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ANSWER KEY ➤

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| 1. (c) | 7. (d) | 13. (a) | 19. (a) | 25. (d) |
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DETAILED EXPLANATIONS

1. (c)

Nitrite : Color induced by addition of sulphonic acid and naphthamine.

Nitrate: Color induced by addition of phenol di-sulphonic acid and KOH.

Fluoride: Color induced by addition of zirconium and alizarine.

2. (c)

Density before compaction = 110 kg/m^3

Area of landfill site = 1 m^3

Let thickness of waste before compaction = $x \text{ m}$

\therefore Total weight of waste = $110x \text{ kg}$

Total weight of waste after compaction = $400 \times 1 \times 0.14 = 56 \text{ kg}$

\therefore Total weight of waste remains the same

$\therefore 110x = 56$

$\Rightarrow x = 0.509 \simeq 0.51 \text{ m}$

3. (a)

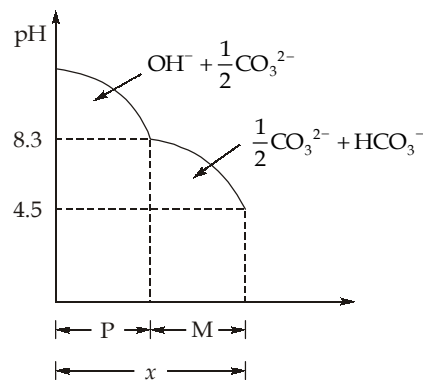
Heterotrophs: Derive both energy and material from organic compounds.

Autotrophs: Derive both energy and mass from inorganic compounds.

Phototrophs: Derive energy from sunlight.

4. (b)

Titration curve



For caustic and carbonate alkalinity as predominant species, the following relation needs to be satisfied,

$$P > \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow P > \frac{P + M}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2P > P + M$$

$$\Rightarrow P > M$$

5. (c)

According to national board of fire under writers formula,

$$\begin{aligned}
 F_D &= 4637\sqrt{P}(1 - 0.01\sqrt{P}) \text{ l/min} \quad (\text{where } P \text{ is in thousand}) \\
 &= 4637\sqrt{200}(1 - 0.01\sqrt{200}) = 56303 \text{ l/min} \\
 &= \frac{56303}{10^3 \times 60} = 0.938 \text{ m}^3/\text{s}
 \end{aligned}$$

6. (d)

$$\text{Alkalinity} = \frac{500}{2} \text{ mg/l} = 250 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\text{Hardness} = \frac{450}{2} \text{ mg/l} = 225 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Carbonate hardness} &= \min. \{ \text{Alkalinity, Hardness} \} \\
 &= 225 \text{ mg/l}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Non-carbonate hardness} &= \text{Hardness} - \text{Carbonate hardness} \\
 &= 225 - 225 = 0 \text{ mg/l}
 \end{aligned}$$

 \therefore Non-carbonate hardness is zero.

7. (d)

$$\text{SVI} = \frac{V_{ob}(\text{ml/l})}{X_{ob}(\text{mg/l})} = \frac{V_{ob}}{X_{ob}} \times 100 \text{ ml/g}$$

$$V_{ob} = \text{Settled volume sludge per liter}$$

$$= \frac{850}{2} = 425 \text{ ml/l}$$

$$V_{ob} = 3000 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\text{SVI} = \frac{425}{3000} \times 1000 = 141.667 \simeq 142 \text{ ml/g}$$

8. (c)

$$\text{Velocity gradient, } G = \sqrt{\frac{P}{\mu V}}$$

$$\text{Power input per unit volume } \left(\frac{P}{V} \right) = 600 \text{ W}$$

$$\therefore G = \sqrt{\frac{600}{10^{-3}}} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow G = 774.597 \text{ sec}^{-1} = 774.597 \times 60 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow G = 46475.8 \text{ min}^{-1}$$

9. (c)

| Dilution ration | Treatment |
|-----------------|--|
| 1. > 500 | No treatment required |
| 2. 300 - 500 | Plain sedimentation |
| 3. 150 - 300 | Sedimentation (SS < 60 ppm) |
| 4. < 150 | Complete treatment (SS < 30 ppm; BOD < 20 ppm) |

10. (b)

$$k = \frac{[\text{HOCl}]}{[\text{H}^+][\text{OCl}^-]}$$

Here concentration is in moles/litre

$$10^{7.4} = \frac{[\text{HOCl}]}{[10^{-7.4}][\text{OCl}^-]}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\text{HOCl}] = [\text{OCl}^-]$$

Free residual chlorine = $[\text{HOCl}] + [\text{OCl}^-]$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2 \times 10^{-3}}{2 \times 35} = [\text{HOCl}] + [\text{OCl}^-]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2.857 \times 10^{-5} = 2[\text{OCl}^-]$$

$$\Rightarrow [\text{OCl}^-] = 1.429 \times 10^{-5} \text{ moles/litre}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\text{OCl}^-] = 1.429 \times 10^{-5} \times 51 \times 10^3 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\Rightarrow [\text{OCl}^-] = 0.729 \text{ mg/l}$$

11. (b)

General equation of kinetics is

$$\frac{dC_A}{dt} = -kC_A^n$$

Order = 2

$$\therefore \int_{C_0}^{C_t} \frac{dC_A}{C_A^2} = \int_0^t -k dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{C_0} - \frac{1}{C_t} \right) = -kt$$

Given, $C_0 = 0.25 \text{ mg/l}$, $k = 0.5 \text{ per day}$, $t = 2 \text{ days}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{C_t} = \frac{1}{0.25} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C_t = 0.2 \text{ mg/l}$$

12. (b)

Given: $P = 30000$, $R = 1$

Quantity of domestic sewage produced per day

$$= \frac{30000 \times 130}{1 \times 10^6} = 3.9 \text{ MLD}$$

Total BOD of sewage = $3.9 \times 250 = 975 \text{ kg/day}$

Out of this BOD, 36% is already removed in PST.

\therefore BOD to be removed in filter = $0.64 \times 975 = 624 \text{ kg/day}$

$$\text{Volume of filter media required} = \frac{\text{Total BOD to be removed}}{\text{Organic loading}} = \frac{624}{10000} \times 10^4 = 624 \text{ m}^3$$

$$\text{Recirculation factor, } F = \frac{1+R}{(1+0.1R)^2} = \frac{1+1}{(1+0.1 \times 1)^2} = 1.65$$

Efficiency of this filter is given by

$$\eta = \frac{100}{1 + 0.44 \sqrt{\frac{Q_o y_1}{V \times F}}} = \frac{100}{1 + 0.44 \sqrt{\frac{624}{624 \times 1.65}}} = 74.5\%$$

13. (a)

Critical oxygen deficit is given by,

$$\left(\frac{L_o}{D_c f} \right)^{f-1} = f \left[1 - (f-1) \frac{D_o}{L_o} \right]$$

$$f = \frac{k_R}{k_D} = \frac{0.05}{0.03} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\left(\frac{12}{D_c \times \frac{5}{3}} \right)^{2/3} = \frac{5}{3} \left[1 - \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{5}{12} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow D_c = 5.45 \text{ mg/l}$$

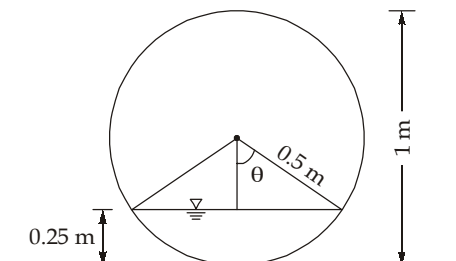
$$D_c = \frac{k_D L_o}{k_R} e^{-k_D t_C}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{5.45 \times 0.05}{0.03 \times 12} = e^{-0.03 t_C}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.03 t_C = 0.2784$$

$$\Rightarrow t_C = 9.28 \text{ days}$$

14. (b)



$$\cos \theta = \frac{0.5 - 0.25}{0.5} = \frac{0.25}{0.5} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\text{Cross-sectional area of flow, } A = r^2 \left[\theta - \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow A = (0.5^2) \left[\frac{\pi}{3} - \left\{ \sin \left(2 \times \frac{\pi}{3} \right) \right\} \frac{1}{2} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{1}{4} \left[\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \right]$$

$$A = 0.1535 \text{ m}^2$$

$$\text{Wetted perimeter of flow} = r (2\theta)$$

$$= 0.5 \times 2 \times \frac{\pi}{3} = 1.047 \text{ m}$$

$$\therefore \text{Hydraulic radius} = \frac{A}{P} = \frac{0.1535}{1.047} = 0.147 \text{ m}$$

15. (c)

$$\text{Settling velocity, } V_s = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{4}{3} g d (G - 1)}{C_D}} = \sqrt{\frac{\frac{4}{3} \times 9.81 \times 0.6 \times 10^{-3} \times 1.4}{5}} = 0.0469 \text{ m/s}$$

$$\text{Head loss through the original medium} = \text{Head loss through the expanded medium}$$

$$\therefore \text{Head loss through original medium} = (G - 1) (1 - n) d$$

$$= 1.4 \times (1 - 0.55) \times 0.54$$

$$= 0.3402 \text{ m} \simeq 0.34 \text{ m}$$

16. (d)

$$\eta = 60\%$$

$$\text{Moisture content} = 96\%$$

$$\therefore \text{Solids content} = 4\%$$

$$S_{\text{solid}} = 1.2$$

$$\therefore \frac{100}{S_{\text{sludge}}} = \frac{\% \text{ solid}}{S_{\text{solid}}} + \frac{\% \text{ water}}{S_{\text{water}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{100}{S_{\text{sludge}}} = \frac{4}{1.2} + \frac{96}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{\text{sludge}} = 1.0067$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume of sludge produced, } V &= \frac{100}{100 - P} \times \frac{M}{\rho_{\text{sludge}}} = \frac{100}{100 - 96} \times \frac{0.6 \times 300 \times 10}{1006.7} \\ &= 44.7 \text{ m}^3 \end{aligned}$$

17. (c)

Concentration of gas = 2.8 ppm

 $\Rightarrow 10^6 \text{ m}^3 \text{ air holds } 2.8 \text{ m}^3 \text{ gas}$ $\Rightarrow 1 \text{ m}^3 \text{ air holds } 2.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3 \text{ gas}$ \therefore Ideal gas law is valid, $\therefore PV = nRT$

$$P = 2 \text{ atm}$$

$$V = 2.8 \times 10^{-6} \text{ m}^3$$

$$T = 294 \text{ K}$$

$$R = 82.05 \times 10^{-6} \text{ atm m}^3/\text{mol. K}$$

$$\therefore 2 \times 2.8 \times 10^{-6} = n \times 82.05 \times 10^{-6} \times 294$$

$$n = 2.32146 \times 10^{-4} \text{ mol}$$

(Note: The concentration is asked in 1 m^3 of air)

$$\therefore n = 2.32146 \times 10^{-4} \times (10^{-2} \times 10^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 2.32146 \times 10^2 \mu \text{ mol}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 232.146 \mu \text{ mol} \simeq 232.15 \mu \text{ mol/m}^3$$

 $\Rightarrow 1 \text{ m}^3$ of air has 232.146 ($\simeq 232.15$) $\mu \text{ mol}$ of gas.

18. (a)

$$G = 2.5, h_L = 0.6 \text{ m/m}$$

 η_e is the porosity of expanded bed

$$h_L = D(1 - \eta_e)(G - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{h_L}{D} = (1 - \eta_e)(2.5 - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{0.6}{1.5} = 1 - \eta_e$$

$$\Rightarrow \eta_e = 0.6$$

$$\text{Now, } \eta_e = \left(\frac{V_B}{V_s} \right)^{0.22}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_B = (0.6)^{1/0.22} \times V_s$$

$$V_B = 0.392 \text{ cm/s} \simeq 3.92 \text{ mm/sec}$$

19. (a)

| Component | % by mass | % Moisture | Energy (kJ/kg) | Dry (mass(kg)) | Total Energy (kJ) |
|-----------------|-----------|------------|----------------|----------------|-------------------|
| Food waste | 20 | 70 | 4650 | 6 | 93000 |
| Paper | 40 | 6 | 16750 | 37.6 | 670000 |
| Card board | 15 | 5 | 16300 | 14.25 | 244500 |
| Plastics | 7.5 | 2 | 32600 | 7.35 | 244500 |
| Garden trimming | 7.5 | 60 | 6500 | 3 | 48750 |
| Wood | 5 | 20 | 18600 | 4 | 93000 |
| Tin cans | 5 | 3 | 700 | 4.85 | 3500 |
| Total | | | | 77.05 | |

$$\text{Moisture content} = \left(\frac{100 - 77.05}{100} \right) \times 100 = 22.95\%$$

$$\text{Unit energy content} = \frac{\text{Total energy}}{\text{Total weight}} = \frac{1397250}{100} = 13972.50 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

∴ Energy content on ash-free dry basis

$$= 13972.50 \left(\frac{100}{100 - 22.95 - 5} \right) = 19392.78 \text{ kJ/kg}$$

20. (c)

Efficiency of trickling filter,

$$\eta = \frac{250 - 100}{250} \times 100 = 60\%$$

Now, as per NRC equation,

$$\eta = \frac{100}{1 + 0.44\sqrt{OLR}} \quad (\text{OLR is in kg/m}^3/\text{day})$$

$$\Rightarrow 60 = \frac{100}{1 + 0.44\sqrt{OLR}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 0.44\sqrt{OLR} = \frac{100}{60}$$

$$\Rightarrow OLR = 2.2957 \text{ kg/m}^3/\text{d}$$

But $OLR = \frac{\text{kg of BOD entering the filter/day}}{\text{Volume of the filter (V)}}$

$$\Rightarrow V = \frac{250 \text{ mg/l} \times 20 \times 10^6 \text{ l/d}}{2.2957 \text{ kg/m}^3/\text{d} \times 10^6 \text{ mg/kg}} = 2177.98 \text{ m}^3 \simeq 2178 \text{ m}^3$$

21. (c)

$$d = 0.05 \text{ mm} = 0.05 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m}$$

$$G_s = 2.65$$

$$\eta = 88\%$$

$$\nu = 10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}$$

Settling velocity as per Stoke's law is,

$$V_s = \frac{g}{18} (G_s - 1) \frac{d^2}{\nu}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_s = \frac{9.81}{18} \text{ m/s}^2 (2.65 - 1) \times \frac{(0.05 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m})^2}{10^{-6} \text{ m}^2/\text{s}}$$

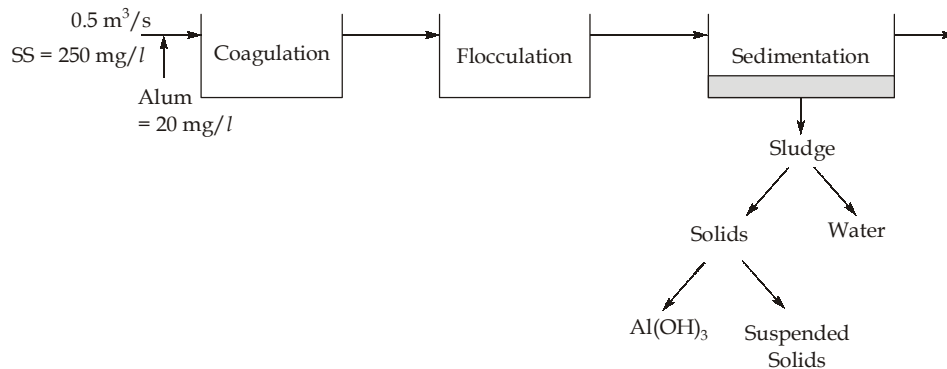
$$= 2.248 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/s} = 2.248 \text{ mm/s}$$

$$\eta = \frac{V_s}{V_0} \times 100$$

$$\Rightarrow 88\% = \frac{2.248}{V_0} \times 100$$

$$\Rightarrow V_0 = 2.5545 \text{ mm/s} \simeq 2.55 \text{ mm/s}$$

22. (b)



Quantity of suspended solids settled per day

$$= \frac{(250 \text{ mg/l} \times 0.75) \times 0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \times 86400 \text{ s/d} \times 10^3 \text{ l/m}^3}{10^6 \text{ mg/kg}}$$

$$= 8100 \text{ kg/d}$$

1g of alum produces 0.234 g of Al(OH)_3 precipitation

$$\Rightarrow 20 \text{ mg/l of alum will produce} = \frac{0.234}{1} \times 20 = 4.68 \text{ mg/l of } \text{Al(OH)}_3 \text{ precipitate}$$

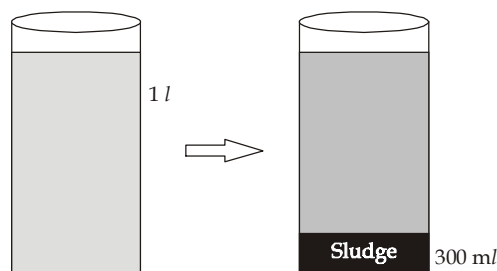
$$\text{Quantity of } \text{Al(OH)}_3 \text{ settled/day} = \frac{4.68 \text{ mg/l} \times 0.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{s} \times 86400 \text{ s/d} \times 10^3 \text{ l/m}^3}{10^6 \text{ mg/kg}}$$

$$= 202.176 \text{ kg/d}$$

$$\therefore \text{Total quantity of solids settled/day} = 8100 + 202.176 = 8302.176 \text{ kg/d} \approx 8300 \text{ kg/d}$$

23. (d)

When 300 ml of sludge is dried it is found to have a mass of 3.2 g.

 \therefore 3.2g solids are present in 300 ml sample.

$$\therefore \text{SDI (Sludge Density Index)} = \frac{1}{\text{Sludge volume index (SVI)}}$$

$$= \frac{3.2}{300} \text{ g/mL}$$

$$= \frac{3.2}{300} \times 10^3 \text{ mg/mL}$$

$$= 10.67 \text{ mg/mL}$$

24. (c)

From Chick Waston model,

$$t_1 C_1^{n_1} = t_2 C_2^{n_2}$$

Given,

$$n_1 = n_2 = 1$$

t_1 and $t_2 \rightarrow$ Time of contact

C_1 and $C_2 \rightarrow$ Concentration of chlorine

$$\text{For one day, } C_1 = \frac{30 \text{ kg}}{20 \text{ Ml}} = \frac{30 \times 10^6 \text{ mg}}{20 \times 10^6 \text{ l}} = 1.5 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\therefore 10 \text{ min} \times 1.5 \text{ mg/l} = 12 \text{ min} \times C_2$$

$$\Rightarrow C_2 = 1.25 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\therefore \text{Total quantity of chlorine required} = 1.25 \text{ mg/l} \times 30 \times 10^6 \text{ l/d} = 37.5 \text{ kg/d}$$

25. (d)

DO of diluted sample at $t = 0$

$$= \frac{4 \times 0.5 + 96 \times 4}{100} = 3.86 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$\text{BOD}_5 = (3.86 - 0.8) \times \frac{100}{4} = 76.5 \text{ mg/l}$$

$$L_0 = \frac{L_t}{1 - 10^{-k_D t}} = \frac{76.5}{1 - 10^{-0.12 \times 5}} = 102.16 \text{ mg/l}$$

26. (c)

$$y_2 = 100 \text{ mg/l}; \quad t_2 = 2 \text{ days}$$

$$y_4 = 175 \text{ mg/l}; \quad t_4 = 4 \text{ days}$$

$$k_D = ?$$

$$y_2 = y_0 (1 - e^{-k_D t_2})$$

$$y_4 = y_0 (1 - e^{-k_D t_4})$$

$$\frac{y_2}{y_4} = \frac{1 - e^{-k_D 2}}{1 - e^{-k_D 4}}$$

$$\frac{100}{175} = \frac{1 - e^{-2k_D}}{1 - e^{-4k_D}}$$

$$1.75 - 1.75x = 1 - x^2$$

$$x^2 - 1.75x + 0.75 = 0$$

$$x = 1, 0.75$$

when

$$x = 1$$

$$e^{-2k_D} = 1$$

\Rightarrow

$$k_D = 0$$

when,

$$x = 0.75$$

$$e^{-2k_D} = 0.75$$

$$k_D = 0.1438 \text{ day}^{-1}$$

27. (d)

28. (a)

$$\text{Percentage removal} = \frac{V'_s}{V_s} \times 100$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given,} \quad V'_s &= 0.92 V_s \\ &= 0.92 \times \text{Overflow rate} \end{aligned}$$

$$V'_s = \frac{0.92 \times 35}{86400} \text{ m/s}$$

$$\frac{(G-1)gd^2}{18\nu} = \frac{0.92 \times 35}{86400}$$

$$\begin{aligned} d &= \sqrt{\frac{0.92 \times 35 \times 18\nu}{86400 \times (G-1) \times g}} = \sqrt{\frac{0.92 \times 35 \times 18 \times 1.1 \times 10^{-6}}{86400 \times 1.7 \times 9.81}} \\ &= 2.1035 \times 10^{-5} \text{ m} \\ &= 21.035 \mu\text{m} \simeq 21.04 \end{aligned}$$

29. (c)

$$\text{Minimum chimney height} = h = 14(Q_s)^{1/3}$$

$$\text{where,} \quad Q_s = \text{SO}_2 \text{ emission in kg/hr}$$

$$\therefore Q_s = \frac{4536 \text{ kg}}{7 \times 24} = 27 \text{ kg/hr}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore h &= 14 \times (27)^{1/3} \\ &= 14 \times 3 \\ &= 42 \text{ m} \end{aligned}$$

30. (b)

This is a case of confined aquifer. Using Theim's formula

$$Q = \frac{2\pi KH(S_1 - S_2)}{2.3 \log_{10} \frac{r_2}{r_1}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 0.2 = \frac{2 \times 3.14 \times K \times 15 \times (5 - 3)}{2.3 \times \log_{10} \left(\frac{50}{10} \right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow K = 1.7077 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/sec} \simeq 1.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/sec}$$

