Certification Boulevard



Test Your Knowledge of Collections & Distribution - answer key

True or False

- 1. The natural slope of a pipe is called the "angle of repose?" *True*
- 2. When a flap gate is mounted in a pipe, the flow will be allowed to travel in both directions? *False: A flap gate allows flow to travel in only one direction.*
- Oxidizing chemicals like ammonia and sulfuric acid are used to counteract the corrosion caused by hydrogen sulfide in collection systems and pumping stations?
 False: The most common oxidizing chemicals to minimize corrosion caused by hydrogen sulfide are chlorine and hydrogen peroxide.
- Waste leaking out of a collection system pipe, and into the environment, is called infiltration.
 False: This is known as "Exfiltration."

Multiple Choice

- 5. Given the following data, how many cubic yards of backfill will be required to fill a trench?
 - 6.75 feet wide
 - 125 feet long
 - 8.5 feet deep
 - a. 7,172 yd³
 - b. 959 yd^3
 - c. 36 yd^3
 - d. 266 yd^3

6.75 feet wide x 125 feet long x 8.5 feet deep ÷ 27 cubic feet per cubic yard

- 6. What type of machine is used to construct collection system pipelines when they are too deep for trench excavations?
 - a. Pig
 - b. TV Device
 - c. Boring Machine
 - d. Backhoe Machine

- 7. Which type of sewer system contains both sanitary wastewater and storm water?
 - a. Domestic wastewater system
 - b. <u>Combined sewer system</u>
 - c. Separate collection system
 - d. Sewer system evaluation survey
- 8. Given the following data, how long will it take for wastewater to flood a wet well if the wet well is empty and the pumping station fails?
 - 450 feet of 10" forcemain pipe entering the wet well
 - wet well diameter is 10 feet
 - bottom elevation of wet well is 78.5 feet
 - top elevation of wet well is 89.4 feet
 - flow entering wet well at 75 cfm
 - a. 2.1 hours
 - b. <u>11.4 minutes</u>
 - c. 9.35 minutes
 - d. 1.4 hours

Detention Time, minutes = Wet Well Capacity, $ft^3 \div Flow$, cfm (0.785 x d^2) x (89.4 ft - 78.5 ft) \div 75 cfm 78.5 ft² x 10.9 ft \div 75 cfm 855.65 ft³ \div 75 cfm = 11.4 minutes

- 9. What is the minimum velocity in a sanitary sewer pipeline necessary to prevent settling of solids and debris?
 - a. 1 fps
 - b. 0.5 fps
 - c. <u>2 fps</u>
 - d. 2 fpm
- 10. Given the following data, what is the capacity of this wet well?
 - flow entering is 155 gpm
 - frequency and duration of flow is 4 minutes every 10 minutes
 - detention time is 1.2 hours
 - a. 169,280 gals
 - b. 0.08928 mg
 - c. <u>4,464 gals</u>
 - d. 0.0744 mg

Q, mgd ÷24 hrs/day x D.T., hrs = Volume, mg Q = 24 mins/hr x 24 hrs/day = 576 mins/day x 155 gpm = 89,280 gpd 0.08928 mgd ÷24 hrs/day x 1.2 hrs = 0.004464 mg x 1,000,000 = 4,464 gals