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Subject: Water Quality Control
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NOTE: Answer FIVE Questions Only (Question 1 included)

Q1) A river discharges $1.1 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}$, with $\text{BOD}_5 = 1.2 \text{ mg/l}$, $\text{DO} = 9.5 \text{ mg/l}$, $T = 20^\circ \text{C}$, and $K_2 = 0.3/\text{d}$ at 20°C . A wastewater effluent is discharged to this river at a rate of 600 l/s with a $\text{BOD}_5 = 60 \text{ mg/l}$, $\text{DO} = 2 \text{ mg/l}$, $T = 20^\circ \text{C}$ and $K_1 = 0.1/\text{d}$ at 20°C . If the saturation DO is 10 mg/l , find the minimum dissolved oxygen concentration downstream.

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Q2) A- List briefly the following: (Answer 5 only)

1. A grey water system components
2. Water crisis
3. Advantages of electrodialysis
4. Water pollution signs
5. Limitations of cellulose acetate use as a membrane of reverse osmosis
6. Ion exchange unit requirements

(15 Mark)

B- For an ion exchange process, explain in details the operating cycle.

(5 Mark)

Q3) A- Define the following:

1. Rift lake
2. Electrodialysis Reversal
3. Gray-water reuse
4. pH
5. Wet cooling towers

(10 Mark)

B- Write a mathematical form that express the following (define each parameter):

- 1- Settling velocity.
- 2- Suspended – sediment transport.
- 3- Estimating of landscaped area to be irrigated by grey-water.

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Q4) Show the difference between the following: (Answer 5 only)

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(20 Mark)

Q5) A family has a three bedroom house. If all fixtures of the house are connected. How much area can be irrigated with that grey water? Take $ET = 2$ in/week in July and $PF = 0.8$. (8 Mark)

B- Explain in details the forced – circulation (evaporation) process? (12 Mark)

Q6) Answer with (TRUE) or (FALSE) and correct the false statement:

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- 3- pH value is symbol for hydrogen concentration.
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- 6- The particle will settle down more rapidly in water at high temperatures than at lower temperatures.
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- 8- Saturation DO decreases as salinity increases.
- 9- Agricultural is an example of non-point sources of wastewater inputs to rivers and lakes.
- 10- Distillation is an example of the process that separate water from solution, while ion exchange is an example of the process that separate salt from solution.

(10 Mark)

B – Explain in details with drawing the thermocline in lakes. (10 Mark)

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Typical Answers:- (Water Quality Control) 3rd stage

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Solution: at mixing zone:

$$C = \frac{C_1 Q_1 + C_2 Q_2}{Q_1 + Q_2}$$

$$\text{BOD}_{5 \text{ mix}} = \frac{1.1 \times 1.2 + 0.6 \times 60}{1.1 + 0.6} = 21.95 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\text{DO}_{\text{mix}} = \frac{1.1 \times 9.5 + 0.6 \times 2}{1.1 + 0.6} = 6.85 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$T_{\text{mix}} = 20^\circ \text{C}, \quad K_1 = 0.1/\text{d}, \quad K_2 = 0.3/\text{d}$$

$$L_0 = \frac{\text{BOD}_5}{(1 - 10^{-K_1 t})} = \frac{21.95}{(1 - 10^{-0.1 \times 5})} = 32.1 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$D_0 = 10 - 6.85 = 3.15 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$D_c = \frac{K_1 L_0}{K_2 - K_1} (10^{-K_1 t_c} - 10^{-K_2 t_c}) + D_0 (10^{-K_2 t_c})$$

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$$= \frac{1}{0.3 - 0.1} \log \left[\frac{0.3}{0.1} \left(1 - 3.15 \times \frac{0.3 - 0.1}{0.3 \times 32.1} \right) \right]$$

$$\therefore t_c = 5 \log(3 \times 0.98) = 2.31 \text{ days}$$

$$\therefore D_c = \left[\frac{0.1 \times 32.1}{0.3 - 0.1} \times (10^{-0.1 \times 2.31} - 10^{-0.3 \times 2.31}) \right] + 3.15 (10^{-0.3 \times 2.31})$$

$$\therefore D_c = 6.86 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\therefore \text{DO}_{\text{min}} = 10 - 6.863 = 3.137 \text{ mg/l}$$

Answer

Q2)A- List briefly the following:

1- A grey water system components

- *Plumping system*
- *Surge tank*
- *Filter*
- *Pump*
- *Irrigation system*

2- Water crisis

- *Inadequate access to safe drinking water.*
- *Groundwater over-drafting leading to diminished agricultural yields.*
- *Overuse and pollution of water resources harming biodiversity.*
- *Regional conflicts over scarce water resources sometimes resulting in warfare.*

3- Advantages of electrodialysis

- *All contaminant ions and most dissolved non-ions are removed. Electrodialysis is very effective in removing fluoride and nitrate, and can also remove barium, cadmium and selenium.*
- *Relating insensitive to flow and TDS level.*
- *Low effluent concentration possible.*

4- Water pollution signs

- *Low dissolved oxygen (DO): organic pollution.*
- *Increase of the nutrients, e.g., N and P: agriculture.*
- *Increase of turbidity and its effects on light penetration.*
- *Change in the bed characteristics, e.g., organic matter.*
- *Production or undesirable growth of species, green – blue algae.*
- *Increase in water temperature: power generation, factory.*
- *Existing of toxic substances: industry.*
- *Source of diseases: hospital, laboratory.*

5- Limitations of cellulose acetate use as a membrane of reverse osmosis

- *Feed-water pH must be acidic to prevent membrane hydrolysis. pH = 5 to 7.*
- *Microbial populations must be limited to prevent microbial degradation of membrane.*
- *Process temperatures $\leq 75 - 80^{\circ}\text{F}$ ($23.9 - 26.7^{\circ}\text{C}$) for long membrane life.*

- Projected membrane life is 2-3 year.

6- Ion exchange unit requirements

- High – capacity resins.
- High degree of column utilization.
- High selectivity for exchange ions.
- Efficient regeneration.
- Rapid exchange rates.
- Reasonable production rates.
- Inexpensive spent – brine disposal methods.

Q2) B- For an ion exchange process, explain in details the operating cycle.

1. Service period: Feed-water is passed through the bed with removal of ionized contaminant. As the solution is first fed to the column, it will exchange all its exchangeable ions in a narrow zone of resin near feed point. Then the exchange region will move through the column until the entire resin is exhausted. The service period is ended before complete exhaustion.
 2. Backwash mode: the water is passed up through the column to remove any foreign matter and to reclassify the resin particles.
 3. Regeneration period: regenerant solution is pumped down through the bed, displacing undesirable ions from the resin and restoring it to its original condition.
 4. Rinse period: Feed-water is used to displace spent regenerant remaining in the bed.
- An IX processing unit would consist of several columns. The columns would be cycled in different operational phases, to ensure continuous product water.

Q3) A- Define the following:

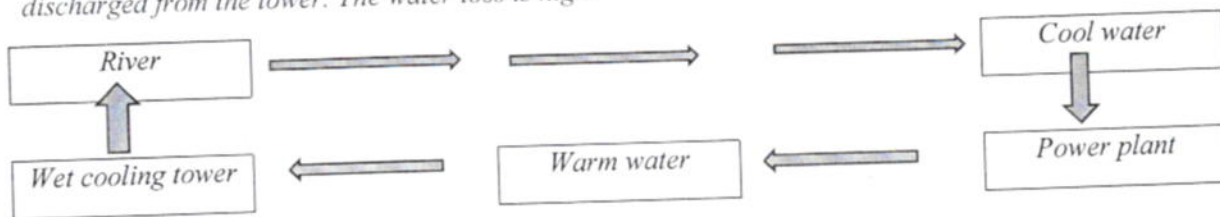
1. Rift Lake A lake which forms as a result of subsidence along a geological fault in the earth's tectonic plates. Examples includes the Lake Baikal in Siberia.

2. Electrodialysis Reversal it is an electrodialysis reversal process that has been commercially used since 1960. The direction of ion flow is reversed by reversing the polarity applied electric current. A reversal of the charge on the membranes, helps to flush the attached ions from the membrane surface, thus extending the time between cleanings.

3. Gray-water reuse Is waters from hand basin, shower, bath, clothes washing machine, laundry tub, dishwasher and kitchen sink, not from toilet and urinal. These wastewaters can be separately collected and used for beneficial purposes.

4. pH The logarithm of the reciprocal of the hydrogen ion concentration. Water with a pH of 7 is neutral at room temperature. A pH greater than 7 indicates alkaline and pH less than 7 indicates acidic water.

5. Wet cooling towers Wet cooling towers may use mechanical means of maintaining an air flow past the heated water or may use natural draft. The principal advantage of them is less land area but with high expensive. Also there may be problems with localized icing or fog caused by the heated moist air discharged from the tower. The water loss is high.



B- Write a mathematical form that express the following (define each parameter):

1- Settling velocity.

$$w = \frac{2(\rho_p - \rho_f)gr^2}{9\mu}$$

Where, w = settling velocity

ρ = density (the subscripts p and f indicate particle and fluid respectively)

g = acceleration due to gravity

r = radius of particle

μ = dynamic viscosity

2- Suspended – sediment transport.

$$Q_s = KQ^n$$

Where:

Q_s = suspended – sediment transport,

Q = stream flow,

n = constant (2.3).

K = Intercept when $Q = 1$.

3- Estimating of landscaped area to be irrigated by grey-water.

$$A = \frac{Q}{(ET \times PF \times 0.62)}$$

Where:

A = landscape area, ft^2

Q = estimated grey-water produced, g/week

ET = evapotranspiration, in/week

PF = plant factor

0.62 = conversion factor (from inches of ET to g/week)

Q4) Show the difference between the following: (Answer 5 only)

1- Point sources and Non-point sources of wastewater inputs to rivers.

Point sources: they are well defined point of discharge and continuous. E.g., municipal and industrial wastewater.

Non-point sources: the origin of the discharge is diffuse (not well-defined location) and change with time. E.g., agriculture, atmosphere, groundwater, urban runoff (it enter water body through a large number of smaller drainage pipes).

2- Advantages and disadvantages of aquatic weeds.

Advantages of weeds: (1) sources of energy; (2) fertilizer; (3) treatment of sewage; and (4) food for fish.

Disadvantages of weeds: (1) color and taste; (2) toxic substances; and (3) clogging of filters.

3- De-stratification and re-aeration.

De-stratification: totally mixing the two layers so that the temperature is constant and the DO constant uniform throughout the reservoir by jetting water.

Re-aeration: introducing compressed air or oxygen in the lower depth of the lake at a very low pressure.

4- Autumn overturn and spring overturn.

Autumn overturn: the top layer of the lake begin to cool. The cooled water is denser and starts to sink until a single homogeneous layer occurs.

Spring overturn: the frozen lake melts, warms, an unstable situation arises.

5- Sheet erosion and gully erosion.

Sheet erosion: diffuse for a larger area and the velocity of moving runoff is responsible for sediment.

Control – by land treatment.

Gully erosion: massive gouges from high velocity flow for uncovered soil. Control – by structural measures.

6- Sedimentation and currents in self purification process.

Sedimentation: suspended solids, which may take DO, are removed by settling. This improves the water quality instantly.

Currents: they assist in dispersion of the wastewater in the streams. Low velocity may permit sedimentation of suspended solids, formation of sludge banks and production of odors. High velocity improves re-aeration, reducing the recovery time, but may increase the length of stream affected by waste.

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Solution:

The system must be designed for a minimum of four people

Each occupant produce = $25 + 15 = 40$ g/d

Total grey-water = $40 \times 4 = 160$ g/day.

160×7 days = 1120 g/week

$$\therefore A = \frac{Q}{(ET \times PF \times 0.62) \times 1120}$$

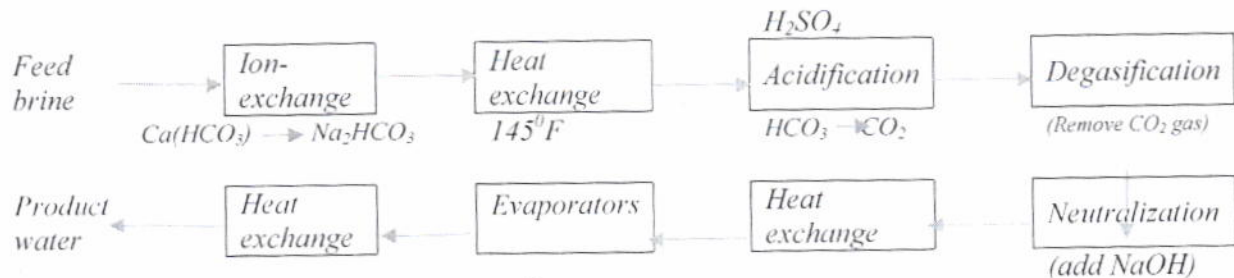
$$\therefore A = \frac{1120}{(2 \times 0.8 \times 0.62)}$$

Answer

$= 1129 \text{ ft}^2$

B- Explain in details the forced – circulation (evaporation) process?

Feed water exchange its calcium for sodium in a conventional ion exchange unit. This is because the feed water contains calcium and magnesium bicarbonates. Bicarbonates decompose thermally to form a scale of calcium carbonate and magnesium hydroxide on heat – exchange surface. Feed water is then heat to 1450F (62.50C) by heat exchange with product water and waste. Then followed by acidification to break down bicarbonates to carbon dioxide. Then carbon dioxide and dissolved gases are removed under vacuum in the degasifier. Then water is neutralized and further heated by exchange with product water and waste. Then heated water is introduced into evaporator system
250 Lb water recirculated for every 1 Lb water vaporized.



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B – Explain in details with drawing the thermocline in lakes.

Throughout the winter lakes exhibit an isothermal vertical profile. The water is well – mixed layer. As summer begins, the upper layers warm first. The temperature is a function of depth, z and the time, t . By mid-summer a temperature profile. The lake is divided into two layers (stratified): a warmer upper

layer (Epilimnion) overlying a cooler layer (Hypolimnion). The interface is known as the Thermocline, where a rapid change of temperature (Metalimnion). It presents a physical barrier between the two layers. It transmits mixing of momentum, heat, DO, etc.

