



Certification Boulevard

Test Your Knowledge of Various Wastewater Process Topics



1. In which form are nutrients better utilized by microorganisms in a biological treatment process?
 - A. Particulate
 - B. Solid
 - C. Gaseous
 - D. Soluble
2. Which of the following best describes the term anoxic?
 - A. High dissolved oxygen is present
 - B. Nearly anaerobic; very low dissolved oxygen but nitrates and/or nitrites are present
 - C. Completely anaerobic; no dissolved oxygen, nitrates, or nitrites.
 - D. Nitrates are very low
3. What is a typical RAS to Q ratio for an extended aeration activated sludge process?
 - A. 10% to 25%
 - B. 25% to 50%
 - C. 1% to 2%
 - D. 75% to 100%
4. Which adjustment will create an increased contact time in the aeration tank?
 - A. Lower the weir
 - B. Increase the air supply rate
 - C. Decrease the WAS rate
 - D. Decrease the RAS rate
5. What adjustment(s) may help if solids are rising in the secondary clarifier accompanied by large septic gas bubbles?
 - A. Increase aeration D.O.
 - B. Decrease RAS rate
 - C. Decrease WAS rate
 - D. Decrease aeration D.O.
 - E. Increase RAS rate
 - F. Both "a & e"

6. What happens to the activity rate of activated sludge microorganisms as the wastewater temperature increases by 10°C?
- A. It triples
 - B. It doubles
 - C. It remains the same
 - D. It is cut in half
7. Which term is most related to vector attraction reduction in an aerobic digester?
- A. Settleometer
 - B. Pathogen
 - C. SOUR
 - D. F/M
8. What are the two (2) reaction forming stages of anaerobic digestion?
- A. Foam and oxygen
 - B. Acid and methane
 - C. Volatile solids and total solids
 - D. Nitrogen and methanol
9. What does the term aliquot mean:
- A. Composite sample
 - B. Grab sample
 - C. The total volume of sample
 - D. A portion of a sample
10. What does the term loading refer to in the activated sludge process?
- A. Pounds of MLVSS under aeration
 - B. cfm of air supplied to the aeration tank
 - C. Pounds of CBOD₅ entering the aeration tank
 - D. Amount of waste sludge removed from the system

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