum level of efficiency in the process.

- A. True      B. False

182. The effects of high turbidity and warm water temperatures can tend to aggravate the lack of adequate mixing facilities in some plants.

- A. True      B. False

### Effect of the Coagulant

183. The choice of the proper coagulant for the given conditions is of critical importance in maintaining an efficient coagulation scheme under widely varying conditions. The chemicals most commonly used in the coagulation process are Aluminum Sulfate, Ferric Chloride, Ferric Sulfate, and Cationic Polymers.

- A. True      B. False

### Corrosion Control Introduction

184. Corrosion is the deterioration of a substance by chemical action. Lead, cadmium, zinc, copper and iron might be found in water when metals in water distribution systems corrode. Drinking water contaminated with certain metals (such as \_\_\_\_\_) can harm human health.

- A. Lead                                      C. Lead and cadmium  
B. Lead and copper                      D. None of the above

185. Corrosion also reduces the useful life of water distribution systems and can promote the growth of microorganisms, resulting in disagreeable tastes, odors, slimes and further corrosion. Because it is widespread and highly toxic, lead is the corrosion product of greatest concern.

- A. True      B. False

186. The EPA has banned the use of lead solders, fluxes and pipes in the installation or repair of any public water system. In the past, solder used in plumbing has been \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. 60% lead and 40% tin      C. 50% copper and 50% lead  
B. 50% tin and 50% lead      D. None of the above

187. Using lead-free solders, such as \_\_\_\_\_ is a key factor in lead corrosion control.

- A. 20% lead and 80% tin                      C. Lead and cadmium  
B. Silver-tin and antimony-tin              D. None of the above

188. The highest level of lead in consumers' tap water will be found in water that has been standing in the pipes after periods of usage (Mid-afternoon). This is because running water tends to leach lead or copper out of the metals in the distribution system more readily than does moving water.

- A. True      B. False

(S) Means the answer can be plural or singular in nature

### **Cathodic Protection**

189. Sacrificial anodes are pieces of metal more electrically active than the steel piping system. Because these anodes are more active, the corrosive current will exit from them rather than the piping system.

- A. True      B. False

190. Sacrificial anodes can be attached to the existing piping system or coated steel for a pre-engineered cathodic protection system. An asphalt coating is not considered a suitable dielectric coating.

- A. True      B. False

191. Depleted anodes must be replaced for continued Cathodic protection of the system.

- A. True      B. False

### **Coagulation and Flocculation Summary**

#### **Rapid Sand Filtration**

192. Which term is the most prevalent form of water treatment technology in use today?

- A. Conventional technology      C. Rapid Sand filtration  
B. Sedimentation process      D. None of the above

193. Rapid Sand filtration process employs a combination of \_\_\_\_\_ in order to achieve maximum effectiveness.

- A. Filtration      C. Physical and chemical processes  
B. Sedimentation process      D. None of the above

#### **Coagulation**

194. At the Water Treatment Plant, alum is added to the water in the "flash mix" to cause microscopic impurities in the water to clump together.

- A. True      B. False

195. The alum and the water are mixed rapidly by the?

- A. Cationic polymers      C. Shaker  
B. Flash mixer      D. None of the above

196. What is the process of joining together particles in water to help remove organic matter called?

- A. Cationic binding      C. Flocculation  
B. Coagulation      D. None of the above

197. Aluminum Sulfate is also excellent for removing nutrients such as phosphorous in wastewater treatment.

- A. True      B. False

198. Fine particles must be coagulated, or "stuck together" to form larger particles that can be filtered, this is achieved through the use of?

- A. Sedimentation chemicals      C. Flocculation chemicals  
B. Coagulant chemicals      D. None of the above

(S) Means the answer can be plural or singular in nature

199. Which of the following terms are required since colloidal particles by themselves have the tendency to stay suspended in water and not settle out?

- A. Sedimentation chemicals
- B. Coagulant chemicals
- C. Flocculation chemicals
- D. None of the above

200. Which of the following terms are so small, their charge per volume is significant?

- A. Aluminum Sulfate molecules
- B. Coagulant chemicals
- C. Colloidal particles
- D. None of the above

### **Flocculation**

201. Flocculation is the process of bringing together destabilized or coagulated particles to form larger masses which can be settled and/or filtered out of the water being treated.

- A. True
- B. False

202. Flocculation is the process where the suspended particles can collide, \_\_\_\_\_, and form heavier particles called "floc".

- A. Equalization
- B. Agglomerate
- C. Destabilized or coagulated particles
- D. None of the above

203. Gentle \_\_\_\_\_ and appropriate detention times (the length of time water remains in the basin) help facilitate the flocculation process.

- A. Equalizing
- B. Agitation of the water
- C. Settling
- D. None of the above

204. Inside the contact chambers, water is slowly mixed allowing the coagulated particles, called "floc," and the particles become larger and stronger.

- A. True
- B. False

205. Which of the following happens in the water when bacteria and other microorganisms are caught in the floc structure?

- A. Equalize the basin
- B. Floc particles mix
- C. Agitate the water
- D. None of the above

### **Pre-Sedimentation**

206. Contingent on the quality of the source water, some plants have pre-sedimentation, which allows larger \_\_\_\_\_ in a reservoir or lake reducing solid removal loads.

- A. Equalization of the basin
- B. Particles time to settle
- C. Floc particles mix
- D. None of the above

### **Sedimentation**

207. Sedimentation is the process of destabilizing coagulated particles in water.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Water Filtration Key Terms**

#### **Declining Rate Filters**

208. The filter flow rate will vary with?

- A. Head loss
- B. Uniform media
- C. Effluent control
- D. None of the above

209. Declining Rate Filters system often requires \_\_\_\_\_ to provide adequate media submergence.
- A. Head loss
  - B. Uniform media
  - C. Effluent control structure
  - D. None of the above

### **Detention Time**

210. Detention time is actual time required for a small amount of water to pass through a Sedimentation basin at a given rate of flow, or the calculated time required for a small amount of liquid to pass through a tank at a given rate of flow.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Disinfection**

211. Chlorine kills or "inactivates" harmful microorganisms in water.
- A. True
  - B. False
212. Chlorine is added again after filtration for?
- A. Residual
  - B. Contact time
  - C. Post-disinfection
  - D. None of the above

### **Jar Testing**

213. Jar testing traditionally has been done on an infrequent basis in most water treatment plants to control THMs.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **pH**

214. According to the text, pH is an expression of a basic or acid condition of a liquid. The range is from 0-14, zero being the most acid and 14 being the most alkaline. A pH of 7 is considered to be neutral.
- A. True
  - B. False
215. According to the text, which of the following has a pH between 6.0 and 8.5?
- A. Acids
  - B. Disinfectants
  - C. Natural water
  - D. None of the above

### **Caustic**

216. A strong chemical - NaOH is used in the treatment process to neutralize acidity, and to lower the pH value.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Polymer**

217. Polymer is a water treatment chemical that when combined with other types of coagulants, aids in binding small suspended particles to larger particles to help in the settling and filtering processes.
- A. True
  - B. False

### **Post-Chlorine**

218. The operator should make sure that the chlorinated water holds a residual in the distribution system.
- A. True
  - B. False

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### Pre-Chlorination

219. Before the filtration process, chlorination helps control fish and vegetation.

- A. True      B. False

### Hydrofluosilicic Acid

220.  $\text{H}_2\text{SiF}_6$  a clear fuming corrosive gas, with a pH ranging from 8 to 9 and used in water treatment to fluoridate drinking water.

- A. True      B. False

### Taste and Odor Control

221. Which of the following is occasionally added for taste and odor control?

- A. Turbidity powder      C. Powdered activated carbon (PAC)  
B. Fluoride      D. None of the above

### Water Quality

222. Water quality testing needs to be conducted throughout the water treatment process.

- A. True      B. False

### Chemical Feed and Rapid Mix

223. To improve the subsequent treatment processes, chemicals may be added to the water, and may include pH adjusters and coagulants.

- A. True      B. False

224. Alum is a coagulant chemical, that neutralize negative charges on small particles, allowing them to stick together and form larger particles that are more easily removed by sedimentation or filtration.

- A. True      B. False

### Short-Circuiting

225. Short-Circuiting is a condition that occurs in tanks or basins when some of the water travels faster than the rest of the flowing water.

- A. True      B. False

226. Short-Circuiting is usually undesirable, since it may result in shorter contact, reaction, or settling times in comparison with the?

- A. Presumed detention times      C. Modification of the conventional process  
B. Sedimentation/clarification process      D. None of the above

### Tube Settlers

227. Tube settlers are a modification of the conventional process contains many metal "tubes" that are normally placed in?

- A. Flocculation basin      C. An up-flow clarifier  
B. Sedimentation basin or clarifier      D. None of the above

228. The slope of the tube settlers facilitates gravity settling of the solids to the bottom of the basin, where they can be?

- A. Adjusted for detention times      C. Collected and removed  
B. Modified      D. None of the above

### **Adsorption Clarifiers**

229. Cleaning of the clarifier is initiated less often than filter backwashing because the clarifier removes less solids.

- A. True      B. False

230. In the tube-settler type of package plant, the Sedimentation/clarification process is followed by mixed-media filtration and disinfection to complete the water treatment.

- A. True      B. False

### **Clearwell**

231. The clearwell provides temporary storage for the treated water, which is the final step in the conventional treatment process.

- A. True      B. False

### **Sampling**

232. Care should be taken not to disturb the bottom of the water source or along the sides. So as not to stir up any settled solids. This would create erroneous results. There are different techniques for both bacteriological and disinfection byproduct samplings. Collect the water sample at least 6 inches under the surface by plunging the container mouth down into the water and turning the mouth towards the current by dragging the container slowly horizontal.

- A. True      B. False

### **Filtration Overview**

233. Filtration is a water treatment process step used to remove turbidity, dissolved organics, odor, taste and color.

- A. True      B. False

234. According to the text, the filter is periodically cleaned by a reversal of flow and the \_\_\_\_\_ into a drain.

- A. Activated carbon filters      C. Rapid-sand filters  
B. Anthracite coal              D. None of the above

### **Anthracite Coal or Activated Carbon**

235. Water is normally filtered at a rate of between 10 and 2 gpm per square foot, the water is filtered through an approximate 36" depth of graded sand.

- A. True      B. False

236. Sodium hydroxide may also be included in the sand to improve the filtration process, especially for the removal of organic contaminants and taste and odor problems.

- A. True      B. False

237. Rapid sand filters were widely used in large municipal water systems by the 1920s, because they required smaller land areas compared to slow sand filters.

- A. True      B. False

### **EPA Filter Backwash Rule- Introduction**

238. The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has finalized the Long Term 1 Enhanced Surface Water Treatment Rule and Filter Backwash Rule (LT1FBR) to increase protection of finished drinking water supplies from contamination by Cryptosporidium and other microbial pathogens.

- A. True                      B. False

### **Background**

239. If finished water supplies contain microbiological contaminants, disease outbreaks may result. Disease symptoms may include diarrhea, cramps, nausea, possibly jaundice, headaches and fatigue.

- A. True                      B. False

240. The EPA has set enforceable drinking water treatment requirements to reduce the risk of waterborne disease outbreaks. Treatment technologies such as filtration and disinfection remove or inactivate microbiological contaminants.

- A. True                      B. False

### **LT1FBR Required**

241. The LT1FBR provisions does not apply to public water systems using surface water or ground water under the direct influence of surface water systems.

- A. True                      B. False

### **Turbidity**

242. Which of the following must comply with specific combined filter effluent turbidity requirements?

- A. Watershed                      C. Conventional and Direct filtration systems  
B. Disinfection profile              D. None of the above

### **Disinfection Benchmarking**

243. Public water systems will be required to develop a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ unless they perform applicability monitoring which demonstrates their disinfection byproduct levels are less than 80% of the maximum contaminant levels.

- A. Disinfection profile                      C. Disinfection benchmark  
B. Direct filtration system                      D. None of the above

244. According to the text, if a system considers making a significant change to their disinfection practice they must develop a(n) \_\_\_\_\_ and receive State approval for implementing the change.

- A. Disinfection profile                      C. Disinfection benchmark  
B. Direct filtration systems                      D. None of the above

245. Which of the following that practice direct recycle, employ 20 or fewer filters to meet production requirements during a selected month, and recycle spent filter backwash water, thickener supernatant, and/or liquids from the dewatering process within the treatment process must perform a one month, one-time recycle self-assessment?

- A. Recycle systems                      C. Direct filtration systems  
B. Conventional systems                      D. None of the above

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246. Which of the following will be required to return spent filter backwash water, thickener supernatant, and liquids from the dewatering process prior to the point of primary coagulant addition unless the State specifies an alternative location?

- A. Recycle systems
- B. Conventional systems
- C. Direct filtration systems
- D. None of the above

247. Which of the following recycling to the treatment process must provide detailed recycle treatment information to the State, which may require that modifications to the recycle practice be made?

- A. Recycle systems
- B. Conventional systems
- C. Direct filtration systems
- D. None of the above

### **Filtration Process- Detailed**

248. Removal of \_\_\_\_\_ plays an important role in the natural treatment of groundwater as it percolates through the soil.

- A. Suspended solids by filtration
- B. Serious problems in filter operation
- C. Coagulation and flocculation processes
- D. None of the above

249. According to the text, since surface water sources are subject to run-off and do not undergo natural filtration, it must be filtered to?

- A. Remove particles and impurities
- B. Filtration process can be compared to a sieve or microstrainer
- C. Suspended particles can easily pass
- D. None of the above

250. Which of the following traps suspended material between the grains of filter media?

- A. Remove particles and impurities
- B. Filtration process can be compared to a sieve or microstrainer
- C. Suspended particles can easily pass
- D. None of the above

251. Which of the following will easily pass through the spaces between the grains of the filter media, making straining the least important process in filtration?

- A. Remove particles and impurities
- B. Filtration process can be compared to a sieve or microstrainer
- C. Suspended particles can easily pass
- D. None of the above

252. Adsorption is the process of particles sticking onto the surface of the individual filter grains or onto the previously deposited materials. The forces that attract and hold the particles to the grains are the same as those that work in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Coagulation and flocculation
- B. Filter operation
- C. Flocculation
- D. None of the above

253. Which of the following may occur in the filter bed will happen especially if coagulation and flocculation of the water before filtration was not properly controlled?

- A. Coagulation and flocculation
- B. Filter operation
- C. Flocculation
- D. None of the above

### Direct Filtration Plant vs. Conventional Plant

254. The primary difference between Direct Filtration Plant vs. Conventional Plant is that the \_\_\_\_\_ or step is omitted from the Direct Filtration plant.

- A. Sedimentation process
- B. Reconditioning cycle
- C. Fast rinse
- D. None of the above

### Types of Filters

255. The oldest water filters developed were the slow sand filters, these have filter rates of around 0.05 gpm/ft<sup>2</sup> of surface area. This type of filter requires large filter areas.

- A. True
- B. False

256. What is the term for the mass of growing material that collects on the surface of the filter?

- A. Schmutzdecke
- B. Zoological growth
- C. Mud balls
- D. None of the above

257. Most water filters are classified by filtration rate, type of \_\_\_\_\_, or type of operation.

- A. Schmutzdecke
- B. Backwash capabilities
- C. Filter media
- D. None of the above

### Rapid Sand Filters

258. Rapid sand filters can accommodate filter rates 40 times more than?

- A. Fixed film
- B. Slow sand filters
- C. Mixed media
- D. None of the above

259. Filters in large water treatment plants are usually constructed next to each other in a row, allowing the piping from the Sedimentation basins to feed the filters from a central pipe gallery.

- A. True
- B. False

### Filter Sand

260. The filter sand used in rapid sand filters is normally play sand.

- A. True
- B. False

261. In a filter the gravel supports the filter sand and is usually graded in three to five layers, each generally 6-18 inches in thickness, depending on the type of underdrain used.

- A. True
- B. False

262. Which of the following will contain 24-30 inches of sand, but some newer filters are deeper?

- A. Rapid sand filters
- B. Slow rate filters
- C. Sedimentation basins
- D. None of the above

263. The coarser sand in the \_\_\_\_\_ has larger voids that do not fill as easily.

- A. Rapid filters
- B. Backwash trough
- C. Sedimentation basin
- D. None of the above

### False floor

264. The false floor design of a \_\_\_\_\_ is used together with a porous plate design or with screens that retain the sand when there is no undergravel layer.

- A. Backwash system
- B. Leopold system
- C. Filter underdrain
- D. None of the above

### Filtration Processes

265. The traditional design for many years is conventional filtration; this method provides effective treatment for just about any range of tastes and odors.

- A. True
- B. False

266. Conventional filtration success is due partially to the high quality raw water that precedes filtration steps.

- A. True
- B. False

### High Rate Filters

267. High rate filters, which operate at a rate up to ten times that of a rapid sand filter.

- A. True
- B. False

268. Multi-media or mixed-media filters use three or four different materials, sand, anthracite coal, and garnet.

- A. True
- B. False

269. In the design of the high rate filter, the top layers consist of a fine material with the course material farther down, allowing the suspended material to penetrate less into the filter.

- A. True
- B. False

### Pressure Sand Filters

270. Filtration rates are twice as good as gravity filters.

- A. True
- B. False

271. Which of the following terms or methods cracking of the filter bed can occur quite easily, allowing the iron and manganese particles to go straight through the filter?

- A. Slow sand/RO
- B. Gravity filters
- C. Pressure filters
- D. None of the above

272. Which of the following filtration types is contained under pressure in a steel tank?

- A. Slow sand/RO
- B. Gravity filters
- C. Pressure sand filter
- D. None of the above

273. In which of the following filtration types is the media usually sand or a combination of media?

- A. Slow sand/RO
- B. Gravity filters
- C. Fast sand
- D. None of the above

274. Which of the following filter types has a major disadvantage in that the backwash cannot be observed?

- A. Slow sand/RO
- B. Gravity filters
- C. Pressure filters
- D. None of the above

275. Filtration operation is divided into three steps: filtering, backwashing, and?

- A. Filter run
- B. Filtering to waste
- C. Return to waste
- D. None of the above

276. Which of the following is a low-pressure membrane filtration process that removes suspended solids and colloids generally larger than 0.1-micron diameter?

- A. Nanofiltration
- B. Microfiltration
- C. Semi-permeable
- D. None of the above

277. Which of the following is a relatively recent membrane process used most often with low total dissolved solids water such as surface water and fresh groundwater?

- A. Nanofiltration
- B. Microfiltration
- C. Semi-permeable
- D. None of the above

### Declining Rate

278. According to the text, which of the following methods of control is used where the largest head loss occurs in the filtration process?

- A. Declining Rate
- B. Gravity filters
- C. Fast sand
- D. None of the above

279. The rate through the declining filter is much greater in the beginning of a filter run than at the end when the?

- A. Filter run
- B. Filter is dirty
- C. Head loss is low
- D. None of the above

280. According to the text, which of the following allows the filter head to increase until the filter becomes plugged with particles and the Head loss is too great to continue operation of the filter?

- A. Declining Rate
- B. Gravity filters
- C. Fast sand
- D. None of the above

### Loss of Head Indicator

281. Which of the following is required to force the water through the filter?

- A. Filter run
- B. Force
- C. Head loss
- D. None of the above

282. Which of the following should be continuously measured to help determine when the filter should be backwashed?

- A. Filter run
- B. Force
- C. Head loss
- D. None of the above

### In-line Turbidimeter

283. Continuous turbidity monitors provide information about when the filter is approaching this point so that the operators can start the backwash before the turbidity is too great.

- A. True
- B. False

### Filtration Process

284. A rapid sand filter will have a flow of two-to-three gpm/square foot of filter area. The high rate filter may have four-to-six gpm/square foot applied to the surface.

- A. True
- B. False

285. The filter eventually fills with suspended material, usually after 15 to 30 hours, it will need to be \_\_\_\_\_ to clean the media.

- A. Bumped
- B. Jetted
- C. Backwashed
- D. None of the above

### Back Washing

286. A normal backwash rate is between 1.2 to 1.5 gpm per square foot of filter surface area.

- A. True
- B. False

287. Which of the following if it is too high will cause media to be washed from the filter into the troughs and out of the filter.

- A. Media
- B. Floc(s)
- C. Backwash rate
- D. None of the above

288. Some filters can operate longer than one week before needing to be?

- A. Bumped
- B. Jetted
- C. Backwashed
- D. None of the above

### Backwashing Process

289. The normal method for opening the filter backwash valve involves draining the water level above the filter to a point six inches above the filter media.

- A. True
- B. False

290. The backwash valve is opened, allowing backwash water to start flowing into the filter and start carrying \_\_\_\_\_ away from the filter.

- A. Headloss
- B. Crust on the filter
- C. Suspended material
- D. None of the above

291. According to the text, with a multi-media filter, the rate must be high enough to scrub the interface between the coal and the sand, where the highest amount of suspended solids will be removed from the media.

- A. True
- B. False

### Disposal of Filter Backwash Water

292. Water from the filter backwash can be returned directly to the environment.

- A. True
- B. False

293. The supernatant is then pumped back to the head of the treatment plant at a rate not exceeding ten percent of the?

- A. Daily flow
- B. Backwash water
- C. Raw water flow entering the plant
- D. None of the above

### Filter to Waste

294. When filtration is started after backwash, suspended material remains in the filter media until the turbidity in the effluent meets standards. Depending on the type of filter, this may last from 20-40 minutes.

- A. True
- B. False

### Filter Aids

295. Which of the following terms expresses that the polymer strengthens the bonds and prevents the shearing forces in the filter from breaking the floc apart when used?

- A. Filter media
- B. Lime
- C. Filter aid
- D. None of the above

### Filter Operating Problems

296. According to the text, there are three major types of filter problems. They can be caused by chemical treatment before the filter, \_\_\_\_\_, and backwashing of filters.

- A. Filter aid
- B. Control of filter flow rate
- C. Coagulation and flocculation stages
- D. None of the above

### Chemical Treatment before the Filter

297. Which of the following terms of the water treatment must be monitored continuously?

- A. Filter aid
- B. Backwash storage basin
- C. Coagulation and flocculation stages
- D. None of the above

### Control of Filter Flow Rate

298. When a filter is subjected to rapid changes in flow rate, the turbidity of the effluent will not be affected; the dirtier the coagulation and flocculation stages, the greater the effect.

- A. True
- B. False

### Advanced Water Treatment Section

299. Water contains \_\_\_\_\_ of which impart a quality known as hardness?

- A. TDS
- B. Conductivity
- C. Various amounts of dissolved minerals
- D. None of the above

### Occurrence of Hard Water

300. Which of the following is caused by soluble, divalent, metallic cations, (positive ions having valence of 2)?

- A. Hard water
- B. Permanent hardness
- C. Carbonate hardness
- D. None of the above

### Types of Hardness

301. Hardness can be categorized by either of two methods: calcium versus magnesium hardness and?

- A. Carbonate hardness
- B. Temporary hardness
- C. Carbonate versus non-carbonate hardness
- D. None of the above

### Carbonate-Noncarbonate Distinction

302. According to the text, the carbonate-noncarbonate distinction, is based on hardness from either the bicarbonate salts of calcium or the \_\_\_\_\_ involved in causing water hardness.

- A.  $\text{CaCO}_3$
- B. Water hardness
- C. Normal salts of calcium and magnesium
- D. None of the above

303. Which of the following is a measure of calcium and magnesium salts other than carbonate and bicarbonate salts?

- A. Hardness ions
- B. Permanent hardness
- C. Noncarbonate hardness
- D. None of the above

304. Which of the following are calcium sulfate, calcium chloride, magnesium sulfate ( $\text{MgSO}_4$ ), and magnesium chloride ( $\text{MgCl}_2$ ) known better as?

- A.  $\text{CaCO}_3$
- B. Water hardness
- C. Salts
- D. None of the above

### Membrane Filtration Processes

305. Which of the following enables some water systems having contaminated water sources to meet new, more stringent regulations?

- A. Membrane technology
- B. Macromolecule(s)
- C. Conventional thermal separation process(es)
- D. None of the above

### Nanofiltration

306. Nanofiltration (NF) process has been used primarily for water softening and reduction of?

- A. Process liquid
- B. Bacterial and protozoan life
- C. Total dissolved solids (TDS)
- D. None of the above

### Reverse Osmosis

307. RO membranes have very low MWC pore size that can reject ions at very high rates, including?

- A. Process liquid
- B. Chloride and sodium
- C. Bacterial and protozoan life
- D. None of the above

### Reverse Osmosis Process Section

308. Which of the following is determined by the total dissolved solids content of the saline solution, or contaminated solution on one side of the membrane?

- A. This pressure differential
- B. Osmotic pressure
- C. Higher molecular weights
- D. None of the above

### Water Laboratory Analysis Section

#### pH Testing Section

309. In chemistry, pH is a measure of the acidity or basicity of an aqueous solution. Solutions with a pH greater than 7 are said to be acidic and solutions with a pH less than 7 are basic or alkaline.

- A. True
- B. False

310. Mathematically, pH is the negative logarithm of the activity of the (solvated) hydronium ion, more often expressed as the measure of the?

- A. Electron concentration
- B. Alkalinity concentration
- C. Hydronium ion concentration
- D. None of the above

311. Alkalinity is the name given to the quantitative capacity of an aqueous solution to neutralize an?

- A. Acid
- B. Base
- C. Bond formation
- D. None of the above

312. Sodium hydroxide,  $\text{NaOH}$ , is an example of a?

- A. Weak base
- B. Strong base
- C. Strong acid
- D. None of the above

## Disinfection Section

### Chlorine's Appearance and Odor

313. Chlorine is a greenish-yellow gas it will condense to an amber liquid at approximately \_\_\_\_\_ F or at high pressures.

- A. -29.2 degrees
- B. - 100 degrees
- C. 29 degrees
- D. None of the above

314. Prolonged exposures to chlorine gas may result in?

- A. Moisture, steam, and water
- B. Odor thresholds
- C. Olfactory fatigue
- D. None of the above

### Chlorine Gas

#### Pathophysiology

315. The odor threshold for chlorine gas is approximately?

- A. 0.3-0.5 parts per million (ppm)
- B. 3 parts per million (ppm)
- C. 3-5 parts per million (ppm)
- D. None of the Above

#### Chlorination Chemistry

316. The hypochlorite ion is a much weaker disinfecting agent than Hypochlorous acid, about 100 times less effective.

- A. True
- B. False

317. According to the text, pH and temperature affect the ratio of hypochlorous acid to hypochlorite ions. As the temperature is decreased, the \_\_\_\_\_ increases.

- A. Reduction Ratio
- B. Ratio of hypochlorous acid
- C. "CT" disinfection concept
- D. None of the above

318. Under normal water conditions, hypochlorous acid will also chemically react and break down into the hypochlorite ion.

- A. True
- B. False

319. Although the ratio of \_\_\_\_\_ is greater at lower temperatures, pathogenic organisms are actually harder to kill.

- A. Hypochlorous acid
- B. The amount of chlorine
- C. Total chlorine
- D. None of the above

320. If all other things were equal, \_\_\_\_\_ and a lower pH are more conducive to chlorine disinfection.

- A. Lower pH
- B. Hypochlorous acid
- C. Higher water temperatures
- D. None of the above

321. All three forms of chlorine produce Sodium hypochlorite when added to water.

- A. True
- B. False

322. Hypochlorous acid is a strong acid but a weak disinfecting agent. The amount of hypochlorous acid depends on the pH and temperature of the water.

- A. True
- B. False

### Chlorine DDBP

323. These term means that chlorine is present as Cl, HOCl, and  $\text{OCl}^-$  is called \_\_\_\_\_, and that which is bound but still effective is \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Free available chlorine and Total
- B. Free and Residual
- C. Free available chlorine and Combined Chlorine
- D. None of the above

324. Chloramines are formed by reactions with?

- A. Acid and  $\text{Cl}_2$
- B. Ammonia and  $\text{Cl}_2$
- C. Folic Acid and  $\text{Cl}_2$
- D. None of the above

### Types of Residual

325. Which of the following is all chlorine that is available for disinfection?

- A. Chlorine residual
- B. Chlorine demand
- C. Total chlorine
- D. None of the Above

### Chlorine Exposure Limits

326. What is OSHA's PEL?

- A. 10 PPM
- B. 1 PPM
- C. 1,000 PPM
- D. None of the above

327. Chlorine's Physical and chemical properties: A yellowish green, nonflammable and liquefied gas with an unpleasant and irritating smell.

- A. True
- B. False

328. Liquid chlorine is about \_\_\_\_\_ times heavier than water

- A. 1.5
- B. 10
- C. 2.5
- D. None of the above

329. Gaseous chlorine is about \_\_\_\_\_ times heavier than air.

- A. 1.5
- B. 10
- C. 2.5
- D. None of the above

### Alternate Disinfectants - Chloramine

330. It is recommended that Chloramine be used in conjunction with a stronger disinfectant. It is best utilized as a?

- A. Chloramine
- B. T10 value disinfectant
- C. Stable distribution system disinfectant
- D. None of the above

331. In the production of \_\_\_\_\_, the ammonia residuals in the finished water, when fed in excess of stoichiometric amount needed, should be limited to inhibit growth of nitrifying bacteria.

- A. Dry sodium chlorite
- B. Chloramines
- C. Ammonia residual(s)
- D. None of the above

### Chlorine Dioxide

332. Which term provides good Giardia and virus protection but its use is limited by the restriction on the maximum residual of 0.5 mg/L  $\text{ClO}_2$ /chlorite/chlorate allowed in finished water?

- A. Chlorinated byproducts
- B. Chlorine dioxide
- C. Ammonia residual(s)
- D. None of the above

333. If chlorine dioxide is being used as an oxidant, the preferred method of generation is to entrain this term or substance into a packed reaction chamber with a 25% aqueous solution of sodium chlorite (NaClO<sub>2</sub>).

- A. Chloramine
- B. Chlorine gas
- C. Chlorine dioxide
- D. None of the above

334. According to the text, which chemical is explosive and can cause fires in feed equipment if leaking solutions or spills are allowed to dry out?

- A. Dry sodium chlorite
- B. Chlorine dioxide
- C. Ammonia
- D. None of the above

335. Chlorine dioxide may be used for either taste or odor control or as a?

- A. Chloramine
- B. Pre-disinfectant
- C. Gas
- D. None of the above

336. Total residual oxidants (including chlorine dioxide and chlorite, but excluding Chlorine dioxide) shall not exceed 0.50 mg/L during normal operation or 0.30 mg/L (including chlorine dioxide, chlorite and chlorate) during periods of extreme variations in the raw water supply.

- A. True
- B. False

### Ozone

337. Ozone is a very effective disinfectant for both Giardia and viruses

- A. True
- B. False

338. When determining Ozone CT (contact time) values must be determined for the ozone basin alone; an accurate \_\_\_\_\_ must be obtained for the contact chamber, and residual levels.

- A. Residual
- B. T10 value
- C. Contact time
- D. None of the above

339. Ozone does not provide a system residual and should be used as a primary disinfectant only in conjunction with?

- A. Dry sodium chlorite
- B. Chlorine dioxide
- C. Free and/or combined chlorine
- D. None of the above

340. Ozone does not produce chlorinated byproducts (such as trihalomethanes) but it may cause an increase in such byproduct formation if it is fed ahead of free chlorine; ozone may also produce its own oxygenated byproducts such as Cl<sub>2</sub> + NH<sub>4</sub>.

- A. True
- B. False

341. Ozonation must include adequate ozone leak detection alarm systems, and an ozone off-gas destruction system.

- A. True
- B. False

### Water Distribution Section System Elements

342. Distribution mains function is to carry water from the water source or treatment works to users, these are the pipelines that make up the?

- A. Arterial system
- B. Distribution tree
- C. Distribution system
- D. None of the above

343. Storage reservoirs are structures used to store water and \_\_\_\_\_ the supply or pressure in the distribution system.

- A. Increase water pressure
- B. Equalize
- C. Provide a reserve pressure for
- D. None of the above

344. Booster stations are used to \_\_\_\_\_ from storage tanks for low-pressure mains.

- A. Increase water pressure
- B. Equalize
- C. Provide a reserve pressure
- D. None of the above

345. According to the text, globe valves should only be used in the Arterial system for main line isolation.

- A. True
- B. False

### **Butterfly Valve**

346. Butterfly valves are rotary type of valves usually found on large transmission lines, and may also have an additional valve beside it known as a \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent water hammer.

- A. Regulator
- B. Bypass
- C. PRV
- D. None of the above

### **Water Distribution Valves**

347. According to the text, at intersections of distribution mains, the number of valves required is normally one less than the number of?

- A. Ties
- B. Radiating mains
- C. Depends on customers
- D. None of the above

348. All buried small- and medium-sized valves shall be installed in the sidewalk for safety.

- A. True
- B. False

349. For large shutoff valves, it may be necessary to surround the valve operator or entire valve within a vault or manhole to allow?

- A. Bluestakes
- B. Dependability
- C. Repair or replacement
- D. None of the above

### **Gate Valves**

350. In the distribution system, gate valves are used when a straight-line flow of fluid and because of easy repair or replacement.

- A. True
- B. False

351. If the valve is wide open, the gate is \_\_\_\_\_ into the valve bonnet.

- A. Fully drawn up
- B. Fully down
- C. Fully closed
- D. None of the above

352. There is little pressure drop or flow restriction through the gate valves; however, the valves are not suitable for?

- A. Pressure drops
- B. Isolation
- C. Throttling purposes
- D. None of the above

353. The valve's control of flow is easy because of the valve's design, and the flow of fluid

- A. True
- B. False

### **Ball Valves**

354. Ball valves should be either fully-on or fully-off, some ball valves also contain a swing check located within the ball to give the valve a check valve feature.

- A. True      B. False

### **Pump and Motor Section**

#### **Common Hydraulic Terms**

355. Which of the following definitions is the engineering science pertaining to liquid pressure and flow?

- A. Hydraulics      C. Hydrokinetics  
B. Hydrology      D. None of the above

356. Which of the following definitions is the pressure exported by the atmosphere at any specific location?

- A. Pressure, Atmospheric      C. Pressure, Gauge  
B. Pressure, Static      D. None of the above

357. Which of the following definitions is pressure above zero absolute, i.e. the sum of atmospheric and gauge pressure?

- A. Pressure, Atmospheric      C. Pressure, Gauge  
B. Pressure, Static      D. None of the above

358. Which of the following definitions is the force per unit area, usually expressed in pounds per square inch?

- A. Pressure, Absolute      C. Pressure, Gauge  
B. Pressure      D. None of the above

359. Which of the following definitions is the pressure differential above or below ambient atmospheric pressure?

- A. Pressure, Absolute      C. Pressure, Gauge  
B. Pressure      D. None of the above

360. Which of the following definitions is height of a column or body of fluid above a given point expressed in linear units?

- A. Head, Friction      C. Head  
B. Head, Static      D. None of the above

361. Which of the following definitions is required to overcome the friction at the interior surface of a conductor and between fluid particles in motion?

- A. Head, Friction      C. Head  
B. Head, Static      D. None of the above

362. Which of the following definitions is the pressure in a fluid at rest?

- A. Head, Friction      C. Head  
B. Pressure, Static      D. None of the above

363. Which of the following definitions is the height of a column or body of fluid above a given point?

- A. Head, Friction      C. Head  
B. Head, Static      D. None of the above

364. Sea level pressure is approximately 2.31 pounds per square inch absolute, 1 bar = .433psi.  
A. True      B. False

### General Pumping Fundamentals

365. Here are the important points to consider about suction piping when the liquid being pumped is below the level of the pump: Sometimes suction lift is also referred to as 'positive suction head'.  
A. True      B. False

366. According to the text, suction lift is when the level of water to be pumped is below the?  
A. Impeller      C. Centerline of the pump  
B. Suction      D. None of the above

### Pumps

367. Pumps are excellent examples of?  
A. Hydrostatics      C. Multi-stage pumps  
B. Quasi-static devices      D. None of the above

368. Positive displacement pumps have a piston (or equivalent) moving in a closely-fitting cylinder and forces are exerted on the fluid by motion of the piston.  
A. True      B. False

369. More complicated pumps have valves check valves that open to allow \_\_\_\_\_, and close automatically to prevent reverse flow.  
A. Pistons      C. Passage in one direction  
B. Diaphragms      D. None of the above

370. According to the text, the force pump has \_\_\_\_\_ in the cylinder, one for supply and the other for delivery.  
A. Two check valves      C. Rotors  
B. Diaphragms      D. None of the above

371. In a positive displacement pump, supply valve opens when the cylinder \_\_\_\_\_, the delivery valve when the cylinder volume decreases.  
A. Volume increases      C. Air space increases  
B. Volume decreases      D. None of the above

372. Diaphragm pumps are force pumps in which the oscillating diaphragm takes the place of the piston.  
A. True      B. False

### Pump Categories

373. The key to understanding a pump's operation is that a pump is to move water and generate the \_\_\_\_\_ we call pressure.  
A. Delivery force      C. Diaphragm pressure  
B. Impeller force      D. None of the above

374. With a centrifugal pump, the pressure is not referred to in pounds per square inch but rather as the equivalent in elevation\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Inward force
- B. Head
- C. Delivery force
- D. None of the above

375. According to the text, pumps may be classified based on the application they serve.

- A. True
- B. False

### Basic Water Pump

376. The centrifugal pumps work by spinning water around in a circle inside a?

- A. Vortex
- B. Cylinder
- C. Cylindrical pump housing
- D. None of the above

377. As the water slows down and its kinetic energy decreases, that water's pressure potential energy increases.

- A. True
- B. False

378. As the water spins, the pressure near the outer edge of the pump housing becomes much lower than near the center of the impeller.

- A. True
- B. False

379. The impeller blades cause the water to move faster and faster.

- A. True
- B. False

380. The impellers may be of either a semi-open or closed type.

- A. True
- B. False

381. According to the text, without an inward force, an object will travel in a straight line and will not complete the?

- A. Circle
- B. Distance
- C. Center
- D. None of the above

382. In a centrifugal pump, the inward force is provided by high-pressure water near the outer edge of the?

- A. Pump housing
- B. Impeller blade(s)
- C. Base
- D. None of the above

383. In the operation of the pump, the water at the edge of the \_\_\_\_\_ inward on the water between the impeller blades and makes it possible for that water to travel in a circle.

- A. Inward force
- B. Pump pushes
- C. Center of the impeller
- D. None of the above

### Venturi (Bernoulli's law):

384. A venturi is a pipe that has a gradual restriction that opens up into a gradual enlargement.

- A. True
- B. False

385. The area of the restriction in a venture will have a \_\_\_\_\_ than the enlarged area ahead of it.

- A. Inward force
- B. Lower pressure
- C. Higher pressure
- D. None of the above

386. Which of the following best describes a pump whose impeller has no vanes but relies on fluid contact with a flat rotating plate turning at high speed to move the liquid?

- A. Submersible
- B. Blower
- C. Viscous drag pump
- D. None of the above

### Types of Water Pumps

387. The water production well industry almost exclusively uses Turbine pumps, which are a type of centrifugal pump.

- A. True
- B. False

388. The most common type of water pumps used for municipal and domestic water supplies are?

- A. Axial flow
- B. Variable displacement pumps
- C. Rotary pumps
- D. None of the above

389. Which of the following will produce at different rates relative to the amount of pressure or lift the pump is working against?

- A. Pump's lifting capacity
- B. Atmospheric pressure
- C. Variable displacement pump
- D. None of the above

390. Impellers are rotated by the pump motor, which provides the \_\_\_\_\_ needed to overcome the pumping head.

- A. Pump's lifting capacity
- B. Atmospheric pressure
- C. Horsepower
- D. None of the above

391. The size and number of stages, horsepower of the motor and \_\_\_\_\_ are the key components relating to the pump's lifting capacity.

- A. Pumping head
- B. Atmospheric pressure
- C. Horsepower
- D. None of the above

392. Which of the following terms are variable displacement pumps that are by far used the most?

- A. Axial flow
- B. Centrifugal pumps
- C. Turbine pumps
- D. None of the above

393. Often an electric motor that is connected to the \_\_\_\_\_ by a keyway and nut.

- A. Drive shaft
- B. Rotor
- C. Sprocket
- D. None of the above

394. Where electricity is not readily available, fuel powered engines may be connected to the drive shaft by a?

- A. Gear
- B. Drive shaft
- C. Right angle drive gear
- D. None of the above

395. Oil and water lubricated systems will have a strainer attached to the \_\_\_\_\_ to prevent sediment from entering the pump.

- A. Intake
- B. Diaphragm
- C. Inboard
- D. None of the above

396. Time delays or ratchet assemblies are often installed on these motors to either prevent the motor from turning on before \_\_\_\_\_ stops or simply not allow it to reverse at all.

- A. Reverse rotation
- B. Keyway and nut
- C. Time delay or ratchet assembly
- D. None of the above

**There are three main types of diaphragm pumps:**

397. In the first type, the \_\_\_\_\_ with one side in the fluid to be pumped, and the other in air or hydraulic fluid.

- A. Vapor bubbles
- B. Chamber pressure
- C. Diaphragm is sealed
- D. None of the above

398. If the diaphragm is flexed, it will cause the volume of the pump chamber to increase and decrease.

- A. True
- B. False

399. A pair of \_\_\_\_\_ prevents reverse flow of the fluid.

- A. Return valves
- B. Diaphragms
- C. Non-return check valves
- D. None of the above

400. The second type of diaphragm pump works with volumetric positive displacement, but differs in that the prime mover of the diaphragm is neither oil nor air; but is?

- A. Electro-mechanical
- B. Chamber pressure
- C. Volumetric positive displacement
- D. None of the above

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