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### Collection Rules and Regulation Section

#### Clean Water Act (Rule) Summary

#### 33 U.S.C. s/s 1251 et seq. (1977)

1. Which of the following has clarified and expanded permit requirements under the Clean Water Act for 19,000 municipal sanitary sewer collection systems in order to reduce sanitary sewer overflows?

- A. OSHA
- B. Clean water legislation
- C. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- D. None of the above

2. The requirements will help communities improve some of water quality standards—by requiring facilities to develop and implement new capacity, management, operation, and maintenance programs and public notification programs.

- A. True
- B. False

3. The Clean Water Act is a \_\_\_\_\_ amendment to the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972, which set the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants to waters of the United States.

- A. 1977
- B. 1999
- C. 2009
- D. None of the above

4. Which of the following gave the authority to set effluent standards on an industry basis and continued the requirements to set water quality standards for all contaminants in surface waters?

- A. EPA
- B. Congress
- C. Public notification program(s)
- D. None of the above

5. The \_\_\_\_\_ makes it unlawful for any person to discharge any pollutant from a point source into navigable waters unless a permit (NPDES) is obtained under the Act?

- A. CWA
- B. EPA
- C. OSHA
- D. None of the above

6. The CWA provisions for the delegation by EPA of many permitting, administrative, and enforcement aspects of the law to state governments. In \_\_\_\_\_ with the authority to implement CWA programs, the EPA still retains oversight responsibilities.

- A. POTW's areas
- B. Some counties
- C. States
- D. None of the above

7. Which of the following's primary objective is to restore and maintain the integrity of the nation's waters?
- A. Clean Water Act
  - B. Clean water legislation
  - C. EPA oversight responsibilities
  - D. None of the above

**The Future**

8. All Americans will enjoy clean water that is safe for fishing and swimming. We will achieve a net gain of wetlands by preventing additional losses and restoring hundreds of thousands of acres of wetlands.
- A. True
  - B. False

**Prohibited Discharge Standards May Not be in Text**

9. Which of the following of any pollutants released at a flow rate and/or concentration which will cause interference with the POTW?
- A. Pass through
  - B. Discharge(s)
  - C. Flow rate and/or concentration
  - D. None of the above

10. Discharges of petroleum oil, non-biodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral oil origin in amounts that will cause?
- A. Interference or pass through
  - B. Discharge or discharges
  - C. Eight categories of pollutant discharges
  - D. None of the above

11. Which of the following which result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the POTW in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems?
- A. Categorical pretreatment standards
  - B. Pass through
  - C. Discharge(s)
  - D. None of the above

12. Which of the following, except at discharge points designated by the POTW?
- A. Interference or pass through
  - B. Discharge or discharges
  - C. Discharges of trucked or hauled pollutants
  - D. None of the above

**What are Sanitary Sewer Overflows?**

13. Sanitary Sewer Overflows (SSOs) are discharges of raw sewage from?
- A. Deteriorating Sewer Systems
  - B. Pipe Failure(s)
  - C. Municipal sanitary sewer systems
  - D. None of the above

14. Which of the following can release untreated sewage into basements or out of manholes and onto city streets, playgrounds, and into streams before it can reach a treatment facility?
- A. Pipe Failure(s)
  - B. Destructive compounds
  - C. SSOs
  - D. None of the above

**Why do Sewers Overflow?**

15. Which of the following occasionally occur in almost every sewer system, even though systems are intended to collect and contain all the sewage?
- A. SSOs
  - B. Undersized Systems
  - C. Poor sewer collection system management
  - D. None of the above

**Problems that Can Cause Chronic SSOs Include:**

16. Which of the following is too much rainfall or snowmelt infiltrating through the ground into leaky sanitary sewers?
- A. Infiltration and Inflow (I&I)
  - B. Destructive compounds
  - C. Sanitary Sewer Overflows or (SSOs)
  - D. None of the above

17. Which of the following represents sewers and pumps are too small to carry sewage from newly-developed subdivisions or commercial areas?

- A. Undersized Systems
- B. Sewer Service Connections
- C. Oversized Systems
- D. None of the above

18. Which of the following: blocked, broken or cracked pipes, tree roots grow into the sewer, sections of pipe settle or shift?

- A. Deteriorating Sewer System
- B. Pipe Failure(s)
- C. Badly connected sewer service lines
- D. None of the above

19. Which of the following discharges occur at sewer service connections to houses and other buildings; some cities estimate that as much as 60% of overflows comes from the service lines?

- A. Undersized Systems
- B. Sewer Service Connections
- C. Back-ups and sewer overflows
- D. None of the above

20. Which of the following is improper installation, improper maintenance; widespread problems that can be expensive to fix develop over time?

- A. Deteriorating Sewer System
- B. Sanitary Sewer Overflows or (SSOs)
- C. Badly connected sewer service lines
- D. None of the above

#### **Why are SSOs a Problem?**

21. Many municipalities have asked for national consistency in the way permits are considered for wastewater discharges, including \_\_\_\_\_, and in enforcement of the law prohibiting unpermitted discharges.

- A. Deteriorating Sewer System
- B. SSOs
- C. Badly connected sewer service lines
- D. None of the above

#### **Combined Sewer Overflows**

22. Which of the following are sewers that are designed to collect rainwater runoff, domestic sewage, and industrial wastewater in the same pipe?

- A. Combined sewer systems
- B. Decentralized sewer systems
- C. Centralized sewer systems
- D. None of the above

23. Which of the following transport all of their wastewater to a sewage treatment plant, where it is treated and then discharged to a water body?

- A. Combined sewer systems
- B. Decentralized sewer systems
- C. Centralized sewer systems
- D. None of the above

24. Which of the following are designed to overflow occasionally and discharge excess wastewater directly to nearby streams, rivers, or other water bodies?

- A. Combined sewer systems
- B. Decentralized sewer systems
- C. Centralized sewer systems
- D. None of the above

25. Which of the following release raw sewage from the collection system before it can reach a treatment facility?

- A. Sanitary sewage overflows (SSOs)
- B. Decentralized sewer systems
- C. Centralized sewer systems
- D. None of the above

**(s) means the answer may be plural or singular in nature.**

26. A SSO is a release of untreated wastewater before the flow reaches a treatment plant. SSOs pose a significant threat to public health and?

- A. Dissolved organics
- B. Water quality
- C. Certain compounds and undesirable solids
- D. None of the above

27. High levels of inflow and infiltration (I/I) during wet weather can cause\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Dissolved organics
- B. SSOs
- C. Certain compounds and undesirable solids
- D. None of the above

28. Many collection SSOs include untreated discharges from \_\_\_\_\_that reach waters of the United States systems that were designed according to industry standards experience wet weather SSOs because levels of I/I may exceed levels originally expected.

- A. Sanitary sewer systems
- B. Decentralized sewer systems
- C. Centralized sewer systems
- D. None of the above

### **Purpose of CMOM Programs**

29. Once the GIS is complete, a new goal might be to use the GIS to track emergency calls and use the information to improve \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Maintenance planning
- B. Performance goals
- C. A matter of policy
- D. None of the above

30. CMOM can help utilities optimize use of human and material resources by shifting maintenance activities from “reactive” to “proactive”—often leading to savings through avoided costs due to overtime, reduced emergency construction costs, lower insurance premiums, changes in financial performance goals, and\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Fewer lawsuits
- B. Overflows and backups
- C. Regulatory noncompliance
- D. None of the above

31. In CMOM planning, the owner or operator selects \_\_\_\_\_ targets, and designs CMOM activities to meet the goals.

- A. Maintenance planning
- B. Performance goal
- C. A matter of policy
- D. None of the above

32. Information collection and management practices are used to track how the elements of the CMOM program are meeting \_\_\_\_\_, and whether overall system efficiency is improving.

- A. Maintenance planning
- B. Performance goals
- C. A matter of policy
- D. None of the above

33. An important component of a \_\_\_\_\_is periodically collecting information on current systems and activities to develop a “snapshot-in-time” analysis. From this analysis, the owner or operator evaluates its performance and plans its CMOM program activities.

- A. Catastrophic system failure
- B. CMOM program activity
- C. Successful CMOM program
- D. None of the above

34. Equipment and facilities will deteriorate through\_\_\_\_\_. Maintaining value of the capital asset is a major goal of the CMOM program.

- A. Normal use and age
- B. CMOM program activities
- C. Compliance with environmental requirements
- D. None of the above

35. Proper reinvestment in capital facilities maintains the ability to provide service and generate sales at the least cost possible and helps ensure compliance with \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Catastrophic system failures
- B. CMOM program activities
- C. Environmental requirements
- D. None of the above

36. Performance characteristics of a system with an inadequate CMOM program include frequent blockages resulting in \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Performance goals
- B. Overflows and backups
- C. Regulatory noncompliance
- D. None of the above

37. Other major performance indicators include pump station reliability, equipment availability, and avoidance of \_\_\_\_\_ such as a collapsed pipe.

- A. Catastrophic system failures
- B. CMOM program activities
- C. Compliance with environmental requirements
- D. None of the above

### **The Elements of a Proper CMOM Program**

#### **Purposeful**

38. Which of the following when present and properly maintained, they support customer service and protect system assets, public health, and water quality?

- A. MOM programs
- B. Combined sewer systems
- C. Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)
- D. None of the above

#### **Goal-Oriented**

39. Which of the following have goals directed toward their individual purposes. Progress toward these goals is measurable, and the goals are attainable?

- A. MOM program(s)
- B. Combined sewer system(s)
- C. Proper MOM programs
- D. None of the above

#### **Uses Performance Measures**

40. Performance measures should be established for each of this \_\_\_\_\_ in conjunction with the program goal.

- A. MOM program
- B. Program goal
- C. Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)
- D. None of the above

#### **Periodically Evaluated**

41. An evaluation of the progress toward reaching the goals, or \_\_\_\_\_, should be made periodically and based upon the quantified performance measures.

- A. A reassessment of the goals
- B. Combined sewer system(s)
- C. NPDES Compliance Inspection Manual
- D. None of the above

#### **Implemented by Trained Personnel**

42. Appropriate safety, equipment, technical, and program training is essential for implementing?

- A. MOM program(s)
- B. Utility's plan/schedule
- C. NPDES Compliance Inspection Manual
- D. None of the above

**(s) means the answer may be plural or singular in nature.**

**What MOM programs should be audited?**

43. Which of the following at a utility involves its entire wastewater infrastructure. Common utility management activities and operations and maintenance activities associated with sewer systems and pretreatment are listed in the Self-Audit Review Document?

- A. Written MOM programs
- B. MOM activity
- C. Publicly Owned Treatment Works (POTW)
- D. None of the above

**What are the elements of a proper Self-Audit?**

**Initial Assessment**

44. Begin by performing a general assessment of the utility, and prioritizing the order of programs to be audited. Which of the following may be useful references in making this assessment?

- A. Program goal
- B. Water quality
- C. NPDES Compliance Inspection Manual and Guidance
- D. None of the above

**Develop Improvement Plan**

45. Define the utility's plan/schedule to remediate the?

- A. Necessary improvements
- B. NPDES permit authority
- C. Preventative operations
- D. None of the above

**Prepare the Self-Audit Report**

46. Which of the following including any deficiencies found and the corresponding improvement plan, which is useful for the utility?

- A. Audit results
- B. Unpermitted discharges
- C. Raw sewage
- D. None of the above

**What Health Risks do SSOs present?**

47. Which of the following contain raw sewage they can carry bacteria, viruses, protozoa, helminths, and borroughs?

- A. Unpermitted discharges
- B. SSOs
- C. Infiltration and inflow
- D. None of the above

**What other Damage can SSOs do?**

48. Which of the following also damage property and the environment?

- A. MOM Programs Self-Audit
- B. SSOs
- C. Capacity and/or reliability
- D. None of the above

**Collection System Management**

49. Without the \_\_\_\_\_, O&M activities may lack organization and precision, resulting in a potential risk to human health and environmental contamination of surrounding water bodies, lands, dwellings, or groundwater.

- A. CMOM program
- B. Outside contractors
- C. Proper procedures, management and training systems
- D. None of the above

**Organizational Structure**

50. Well-established organizational structure, which delineates responsibilities and authority for each position, is an important component of a CMOM program for a \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Collection system
- B. Outside contractors
- C. O&M activities
- D. None of the above

## Potential Performance Indicators

### CMOM Audits

51. CMOM will require regular, comprehensive audits, done by each facility. These audits will help identify non-conformance to?

- A. CMOM regulation(s)
- B. NPDES permit authority
- C. Preventative operations
- D. None of the above

### Communication/Notification

52. Facilities must post locations of \_\_\_\_\_ and let the public know that the annual report is available to them.

- A. Routine operation(s)
- B. NPDES permit authority
- C. Recurrent SSOs
- D. None of the above

### According to the EPA, an effective CMOM program would help NPDES permittees to:

53. Respond quickly to SSOs to minimize impacts to\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Maintenance activities
- B. Physical deficiencies
- C. Human health and the environment
- D. None of the above

54. Plan for future growth to ensure \_\_\_\_\_is available when it's needed.

- A. Safety incidents
- B. Adequate capacity
- C. Preventive maintenance
- D. None of the above

55. Identify hydraulic (capacity) and physical deficiencies and prioritize responses, including\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Capital investments
- B. Physical deficiencies
- C. Maintenance activities
- D. None of the above

### Hydrogen Sulfide Monitoring and Control Sub-Section

56. The collection system owner or operator should have a program under which they monitor areas of the collection system that may be vulnerable to the adverse effects of dihydrogen oxide. It may be possible to perform visual inspections of these areas.

- A. True
- B. False

57. The records should note such items as the condition of metal components, the presence of exposed rebar (metal reinforcement in concrete), \_\_\_\_\_ coating on copper pipes and electrical components, and loss of concrete from the pipe crown or walls.

- A. Sulfuric acid
- B. Hydrogen sulfide
- C. Copper sulfate
- D. None of the above

58. The \_\_\_\_\_ readings generated as a result of these inspections should be added to the records of potential areas of corrosion.

- A. Sulfuric acid
- B. Hydrogen sulfide
- C. Copper sulfate
- D. None of the above

59. A quick check of the \_\_\_\_\_of the pipe crown or structure enables early indication of potential hydrogen sulfide corrosion.

- A. Sulfuric acid
- B. Hydrogen sulfide
- C. pH
- D. None of the above

**(s) means the answer may be plural or singular in nature.**

60. A pH of less than \_\_\_\_\_ indicates further investigation is warranted.  
A. 6      C. 7  
B. 4      D. None of the above

**Reviewer - Point to Note**

61. The reviewer should be aware that a system in which \_\_\_\_\_ has successfully been reduced may actually face an increased risk of corrosion.  
A. Acid can form      C. Infiltration and inflow (I/I)  
B. An increased risk of corrosion      D. None of the above

62. The reduction of flow through the pipes allows room for hydrogen sulfide gases to rise into the airway portion of the sewer pipe and react with the bacteria and moisture on the pipe walls to form \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Sulfuric acid      C. Copper sulfate  
B. Hydrogen sulfide      D. None of the above

63. \_\_\_\_\_ corrodes ferrous metals and concrete. There are several methods to prevent or control hydrogen sulfide corrosion.  
A. Sulfuric acid      C. Copper sulfate  
B. Hydrogen sulfide      D. None of the above

64. The level of \_\_\_\_\_ in the wastewater may also be reduced by chemical or physical means such as aeration, or the addition of chlorine, hydrogen peroxide, potassium permanganate, iron salts, or sodium hydroxide.  
A. Sulfuric acid      C. Copper sulfate  
B. Dissolved sulfide      D. None of the above

65. Alternatively, sewer cleaning to remove deposited solids reduces \_\_\_\_\_ generation.  
A. Sulfuric acid      C. Copper sulfate  
B. Hydrogen sulfide      D. None of the above

66. Collection systems vary widely in their vulnerability to \_\_\_\_\_. Vitrified clay and plastic pipes are very resistant to hydrogen sulfide corrosion while concrete, steel, and iron pipes are more susceptible. The physical aspects of the collection system are also important.  
A. Hydrogen sulfide corrosion      C. Longer detention times  
B. An increased risk of corrosion      D. None of the above

67. Sewage in pipes on a decline that moves the wastewater at a higher velocity will have less hydrogen sulfide than sewage in pipes where the wastewater may experience longer detention times. Therefore, some systems may need a more comprehensive corrosion control program while some might limit \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. Observations to vulnerable points      C. Longer detention times  
B. An increased risk of corrosion      D. None of the above

**National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit Program Section**

68. The Clean Water Act compels that all point source wastewater dischargers obtain and comply with an \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. NPDES permit      C. Specific discharge limit  
B. NPDES Watershed Strategy      D. None of the above



69. NPDES permits requires the discharges from \_\_\_\_\_, other wastewater treatment facilities, industrial facilities, concentrated animal feeding operations, aquaculture, and other “point source” dischargers.

- A. Storm sewer overflows
- B. All point source” dischargers
- C. Publicly owned wastewater treatment facilities
- D. None of the above

70. The NPDES program controls wet weather discharges such as stormwater discharges from industrial activities and municipal stormwater discharges including urban storm-water runoff, combined sewer overflows, and \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Storm sewer overflows
- B. Other “point source” dischargers
- C. Violations of permit conditions
- D. None of the above

71. Which of the following were developed to ensure that such discharges to receiving waters are protective of human health and the environment? They establish specific discharge limits, monitoring, and reporting requirements and may require that dischargers undertake measures to reduce or eliminate pollution to receiving waters.

- A. NPDES permit(s)
- B. NPDES Watershed Strategy
- C. Specific discharge limits
- D. None of the above

### State NPDES Programs

72. NPDES Watershed Permitting a \_\_\_\_\_ was developed to ensure that the NPDES Program protects watersheds as effectively as possible.

- A. Storm sewer overflows
- B. NPDES Watershed Strategy
- C. Violations of permit conditions
- D. None of the above

### Combined Sewer Overflows (CSOS)

73. A combined sewer overflow is a discharge from a sewer system that is designed to carry \_\_\_\_\_ in the same pipe to a sewage treatment plant.

- A. Excess wastewater
- B. A combined sewer overflow
- C. Sanitary wastewater and stormwater
- D. None of the above

74. In periods of rainfall or snowmelt, a combined sewer system can discharge \_\_\_\_\_ directly to rivers, lakes, and estuaries, causing health and environmental hazards because treatment plants cannot handle the extra flow.

- A. Excess wastewater
- B. A combined sewer overflow
- C. Decentralized sewer flow
- D. None of the above

### Whole Effluent Toxicity (WET)

75. WET is the total toxic effect of an effluent measured by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Biological toxicity test
- B. Effluent toxicants
- C. Identification of specific toxicants
- D. None of the above

76. A WET test takes the \_\_\_\_\_ on exposed test organisms without requiring the identification of specific toxicants.

- A. WET test endpoint
- B. Effluent toxicants
- C. Effect of all toxicants
- D. None of the above

77. WET duplicates to the greatest extent possible the actual environmental exposure of aquatic life to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. WET test endpoint
- B. Effluent toxicants
- C. Identification of specific toxicants
- D. None of the above

78. WET tests use the same essential procedures as those used to create \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. WET test endpoint
  - B. Effluent toxicants
  - C. Water quality criteria
  - D. None of the above

**WET Limits**

79. WET monitoring requirements instead of WET limits are often included in NPDES to generate toxicity data for use in making future decisions about whether WET needs to be controlled at \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. A particular discharge point
  - B. Effluent toxicants
  - C. Identification of specific toxicants
  - D. None of the above

**Pretreatment**

80. The National Pretreatment Program is a joint effort of federal, state, and local regulatory environmental agencies established to protect \_\_\_\_\_ .
- A. Pollutants
  - B. Water quality
  - C. Industrial discharges
  - D. None of the above

**Types of Regulated Pollutants**

81. Which of the following are primarily grouped into organics (including pesticides, solvents, polychlorinated biphenyls (PCBS), and dioxins) and metals (including lead, silver, mercury, copper, chromium, zinc, nickel, and cadmium)?
- A. Pathogens
  - B. Toxic Pollutants
  - C. Conventional pollutants
  - D. None of the above

82. Which of the following are any additional substances that are not conventional or toxic that may require regulation?
- A. Non-conventional pollutants
  - B. Toxic Pollutants
  - C. Conventional pollutants
  - D. None of the above

**Objectives of the pretreatment program:**

83. Discharges containing pollutants causing corrosive structural damage to the POTW, but in no case discharges with a pH lower than \_\_\_\_\_, unless the POTW is specifically designed to accommodate such discharge(s).
- A. 6.0
  - B. 5.0
  - C. 7.0
  - D. None of the above

84. Which of the following of any pollutants released at a flow rate and/or concentration which will cause interference with the POTW?
- A. Pass through
  - B. Discharges
  - C. Interference
  - D. None of the above

85. Discharges of petroleum oil, non-biodegradable cutting oil, or products of mineral oil origin in amounts that will cause?
- A. Pass through
  - B. Discharges
  - C. Interference or pass through
  - D. None of the above

86. Which of the following may result in the presence of toxic gases, vapors, or fumes within the POTW in a quantity that may cause acute worker health and safety problems?
- A. Pass through
  - B. Discharges
  - C. Interference
  - D. None of the above

87. Which of the following are except at discharge points designated by the POTW?  
A. Discharge of specific pollutants      C. Discharges of trucked or hauled pollutants  
B. Categorical pretreatment standards    D. None of the above

**Categorical Pretreatment Standards**

88. Categorical Pretreatment Standards are limitations on pollutant discharges to publicly owned treatment works (POTWs), promulgated by the EPA in accordance with Section \_\_\_\_\_ of the Clean Water Act that apply to specific process wastewaters of particular industrial categories.  
A. 113                      C. 513  
B. 307                      D. None of the above

89. These are national, technology-based standards that apply regardless of whether or not the POTW has \_\_\_\_\_ or the industrial user has been issued a permit.  
A. A permit                      C. An approved pretreatment program  
B. All SIUs                      D. None of the above

**Section 101 of the Clean Water Act (CWA)**

90. To restore and maintain the chemical, physical, and biological integrity of the Nation's waters: It is the national goal that the discharge of pollutants into the navigable waters be eliminated by \_\_\_\_\_.  
A. 2025                      C. 1985  
B. 1999                      D. None of the above

91. It is the national policy that the discharge of \_\_\_\_\_ in toxic amounts be prohibited;  
A. Toxic pollutants                      C. Both point and nonpoint sources of pollution  
B. Sources of pollutants                      D. None of the above

92. It is the national policy that Area wide waste treatment management planning processes be developed and implemented to assure adequate control of \_\_\_\_\_ in each State;  
A. Discharge of toxic pollutants    C. Both point and nonpoint sources of pollution  
B. Sources of pollutants                      D. None of the above

93. It is the national policy that a major research and demonstration effort be made to develop technology necessary to eliminate the \_\_\_\_\_ into the navigable waters, waters of the contiguous zone, and the oceans; and  
A. Discharge of pollutants                      C. Both point and nonpoint sources of pollution  
B. Sources of pollutants                      D. None of the above

94. It is the national policy that programs for the control of \_\_\_\_\_ be developed and implemented in an expeditious manner so as to enable the goals to be met through the control of both point and nonpoint sources of pollution.  
A. Discharge of toxic pollutants    C. Nonpoint sources of pollution  
B. Sources of pollutants                      D. None of the above

**(s) means the answer may be plural or singular in nature.**

## Collection Systems Section

### Collection System and its Purpose

95. In accumulation to what homes and businesses flush down the drain, the system also collects excess groundwater, infiltration liquids, and inflow water.

- A. True    B. False

### Collection System Defined

96. Decentralized systems are public sewer systems that serve established towns and cities and transport wastewater to a central location for treatment.

- A. True    B. False

97. Centralized systems do not connect to a public sewer system. Wastewater may be treated on site or may be discharged to a private treatment plant.

- A. True    B. False

98. Large-scale public sewer systems (municipal wastewater treatment plants) are centralized systems.

- A. True    B. False

99. Homes and other buildings that are not served by public sewer systems depend on \_\_\_\_\_ septic systems to treat and dispose of wastewater.

- A. Decentralized            C. Remote  
B. Centralized              D. None of the above

100. Most decentralized systems are \_\_\_\_\_ systems (wastewater is treated underground near where it is generated).

- A. Decentralized            C. Onsite  
B. Centralized              D. None of the above

101. Centralized systems are more inexpensive, allow for greater control, require fewer people, and produce only one discharge to monitor instead of several. However, \_\_\_\_\_ systems can be useful, and this option should be evaluated on a case-by-case basis.

- A. Decentralized            C. Onsite  
B. Centralized              D. None of the above

102. Which of the following are the most common wastewater treatment system used in rural areas?

- A. Decentralized    C. Onsite  
B. Centralized      D. None of the above

103. Wastewater in \_\_\_\_\_ systems can also be treated by a small, private wastewater treatment plant. These plants can have similar treatment processes and equipment as centralized systems but on a smaller scale.

- A. Decentralized    C. Onsite  
B. Centralized      D. None of the above

**(s) means the answer may be plural or singular in nature.**

104. Which of the following are designed to collect both sanitary wastewater and storm water runoff?

- A. Combined sewer systems
- B. Wastewater collection system
- C. Wastewater management
- D. None of the above

**Collection System Operators' Purpose**

105. Collection system operators are charged with protecting public health and the environment, and therefore must have documented proof of their certifications in the respective \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. POTW
- B. Wastewater collection system
- C. Wastewater management system
- D. None of the above

106. Which of the following and the professionals who maintain it operate at such a high level of efficiency, problems are very infrequent?

- A. POTW
- B. Wastewater collection system
- C. Wastewater management
- D. None of the above

107. Combined sewers deliver both wastewater and storm water in the same pipe. Most of the time, combined sewers transport the wastewater and storm water to a treatment plant.

- A. True
- B. False

108. The public often takes the wastewater collection system for granted. In truth, these operators must work hard to keep it functioning properly.

- A. True
- B. False

109. When there is too much rain, combined sewer systems cannot handle the extra volume and designed "overflows" of raw sewage into streams and rivers occur. The great majority of sewer systems have separated, not combined, sanitary and storm water pipes.

- A. True
- B. False

110. The maintenance of the sewer system is a semi-continuous cycle.

- A. True
- B. False

111. As sections of the system age, problems such as corroded concrete pipe, cracked tile, lost joint integrity, grease, and heavy root intrusion must be constantly monitored and repaired.

- A. True
- B. False

**Understanding Gravity Sanitary Sewers**

112. Sanitary sewers are planned to transport the wastewater by utilizing the \_\_\_\_\_ provided by the natural elevation of the earth resulting in a downstream flow.

- A. Potential energy
- B. Peak flow of population
- C. Flow velocities and design depths of flow
- D. None of the above

113. Sewer systems are designed to maintain proper flow velocities with?

- A. Stormwater inflow
- B. Maximum head loss
- C. Minimum head loss
- D. None of the above

114. Which of the following may find it necessary to dissipate excess potential energy?

- A. Flow velocities
- B. Wastewater
- C. Higher elevations in the system
- D. None of the above

115. Which of the following is determined largely by population served, density of population, and water consumption?

- A. Design flow(s)
- B. Flow
- C. Inflow
- D. None of the above

116. Sanitary sewers should be designed for?

- A. Peak flow of population
- B. Flow velocities
- C. SSOs, surcharged lines, basement backups
- D. None of the above

117. Which of the following is strongly discouraged and should be designed separate from the sanitary system?

- A. Stormwater inflow
- B. Both wet and dry weather flows
- C. Low pressure
- D. None of the above

118. Most of the time the flow surface is exposed to the atmosphere within the sewer and it functions as?

- A. An open channel
- B. Peak flow of population
- C. Flow velocities and design depths of flow
- D. None of the above

119. Which of the following creates low pressure in the sewer system?

- A. Surge
- B. Stormwater inflow
- C. Dry weather flows
- D. None of the above

120. In order to plan a sewer system, many factors are considered. The purpose of this topic is to aid in the understanding of?

- A. I/I
- B. Peak flow of population
- C. Flow velocities and design depths of flow
- D. None of the above

### **Sewer System Capacity Evaluation - Testing and Inspection**

121. The collection system owner or operator should have a program in place to periodically evaluate this \_\_\_\_\_ in both wet and dry weather flows and ensure the capacity is maintained as it was designed.

- A. Design flow(s)
- B. Stormwater inflow
- C. Capacity of the sewer system
- D. None of the above

122. The capacity evaluation program evaluation starts with an inventory and characterization of the?

- A. System components
- B. Stormwater inflow
- C. Flow velocities and design depths of flow
- D. None of the above

123. The system then undergoes general inspection which serves to continuously update and add to the?

- A. Design flow(s)
- B. Sewer system
- C. Inventory information
- D. None of the above

### **Capacity Limitations**

124. The next stage in the capacity evaluation is to identify the location of wet weather related \_\_\_\_\_, surcharged lines, basement backups, and any other areas of known capacity limitations.

- A. Peak flow of population
- B. Wastewater
- C. SSOs
- D. None of the above

125. The reviewer should establish that the capacity evaluation includes an estimate peak flows experienced in the system, an estimate of the capacity of this \_\_\_\_\_, and identifies the major sources of I/I that contribute to hydraulic overloading events.

- A. Design flow(s)
- B. Key system components
- C. Both wet and dry weather flows
- D. None of the above

126. The capacity evaluation should also make use of a hydraulic model; this will help identify areas that need to alleviate?

- A. Peak flow of population
- B. Capacity limitations
- C. SSOs, surcharged lines, basement backups
- D. None of the above

**Flow Monitoring**

127. Flow monitoring provides information on dry weather flows as well as areas of the collection system potentially affected by?

- A. I/I
- B. Flow measurement
- C. Flow velocities and design depths of flow
- D. None of the above

128. Which of the following may also be performed for billing purposes, to assess the need for new sewers in a certain area, or to calibrate a model?

- A. I/I
- B. Flow measurement
- C. Flow velocities and design depths of flow
- D. None of the above

**Flow Measurements**

129. Base flow is generally taken to mean the wastewater generated without any?

- A. Deposition of solids
- B. Infiltration
- C. Any I/I component
- D. None of the above

130. Which of the following is the seepage of groundwater into pipes or manholes through defects such as cracks, broken joints, etc?

- A. Velocity
- B. Infiltration
- C. Blockage(s)
- D. None of the above

131. Which of the following is the water that enters the sewer through direct connections such as roof leaders, direct connections from storm drains or yard, area?

- A. Stoppages
- B. Infiltration
- C. Inflow
- D. None of the above

132. Although not from piped sources, \_\_\_\_\_ tends to act more like inflow than infiltration.

- A. RII
- B. Infiltration
- C. Inflow
- D. None of the above

133. Other methods of inspecting flows may be employed, such as visually monitoring manholes during low-flow periods to determine areas with?

- A. Infiltration
- B. RII
- C. Excessive I/I
- D. None of the above

**Infiltration and Inflow Sub-Section**

134. Which of the following occurs when groundwater enters the sewer system through cracks, holes, faulty connections, or other openings?

- A. Inflow
- B. Infiltration
- C. Maximum flow capacity of wastewater
- D. None of the above

135. Which of the following occurs when surface water such as storm water enters the sewer system through roof downspout connections, holes in manhole covers, illegal plumbing connections, or other defects?

- A. Inflow
- B. Infiltration
- C. Maximum flow capacity of wastewater
- D. None of the above

136. The sanitary sewer collection system and treatment plants have \_\_\_\_\_ that can be handled.

- A. I/I
- B. Infiltration
- C. Maximum flow capacity of wastewater
- D. None of the above

**Determining I/I**

137. Flow monitoring and flow modeling provide measurements and data used to determine estimates of?

- A. I/I
- B. Infiltration
- C. Maximum flow capacity of wastewater
- D. None of the above

138. Measurements taken before and after a precipitation event indicate the extent that this term is increasing total flow.

- A. I/I
- B. Infiltration
- C. Maximum flow capacity of wastewater
- D. None of the above

**Identifying sources of I/I**

139. Visual inspection - accessible pipes, gutter and plumbing connections, and manholes are visually inspected for?

- A. Excessive I/I
- B. High wet weather flows
- C. Faults
- D. None of the above

140. Smoke testing – smoke is pumped into sewer pipes. Its reappearance aboveground indicates points of ?

- A. I/I
- B. Stormwater and rainwater
- C. Illegal plumbing, drains, and roof downspouts
- D. None of the above

141. Dye testing – Dye is used at suspected \_\_\_\_\_ sources.

- A. I/I
- B. High wet weather flows
- C. Stormwater and rainwater
- D. None of the above

142. Which of the following are also sometimes identified when sewer backups or overflows bring attention to that part of the system?

- A. Excessive I/I
- B. Sources of I/I
- C. Faults
- D. None of the above



### Repairing I/I Sources

143. Repair techniques include manhole wall spraying, Insituform pipe relining, manhole frame and lid replacement, and disconnecting?

- A. High wet weather flows
- B. Stormwater and rainwater
- C. Illegal plumbing, drains, and roof downspouts
- D. None of the above

### Efficient Identification of Excessive I/I

144. The owner or operator should have in place a program for the efficient identification of?

- A. Excessive I/I
- B. Sources of I/I
- C. Faults
- D. None of the above

145. Areas with high wet weather flows should then be subject to?

- A. High wet weather flows
- B. Stormwater and rainwater
- C. Inspection and rehabilitation activities
- D. None of the above

### Sewer System Testing

146. Sewer system testing techniques are often used to identify leaks that allows this term into the sewer system and determine the location of illicit connections and other sources of stormwater inflow?

- A. Exfiltration
- B. Sources of I/I
- C. Unwanted infiltration
- D. None of the above

147. Two commonly implemented sewer testing techniques include?

- A. I/I
- B. Stormwater and rainwater
- C. Smoke testing and dyed water testing
- D. None of the above

148. Which of the following is a relatively inexpensive and quick method of detecting sources of inflow in sewer systems?

- A. Electric probe
- B. Sound
- C. Smoke testing
- D. None of the above

149. Which of the following can be identified when smoke escapes through them?

- A. Tees
- B. Cockroaches
- C. Sources of inflow
- D. None of the above

150. Building inspections are sometimes conducted as part of a smoke testing program and, in some cases, may be the only way to find?

- A. Gutters
- B. Stormwater Manholes
- C. Illegal connections
- D. None of the above

151. If traces of the smoke or its odor enter the building, it is an indication that this term may also be entering.

- A. Smoke
- B. Sources of I/I
- C. Gases from the sewer system
- D. None of the above

### Dye Testing

152. Dyed water testing may be used to establish this term to the sewer.

- A. Potential problem areas
- B. I/I problems
- C. Connection of a fixture or appurtenance
- D. None of the above

153. Which of the following can be used to identify structurally damaged manholes that might create potential I/I problems?

- A. Smoke testing
- B. Prober
- C. Dyed water testing
- D. None of the above

### **Sewer System Inspection**

154. Which of the following and pipelines are the first line of defense in the identification of existing or potential problem areas?

- A. The presence of roots
- B. Potential problem areas
- C. Visual inspection of manholes
- D. None of the above

155. Visual inspections provide additional information concerning the accuracy of system mapping, the presence and?

- A. Potential problem areas
- B. The presence of roots
- C. Degree of I/I problems
- D. None of the above

### **Low Pressure System Description and Operation**

#### **Vacuum Sewers**

156. When the wastewater level reaches a certain level, sensors within the holding tank opens this term that allows the contents of the tank to be sucked into the network of collection piping.

- A. Vacuum sewer system(s)
- B. Vacuum valve
- C. Vacuum collection and transportation systems
- D. None of the above

157. Which of the following are small buildings that house a large storage tank and a system of vacuum pumps?

- A. Interface valve
- B. Vacuum stations
- C. Vacuum within the vacuum mains
- D. None of the above

### **Applications**

158. Vacuum collection and transportation systems can provide significant capital and ongoing operating cost advantages over \_\_\_\_\_, particularly in flat terrain, high water table, or hard rock areas.

- A. Vacuum sewer system(s)
- B. Unconventional gravity systems
- C. Conventional gravity systems
- D. None of the above

159. Which of the following are installed at shallow depths, significantly reducing excavation, shoring and restoration requirements, and minimizing the disruption to the community?

- A. Vacuum sewer system(s)
- B. Unconventional gravity systems
- C. Conventional gravity systems
- D. None of the above

160. The alignment of this term is extremely flexible, without the need for manholes at changes in grade or direction.

- A. Conventional gravity sewers
- B. Vacuum mains
- C. Vacuum system
- D. None of the above

161. Turbulent velocities of 5 to 6m/sec are developed as the sewage and air passes through the?

- A. Vacuum sewer system(s)
- B. Interface valve
- C. Vacuum collection and transportation systems
- D. None of the above

162. No electricity is required at this \_\_\_\_\_, enabling the system to be installed in virtually any location.

- A. Interlock valve
- B. Interface valve
- C. Vacuum system loop control
- D. None of the above

**Vacuum Interface Valves**

163. Which of the following is capable of serving at least four equivalent tenements, and multiple valve chambers may be installed to serve higher flow rates?

- A. Interface valve
- B. Controller/sensor unit
- C. Vacuum main
- D. None of the above

164. The vacuum sewer lines are under a vacuum of 16"-20" Hg created by which \_\_\_\_\_ located at the vacuum station.

- A. Collection sump
- B. Controller/sensor unit
- C. Vacuum pumps
- D. None of the above

165. Sewage flows by gravity from homes into a?

- A. Collection sump
- B. Vacuum basin
- C. Base
- D. None of the above

166. When 10 gallons accumulates in the sump, the located above the sump automatically opens and differential air pressure propels the sewage through the valve and into the?

- A. Collection tank
- B. Vacuum main
- C. Controller/sensor unit
- D. None of the above

167. Sewage flows through the vacuum lines and into the collection tank at the vacuum station. Sewage pumps transfer the sewage from this term to the wastewater treatment facility or nearby gravity manhole.

- A. Collection tank
- B. Collection sump
- C. Controller/sensor unit
- D. None of the above

**Valve Pit Package**

168. Which of the following flows by gravity from up to four homes into a sealed fiberglass sump?

- A. Raw sewage
- B. Liquids
- C. Solids only
- D. None of the above

169. Vacuum from this term opens the valve and outside air from a breather pipe closes it.

- A. Lift station
- B. Sewer line
- C. Vacuum service line
- D. None of the above

170. Which of the following propels the sewage at velocities of 15-18 feet per second, disintegrating solids while being transported to the vacuum station.

- A. Differential air pressure
- B. High velocity
- C. Vacuum pressure
- D. None of the above

**Vacuum Lines**

171. Which of the following are installed in narrow trenches in a saw tooth profile for grade and uphill transport?

- A. Vacuum sewer system(s)
- B. Vacuum service lines
- C. Vacuum pump(s)
- D. None of the above

### Line Sizes

172. Which of the following can extend or reduce this range. Longer distances are possible depending on local topography?

- A. Elevation changes
- B. Vacuum pump(s)
- C. Collection tank
- D. None of the above

### Vacuum Station

173. The vacuum station is similar in function to a lift station in a gravity sewer system. Sewage pumps transfer the sewage from the?

- A. Elevation changes
- B. Vacuum pump(s)
- C. Collection tank
- D. None of the above

### Vacuum Pumps

174. Which of the following typically run 2 to 3 hours each per day and don't need to run continuously since the vacuum interface valves are normally closed?

- A. Elevation changes
- B. Vacuum pump(s)
- C. Collection tank
- D. None of the above

175. Which of the following are sized to increase the system vacuum from 16" to 20" Hg in three minutes or less?

- A. Elevation changes
- B. Vacuum pump(s)
- C. Collection tank
- D. None of the above

176. Busch rotary vane vacuum pumps are standard. The two non-clog sewage pumps are each sized for peak flow.

- A. True
- B. False

177. Which of the following connect individually to the collection tank, effectively dividing the system into zones?

- A. Vacuum sewer system(s)
- B. The incoming vacuum lines
- C. Vacuum pump(s)
- D. None of the above

### Review

#### Pressure Sewers

178. Which of the following do not rely on gravity, the system's network of piping can be laid in very shallow trenches that follow the contour of the land?

- A. Grinder pump(s)
- B. Pressure sewers
- C. Both the STEP and grinder systems
- D. None of the above

179. There are two kinds of this term, based upon the type of pump used to provide the pressure.

- A. Septic tank/effluent pump
- B. Pressure sewers
- C. STEP and grinder systems
- D. None of the above

180. Systems that use this \_\_\_\_\_ are a combination are referred to as STEP pressure sewers.

- A. Septic tank/effluent pump
- B. Pressure sewers
- C. STEP and grinder systems
- D. None of the above

181. Which of the following eliminate the need to periodically pump the septic tanks for all the properties connected to the system?

- A. Grinder pump(s)
- B. Pressure sewers
- C. Two kinds of pressure sewer systems
- D. None of the above

**Manhole Sub-Section**

182. Manholes should undergo routine inspection typically every one to three years.

- A. True
- B. False

183. There should be a baseline for manhole inspections (e.g., once every year) with problematic manholes being inspected more frequently.

- A. True
- B. False

184. The reviewer should conduct visual observation at a small but representative number of manholes for the items listed: various pipeline inspection techniques, the most common include: lamping, camera inspection, sonar, and CCTV.

- A. True
- B. False

**Sewer System Inspection Techniques**

185. There are a number of inspection techniques that may be employed to inspect a sewer system. The reviewer should determine if an inspection program includes frequency and schedule of inspections and procedures to record the results.

- A. True
- B. False

186. Sewer system cleaning should always be considered before inspection is performed in order to provide adequate clearance and inspection results.

- A. True
- B. False

**More on Manholes**

187. When designing a wastewater system, the design engineer begins by first determining the amount of money that is available.

- A. True
- B. False

188. The design engineer bases his design on the average daily use of solids per person in the area to be served.

- A. True
- B. False

189. An allowance for unavoidable infiltration of surface and subsurface water into the lines is sometimes added to the peak flow to obtain the design flow.

- A. True
- B. False

190. The average daily flow (based on the average utilization) is multiplied by a peak flow factor to obtain the?

- A. Design flow
- B. Infiltration allowance
- C. Water per person in the area to be served
- D. None of the above

191. Which of the following is 500 gallons per inch of pipe diameter per mile of sewer per day?

- A. Design flow
- B. Infiltration allowance
- C. Water per person in the area to be served
- D. None of the above

192. A typical infiltration allowance is \_\_\_\_\_ gallons per inch of pipe diameter per mile of sewer per day.

- A. 500
- B. 1000
- C. 10
- D. None of the above

193. From the types of sewage and the estimated design flow, the engineer can then tentatively select the types, sizes, slopes, and \_\_\_\_\_ of the piping to be used for the system.

- A. Ground elevations
- B. Distances below grade
- C. Soil analysis
- D. None of the above

194. Upon acceptance of the preliminary designs, final design may begin. During this phase, adjustments to the preliminary design should be made as necessary, based upon additional surveys, soil analysis, or other design factors. The final designs should include a general map of the area that shows the locations of \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Ground elevations
- B. Grades
- C. All sewer lines and structures
- D. None of the above

195. Engineers should include detailed plans and profiles of the sewers showing ground elevations, \_\_\_\_\_, and the locations of any appurtenances and structures, such as manholes and lift stations.

- A. Pipe sizes and slopes
- B. Grade
- C. Soil analysis
- D. None of the above

196. Which of the following are also included for those appurtenances and structures?

- A. Ground elevations
- B. Grade
- C. Construction plans and details
- D. None of the above

### **Lead and Oakum Joint, Compression Joint and No-Hub Joints**

197. Which of the following may be made of grout?

- A. Mortar joints
- B. Compression joints
- C. A no-hub joint
- D. None of the above

198. Which of the following eliminate the use of oakum and mortar joints for sewer mains?

- A. Mortar joints
- B. Compression joints
- C. Speed seal joints
- D. None of the above

199. Which of the following is an assembly tool is used to force the spigot end of the pipe or fitting into the lubricated gasket inside the hub?

- A. Mortar joints
- B. Compression joints
- C. A no-hub joint
- D. None of the above

200. Which of the following uses a gasket on the end of one pipe and a stainless steel shield and clamp assembly on the end of the other pipe?

- A. Mortar joints
- B. Compression joints
- C. A no-hub joint
- D. None of the above

201. Which of the following type of seal is made a part of the vitrified pipe joint when manufactured, it is made of polyvinyl chloride and is called a plastisol joint connection?

- A. Mortar joints
- B. Compression joints
- C. Speed seal joints
- D. None of the above

**Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspections  
Camera Inspection**

202. The benefits of camera inspection include not requiring \_\_\_\_\_ and little equipment and set-up time is required.

- A. Capacity evaluation
- B. Trench safety
- C. Confined space entry
- D. None of the above

203. Camera inspection is more comprehensive than \_\_\_\_\_ in that more of the sewer can be viewed.

- A. Lamping
- B. Sonar
- C. Lighting
- D. None of the above

204. This technique also does not fully capture the invert of the pipe and its condition. Sonar is a newer technology deployed similarly to?

- A. CCTV cameras
- B. Radar
- C. Camera inspection
- D. None of the above

205. Which of the following emits a pulse that bounces off the walls of the sewer?

- A. Sonar
- B. Trenchless technologies
- C. Radar
- D. None of the above

206. Sewer scanner and evaluation is similar to sonar in that a more complete image of a pipe can be made than with?

- A. Lamping
- B. Sonar
- C. CCTV
- D. None of the above

**Closed Circuit Television (CCTV) Inspections**

207. Which of the following may be done on a routine basis as part of the preventive maintenance program, as well as part of an investigation into the cause of I/I?

- A. Lamping
- B. Sonar
- C. CCTV inspections
- D. None of the above

208. A benefit of which of the following is that a permanent visual record is captured for subsequent reviews?

- A. Sewer system cleaning
- B. Trenchless technologies
- C. CCTV inspection
- D. None of the above

**Sewer Flow Measurements**

209. Which of the following is the water that enters the sewer through direct connections such as roof leaders, direct connections from storm drains or yard, area, and foundation drains, the holes in and around the rim of manhole covers, etc?

- A. RII
- B. Inflow
- C. Infiltration
- D. None of the above

210. Which of the following is stormwater that enters the collection system through defects that lie so close to the ground surface that they are easily reached?

- A. RII
- B. Inflow
- C. Infiltration
- D. None of the above

211. Which of the following performed for the purpose of quantifying I/I are typically separated into three components: base flow, infiltration, and inflow?

- A. Base flow
- B. Infiltration
- C. Flow Measurements
- D. None of the above

212. Which of the following is generally taken to mean the wastewater generated without any I/I component?

- A. Base flow
- B. Infiltration
- C. Flow Measurements
- D. None of the above

213. Which of the following is the seepage of groundwater into pipes or manholes through defects such as cracks, broken joints, etc?

- A. RII
- B. Inflow
- C. Infiltration
- D. None of the above

### **Sewer Flow Capacity**

214. The minimum velocity is necessary to prevent the?

- A. Deposition of solids
- B. Infiltration
- C. Stoppages
- D. None of the above

### **Sewer Line Mapping**

215. Which of the following and repairs are unlikely if mapping is not adequate?

- A. Introduction of flows
- B. Inspection
- C. Efficient collection system maintenance
- D. None of the above

216. Collection system maps should have a numbering system which uniquely identifies all manholes and?

- A. Engineering endeavors
- B. Sewer cleanouts
- C. Quality sanitary sewer designs
- D. None of the above

217. Which of the following should have permanently assigned numbers and never be renumbered. Maps should also indicate the property served and reference its cleanout?

- A. Introduction of flows
- B. Inspection
- C. Manholes and sewer cleanouts
- D. None of the above

218. Which of the following should indicate the diameter, the length between the centers of manholes, and the slope or direction of flow?

- A. Engineering endeavors
- B. Sewer line maps
- C. Quality sanitary sewer designs
- D. None of the above

219. All maps should have this term and was drafted and the date of the last revision?

- A. Overflow points
- B. Introduction of flows
- C. Date the map
- D. None of the above

220. Maps may come in different sizes and scales to be used for different purposes. Detailed local maps may be used by maintenance or repair crews to perform the duties. However, these detailed local maps should be keyed to one overall map that shows the entire system.

- A. True
- B. False



### **Geographic Information System (GIS)**

221. If a GIS program is being used by the owner or operator, the reviewer should ask if the program is capable of accepting information from the?

- A. Overflow points
- B. Inspection
- C. Owner or operator's management program
- D. None of the above

222. Reviewers should check to see that maps and plans are available to the personnel in the office and to field personnel or contractors involved in all?

- A. Engineering endeavors
- B. Sewer line maps
- C. Quality sanitary sewer designs
- D. None of the above

### **New Sewer Construction**

223. Which of the following keep costs and problems associated with operations, maintenance, and construction to a minimum?

- A. Engineering endeavors
- B. Sewer cleanouts
- C. Sanitary sewer designs
- D. None of the above

## **Collection Systems O&M Section 90-100 QUESTIONS**

224. Which of the following activities of wastewater collection systems on a trouble or emergency basis has been the usual procedure and policy in many systems?

- A. Routine preventative
- B. Routine operations
- C. Operation and maintenance
- D. None of the above

225. Which of the following activities of the collection system has been delayed or omitted, primarily for political or financial reasons?

- A. Routine preventative
- B. Routine operations
- C. Planned operation and preventive maintenance
- D. None of the above

226. The system's goal should be a minimum of cleaning between \_\_\_\_\_% of the sewers every year.

- A. 10-20
- B. 20-30
- C. 30-40
- D. None of the above

### **Sewer Cleaning and Inspection**

227. As sewer system networks age, the risk of deterioration, this \_\_\_\_\_, and collapses becomes a major concern.

- A. Sanitary sewer overflow(s)
- B. Rehabilitation
- C. Blockages
- D. None of the above

228. Which of the following are essential to maintaining a properly functioning system; these activities further a community's reinvestment into its wastewater infrastructure?

- A. CCTV inspection(s)
- B. Inspection program(s)
- C. Cleaning and inspecting sewer lines
- D. None of the above

### **Inspection Techniques**

229. Which of the following are required to determine current sewer conditions and to aid in planning a maintenance strategy?

- A. Documentation of inspections
- B. Inspection programs
- C. Cleaning and inspecting sewer lines
- D. None of the above

**Most sewer lines are inspected using one or more of the following techniques:**

230. Which of the following are the most frequently used most cost efficient in the long term, and most effective method to inspect the internal condition of a sewer?

- A. Television (TV) inspections
- B. Lamping
- C. Inspection program(s)
- D. None of the above

231. Which of the following in smaller sewers are attached to a sled, to which a parachute or droge is attached and floated from one manhole to the next?

- A. Slick
- B. Kite
- C. The cable and camera
- D. None of the above

232. Which of the following produce a video record of the inspection that can be used for future reference?

- A. CCTV inspection(s)
- B. Inspection program(s)
- C. Polaroid still photographs
- D. None of the above

233. Which of the following are vital in fully understanding the condition of a sewer system?

- A. Visual inspections
- B. Operators
- C. Walk-through or internal inspection
- D. None of the above

234. Which of the following should pay specific attention to sunken areas in the groundcover above a sewer line and areas with ponding water?

- A. Cameras
- B. Operators
- C. Sonar
- D. None of the above

235. For large sewer lines, a \_\_\_\_\_ is recommended. This inspection requires the operator to enter a manhole, the channel, and the pipeline, and assess the condition of the manhole frame, cover, and chimney, and the sewer walls above the flow line.

- A. Visual inspections
- B. Operators
- C. Walk-through or internal inspection
- D. None of the above

236. Which of the following of manholes and pipelines are comprised of surface and internal inspections?

- A. Visual inspections
- B. Operators
- C. Walk-through or internal inspection
- D. None of the above

**Smoke Testing of Sewers is Done to Determine:**

237. Location of \_\_\_\_\_ due to settling of foundations, manholes and other structures

- A. Broken sewers
- B. Diversion points
- C. Illegal connections
- D. None of the above

238. Location of uncharted manholes and \_\_\_\_\_

- A. Broken sewers
- B. Diversion points
- C. Illegal connections
- D. None of the above

239. \_\_\_\_\_ that buildings or residences are connected to the sanitary sewer

- A. Dye testing
- B. Proof
- C. Illegal connections
- D. None of the above

240. \_\_\_\_\_ such as roof leaders or downspouts, yard drains and industrial drains  
A. Broken sewers            C. Illegal connections  
B. Diversion points        D. None of the above

241. \_\_\_\_\_ can be used to verify connections of drains to sanitary or storm sewers.  
A. Dye testing            C. Illegal connections  
B. Proof                    D. None of the above

242. \_\_\_\_\_ can be used to verify the findings of smoke testing.  
A. Dye testing            C. Illegal connections  
B. Proof                    D. None of the above

### Identify the Cleaning Method

243. Directs high velocities of water against pipe walls. Removes debris and grease build-up, clears blockages, and cuts roots within small diameter pipes. Efficient for routine cleaning of small diameter, low flow sewers.

A. Jetting                    C. Kites, Bags, and Poly Pigs  
B. Flushing                D. None of the above

244. Round, rubber-rimmed, hinged metal shield that is mounted on a steel framework on small wheels. The shield works as a plug to build a head of water. Scours the inner walls of the pipe lines. Effective in removing heavy debris and cleaning grease from line.

A. Scooter                    C. Mechanical Rodding  
B. Hydraulic Balling      D. None of the above

245. Similar in function to the ball. Rigid rims on bag and kite induce a scouring action. Effective in moving accumulations of decayed debris and grease downstream.

A. Jetting                    C. Kites, Bags, and Poly Pigs  
B. Flushing                D. None of the above

246. Most effective in lines up to 12 inches in diameter. Uses an engine and a drive unit with continuous rods or sectional rods. As blades rotate, they break up grease deposits, cut roots, and loosen debris.

A. Scooter                    C. Mechanical Rodding  
B. Hydraulic Balling      D. None of the above

247. Partially removes large deposits of silt, sand, gravel, and some types of solid waste. Cylindrical device, closed on one end with 2 opposing hinged jaws at the other. Jaws open and scrape off the material and deposit it in the bucket.

A. Jetting                    C. Bucket Machine  
B. Flushing                D. None of the above

248. A threaded rubber cleaning ball that spins and scrubs the pipe interior as flow increases in the sewer line. Removes deposits of settled inorganic material and grease build-up. Most effective in sewers ranging in size from 5-24 inches.

A. Scooter                    C. Mechanical Rodding  
B. Hydraulic Balling      D. None of the above

249. Introduces a heavy flow of water into the line at a manhole. Removes floatables and some sand and grit. Most effective when used in combination with other mechanical operations, such as rodding or bucket machine cleaning.

- A. Jetting
- B. Flushing
- C. Kites, Bags, and Poly Pigs
- D. None of the above

**More on Sewer Cleaning Procedures**

A maintenance plan attempts to develop a strategy and priority for maintaining pipes based on several of the following factors:

250. \_\_\_\_\_ - frequency and location; 80 percent of problems occur in 25 percent of the system.

- A. Problems
- B. Location
- C. Cleaning and repairs
- D. None of the above

251. \_\_\_\_\_ - pipes located on shallow slopes or in flood prone areas have a higher priority.

- A. Problems
- B. Location
- C. Cleaning and repairs
- D. None of the above

252. Force main vs. gravity-force mains have a higher priority than gravity, size for size, due to the complexity of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Problems
- B. Location
- C. Cleaning and repairs
- D. None of the above

253. \_\_\_\_\_ - depth to groundwater, depth to bedrock, soil properties (classification, strength, porosity, compressibility, frost susceptibility, erodibility, and pH).

- A. Age
- B. Subsurface conditions
- C. Pipe diameter/volume conveyed
- D. None of the above

254. \_\_\_\_\_ - Hydrogen Sulfide (H<sub>2</sub>S) is responsible for corroding sewers, structures, and equipment used in wastewater collection systems. The interior conditions of the pipes need to be monitored and treatment needs to be implemented to prevent the growth of slime bacteria and the production of H<sub>2</sub>S gases.

- A. Corrosion potential
- B. Subsurface conditions
- C. Pipe diameter/volume conveyed
- D. None of the above

255. \_\_\_\_\_ - older systems have a greater risk of deterioration than newly constructed sewers.

- A. Age
- B. Subsurface conditions
- C. Pipe diameter/volume conveyed
- D. None of the above

256. \_\_\_\_\_ - pipes constructed of materials that are susceptible to corrosion have a greater potential of deterioration and potential collapse. Non-reinforced concrete pipes, brick pipes, and asbestos cement pipes are examples of pipes susceptible to corrosion.

- A. Construction material
- B. Subsurface conditions
- C. Pipe diameter/volume conveyed
- D. None of the above

257. \_\_\_\_\_ - pipes that carry larger volumes take precedence over pipes that carry a smaller volume.

- A. Age
- B. Subsurface conditions
- C. Pipe diameter/volume conveyed
- D. None of the above

### Limitations of Cleaning Methods

258. Which of the following will normally utilize a variety of cleaning methods including jetting, high velocity cleaning, rodding, bucket machining, and using stop trucks?

- A. Backups into residences
- B. Variety of cleaning methods
- C. The collection system
- D. None of the above

259. With the preventive maintenance approach, most collection system operators also have been using combination trucks with both?

- A. The cleaning and inspection crews
- B. Chemicals' effectiveness
- C. Flush and vacuum systems
- D. None of the above

260. To control roots, most collection system operators use?

- A. Steep-grade hill areas
- B. Variety of cleaning methods
- C. A vapor rooter eradication system
- D. None of the above

261. The cleaning and inspection crews will usually consist of two members to operate each of the?

- A. Flush and vacuum systems
- B. Chemicals' effectiveness
- C. Combination trucks and TV trucks
- D. None of the above

### Detailed Cleaning Methods

The purpose of sewer cleaning is to remove foreign material from the sewer and generally is undertaken to alleviate one of the following conditions:

262. Which of the following is caused by either the premature operation of combined wastewater overflows because of downstream restrictions to hydraulic capacity or pollution caused by the washing through and discharge of debris from overflows during storms?

- A. Odor
- B. Pollution
- C. Blockages
- D. None of the above

263. Which of the following is caused by the retention of solids in the system for long periods resulting in, among other things, wastewater turning septic and producing hydrogen sulfide?

- A. Odor
- B. Pollution
- C. Blockages
- D. None of the above

264. Which of the following is where the sewer needs to be cleaned before inspection. This requirement most often occurs when using in-sewer CCTV inspection techniques?

- A. Sewer rehabilitation
- B. Sewer inspections
- C. Hydraulic capacity
- D. None of the above

265. Which of the following is semisolid obstructions resulting in a virtual cessation of flow?

- A. Odor
- B. Pollution
- C. Blockages
- D. None of the above

266. Which of the following is in some cases, sediment, roots, intrusions, grease, encrustation and other foreign material restrict the capacity of a sewer, causing surcharge or flooding? Cleaning the sewer may alleviate these problems permanently, or at least temporarily.

- A. Sewer rehabilitation
- C. Hydraulic capacity
- B. Sewer inspections
- D. None of the above

267. Which of the following is where it is necessary to clean the sewers immediately before the sewer being rehabilitated?

- A. Sewer rehabilitation
- C. Hydraulic capacity
- B. Sewer inspections
- D. None of the above

268. Traditionally used in larger-diameter sewers, which method involves manually excavating the material and placing it in buckets for removal? As the sewer system can be hazardous, the technique now is used infrequently. High-pressure jet equipment also can be used manually in larger sewers.

- A. Cutting
- C. Manual or Mechanical Digging
- B. Rodding
- D. None of the above

269. Which is a technique where custom buckets are dragged through the sewer and the material deposited into skips?

- A. Cutting
- C. Dragging
- B. Rodding
- D. None of the above

270. Which method depends on the ability of high-velocity jets of water to dislodge materials from the pipe walls and transport them down the sewer?

- A. Jet Rodding
- C. Cutting
- B. Dragging
- D. None of the above

271. The distance from the access point is limited to approximately 60 ft in this method.

- A. Cutting
- C. Manual or Mechanical Digging
- B. Rodding
- D. None of the above

272. Which method generally is used for removing roots from sewers? High-pressure water jet cutters have been developed for removing even more solid intrusions, such as intruding connections. Care is required to eliminate damage to the existing sewer structure.

- A. Jet Rodding
- C. Cutting
- B. Dragging
- D. None of the above

273. Which of the following uses water under high pressure is fed through a hose to a nozzle containing a rosette of jets sited so the majority of flow is ejected in the opposite direction of the flow in the hose?

- A. Cutting
- C. Manual or Mechanical Digging
- B. Jet Rodding
- D. None of the above

274. Which of the following the main limitation of this technique is that cautions need to be used in areas with basement fixtures and in steep-grade hill areas?

- A. Jetting
- C. Kite or Bag
- B. Bucket machine(s)
- D. None of the above

275. Balling - Balling cannot be used effectively in pipes with \_\_\_\_\_ or protruding service connections because the ball can become distorted.

- A. Backups into residences
- B. Completely plugged
- C. Bad offset joints
- D. None of the above

276. Which of the following cleaning larger lines, the manholes need to be designed to a larger size in order to receive and retrieve the equipment?

- A. Bucket machine(s)
- B. Jetting
- C. Scooter
- D. None of the above

277. Bucket Machine- This device has been known to damage sewers and the set-up of this equipment is?

- A. Good for steep-grade hill areas
- B. Able to backups into residences
- C. Time-consuming
- D. None of the above

278. Which of the following is not very effective in removing heavy solids?

- A. Jetting
- B. Flushing
- C. Kite or Bag
- D. None of the above

279. Which of the following causes backups into residences have been known to occur when this method has been used by inexperienced operators?

- A. Jetting
- B. Chemicals' effectiveness
- C. High Velocity Cleaner
- D. None of the above

280. Which of the following when using this method, use caution in locations with basement fixtures and steep-grade hill areas?

- A. Bucket machine(s)
- B. Kite or Bag
- C. Scooter
- D. None of the above

### **Sewer – Hydraulic Cleaning Sub-Section**

281. The purpose of sewer cleaning is to remove accumulated material from the sewer. Cleaning helps to prevent?

- A. Velocity
- B. Infiltration
- C. Blockage(s)
- D. None of the above

282. Which of the following in gravity sewers are usually caused by a structural defect, poor design, poor construction, an accumulation of material in the pipe?

- A. Stoppages
- B. Infiltration
- C. Inflow
- D. None of the above

283. Protruding traps may catch debris, which then causes a further buildup of?

- A. Velocity
- B. Solids
- C. Blockage(s)
- D. None of the above

### **Sewer Cleaning Methods**

284. Mechanical cleaning uses physical devices to scrape, cut, or pull?

- A. Infiltration
- B. Material from the sewer
- C. Sewer cleaning
- D. None of the above

285. Chemical cleaning can facilitate the control of odors, grease buildup, root growth, corrosion, and insect and?

- A. Deposition of solids
- B. Infiltration
- C. Rodent infestation
- D. None of the above

**Sewer Cleaning Records**

286. Which of the following identified should include those due to grease or industrial discharges, hydraulic bottlenecks in the collection system, areas of poor design?

- A. Both infiltration and inflow or I/I
- B. Potential problem areas
- C. General I/I source areas
- D. None of the above

**Parts and Equipment Inventory**

287. Without such an inventory, the collection system may experience long down times or periods of inefficient operation in the event of a?

- A. Problem collection system areas
- B. Infiltration
- C. Breakdown or malfunction
- D. None of the above

**Sewer Maintenance - Advantages and Disadvantages**

**Advantages and Disadvantages**

288. According to the text, one benefit of implementing a sewer maintenance program is the reduction of?

- A. SSOs
- B. Rehabilitation
- C. Fire hazard
- D. None of the above

**Visual Inspection**

289. In smaller sewers, the scope of problems does provide information needed to make decisions on?

- A. SSOs
- B. Rehabilitation
- C. Sewer line cleaning
- D. None of the above

290. Sewer line cleaning is prioritized based on the age of the pipe and the frequency of the problems within it, many cities use rodding and?

- A. Visual inspection(s)
- B. Rehabilitation
- C. Pressurized cleaning methods to maintain the pipes
- D. None of the above

291. Which of the following are rarely used because cleaning by this method tends to be time consuming?

- A. Bucket machine(s)
- B. Jetting
- C. Scooter
- D. None of the above

292. Most cities that use chemicals into the cleaning program may hire an expert crew, adopting a new program, and instituting a detention time to ensure the?

- A. Results
- B. Chemicals' effectiveness
- C. Cost
- D. None of the above

**Sewer System Rehabilitation**

293. The collection system owner or operator should have a?

- A. Sewer system program
- B. Problem solving program
- C. Sewer rehabilitation program
- D. None of the above



294. There are many rehabilitation methods; the choice of methods depends on pipe size, type, location, dimensional changes, sewer flow, material deposition, surface conditions, and?

- A. A serious source of I/I
- B. Non-structural repairs
- C. Severity of I/I
- D. None of the above

295. Which of the following involve either the replacement of all or a portion of a sewer line, or the lining of the sewer?

- A. Sanitary sewer service line
- B. Rehabilitation program
- C. Structural repairs
- D. None of the above

296. Manholes should not be neglected in this program.

- A. Debris discharged
- B. Rehabilitation
- C. Cracks or loose joints in the sewer pipe
- D. None of the above

297. Manhole covers can allow significant inflow to enter the system because they are often located in the?

- A. Sanitary sewer service line
- B. Rehabilitation program
- C. Path of surface runoff
- D. None of the above

298. Manholes themselves can also be this term from cracks in the barrel of the manhole.

- A. A significant source of infiltration
- B. Non-structural repairs
- C. Warm, moist, nutrient rich atmosphere
- D. None of the above

### **Tree Roots vs. Sanitary Sewer Lines**

#### **Root Growth in Pipes**

299. Roots require oxygen to grow, they do not grow in this term or where high ground water conditions prevail.

- A. Debris discharged
- B. Pipes that are full of water
- C. Cracks or loose joints in the sewer pipe
- D. None of the above

300. The flow of warm water inside the sanitary sewer service pipe causes water with this \_\_\_\_\_ surrounding the pipe.

- A. A significant source of infiltration
- B. Non-structural repairs
- C. Vapor to escape to the cold soil
- D. None of the above

301. Tree roots are attracted to the water vapor leaving the pipe and they follow the vapor trail to the source of the moisture, which are usually in?

- A. Sanitary sewer service line
- B. Cracks or loose joints
- C. Exert considerable pressure
- D. None of the above

302. Upon reaching the crack or pipe joint, this term will penetrate the opening to reach the nutrients and moisture inside the pipe.

- A. A significant source of infiltration
- B. Severity of I/I
- C. Tree roots
- D. None of the above

#### **Problems Caused by Roots Inside Sewers**

303. Homeowners will notice the first signs of this term by hearing gurgling noises from toilet bowls and observing wet areas around floor drains after completing the laundry.

- A. A significant source of infiltration
- B. Non-structural repairs
- C. Slow flowing drainage system
- D. None of the above

304. As roots continue to grow, they expand and exert considerable pressure \_\_\_\_\_ where they entered the pipe.

- A. Sanitary sewer service line
- B. Cracks or loose joints in the sewer pipe
- C. At the crack or joint
- D. None of the above

305. Which of the following term and pipes that are structurally damaged will require replacement?

- A. A significant source of infiltration
- B. Non-structural repairs
- C. Severe root intrusion
- D. None of the above

### Tree Roots in Sewer

306. Roots from trees growing on private property and on parkways throughout the City are responsible for many of the sanitary sewer service backups and?

- A. Drought conditions
- B. Inflow and infiltration (I&I)
- C. Damaged sewer pipes
- D. None of the above

307. The replacement cost of a sanitary sewer service line as a result of \_\_\_\_\_ may be very expensive.

- A. Damage from tree roots
- B. Tree roots
- C. The common method of removing roots
- D. None of the above

### Pipes Susceptible to Root Damage

308. Clay tile pipe that was commonly installed by developers and private contractors until the late 1980's is easily penetrated and?

- A. Root intrusion
- B. Damaged by tree roots
- C. Sanitary sewer service backup(s)
- D. None of the above

### Root Growth Control

309. The common method of removing roots from \_\_\_\_\_ involves the use of augers, root saws, and high-pressure flushers.

- A. Root intrusion
- B. Sanitary sewer service pipes
- C. Sanitary sewer service backup(s)
- D. None of the above

310. The use of products such as copper sulfate and sodium hydroxide are not recommended because of negative environmental impacts on the?

- A. Root intrusion
- B. Sewer service
- C. Downstream receiving water
- D. None of the above

### Smoking out Sewer Leaks

311. Which of the following is an effective method of documenting sources of inflow and should be part of any CMOM program?

- A. Taste testing
- B. Smoke testing
- C. Video techniques
- D. None of the above

312. Which of the following is a relatively simple process, which consists of blowing smoke mixed with larger volumes of air into the sanitary sewer line, usually induced through the manhole?

- A. Smoke testing
- B. Dye
- C. Inflow
- D. None of the above

313. The smoke travels the path of least resistance and quickly shows up at sites that allow?

- A. Surface water inflow
- B. CFM
- C. Sources of exfiltration
- D. None of the above

### Necessary Equipment

314. Moving the water very quickly is useless if the blower does not have the static pressure to push that water through the lines.

- A. True    B. False

315. If you've used this term and found that smoke frequently backs up to the surface, this may be your problem.

- A. High CFM blowers    C. Video inspection  
B. Smoke testing    D. None of the above

### Blowers

316. In general, squirrel cage blowers are usually larger in size, but can provide more static pressure in relation to?

- A. Smoke    C. Video inspection and other techniques  
B. CFM    D. None of the above

317. Smoke Types: There are two types of smoke currently offered for smoke testing sewers, classic smoke candles and?

- A. Smoke fluids    C. Stink bombs  
B. Dye    D. None of the above

318. Which of the following are available in various sizes that can be used singularly or in combination to meet any need?

- A. Fire candles    C. Smoke candles  
B. Dye    D. None of the above

319. Another available source of smoke is a smoke fluid system. Although they have just recently been more aggressively marketed, this term became available for sewer testing shortly after smoke candles.

- A. Smoke fluids    C. Video inspection  
B. Dyes    D. None of the above

320. The heating chamber will eventually reach a point where it is not hot enough to completely convert all the?

- A. Smoke testing    C. Fluid to smoke  
B. Smoke candle(s)    D. None of the above

321. Blocking off sections of line is usually a good idea with any type of smoke, but becomes almost a necessity when using?

- A. Smoke fluid    C. One dozen smoke candles  
B. Dye    D. None of the above

### Fats, Oils and Grease Section

322. Ponds, streams or rivers will be contaminated due to \_\_\_\_\_ and will also impact the environment negatively.

- A. Sewer backup(s)    C. Management Practices (MPs)  
B. Overflow(s)    D. None of the above

**Food Service Establishments (FSEs)**

323. Because of the amount of grease used in cooking, \_\_\_\_\_ are a significant source of fats, oil and grease (FOG).

- A. Sewer system infiltration
- B. Customer(s) Inflow
- C. Food Service Establishments (FSEs)
- D. None of the above

324. To assist improper handling and disposal of FOG \_\_\_\_\_ are generally developed to assist restaurants and other FSEs with instruction and compliance.

- A. CSO/SSO
- B. POTWs
- C. POTW Commercial FOG Program
- D. None of the above

325. According to the text, the \_\_\_\_\_ can handle properly disposed wastes, but to work effectively, sewer systems need to be properly maintained, from the drain to the treatment plant.

- A. Vactor
- B. Honey pumpers
- C. POTW's sewer system
- D. None of the above

326. Various businesses and individuals need to be responsible in maintaining the POTW system because repeated repairs are disruptive to residences and businesses alike. Proper sewer disposal by commercial establishments is required by \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Law
- B. Best management advice (BMAs)
- C. POTW's recommendations
- D. None of the above

**Environmental problem with FOG sewers**

327. The repair or replacement of their damaged property caused by FOG creating \_\_\_\_\_ can also cost customers thousands of dollars for the repair or replacement of their damaged property.

- A. Infiltration
- B. Sewer backup(s)
- C. Exfiltration
- D. None of the above

**Controlling FOG discharges**

328. According to the text, FOG wastes are generated at \_\_\_\_\_ as byproducts from food preparation activities.

- A. FSEs
- B. POTWs
- C. Customer service
- D. None of the above

329. There are generally two FOG captured on-site broad categories:

- A. Yellow grease and grease trap waste
- B. White grease and grease waste
- C. Soft and Hard
- D. None of the above

330. Food service establishments can adopt a variety of \_\_\_\_\_ or install interceptor/collector devices to control and capture the FOG material before discharge to the collection system.

- A. Customer service
- B. POTWs Rules
- C. Best management practices
- D. None of the above

### Keeping Fats, Oils, and Grease out of the Sewer System

331. Manholes can overflow into parks, yards, streets, and storm drains, allowing FOG to contaminate local waters, including drinking water. Exposure to untreated wastewater is a public-health hazard and is an \_\_\_\_\_. FOG discharged into septic systems and drain fields can cause malfunctions, resulting in more frequent tank pump-outs and other expenses.

- A. EPA violation
- B. OSHA violation
- C. EPA NOV recommendation
- D. None of the above

332. When FOG is poured down kitchen drains accumulating inside sewer pipes. As the FOG builds up, it restricts the flow in the pipe and can cause\_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Infiltration
- B. Overflow and clogging
- C. Exfiltration
- D. None of the above

### Residential and Commercial Guidelines

333. \_\_\_\_\_into homes create a health hazard as well as an unpleasant mess that can cost hundreds and sometimes thousands of dollars to clean up.

- A. Sewage backflow
- B. Trash and debris
- C. Sewer backups
- D. None of the above

334. According to the text, serious environmental and health conditions are created and can enter certain parts of the POTW, \_\_\_\_\_can enter storm drains and flow directly into water bodies and onto beaches creating problems.

- A. Sewage backups
- B. Trash and debris
- C. FOG
- D. None of the above

335. Storm sewers need to be kept clean and car washing can often results in \_\_\_\_\_ entering the storm sewers.

- A. Sewage backups
- B. Health hazard(s)
- C. Soap and oil residue(s)
- D. None of the above

336. \_\_\_\_\_ enters into storm sewers from run-off from your sprinkler, watering hose, or from the rain can carry yard waste.

- A. Fertilizer
- B. Negligence
- C. Petroleum-based oil(s)
- D. None of the above

337. Littering can cause \_\_\_\_\_ to clog catch basins and storm drains.

- A. Sewage backups
- B. Health hazard(s)
- C. Trash and debris
- D. None of the above

338. One million gallons of water can be easily contaminated by simply poring \_\_\_\_\_ down a storm drain could contaminate up to

- A. A gallon of oil
- B. FOG
- C. Dye
- D. None of the above

### Using best management practices can:

339. \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary cause of sewer problems; this in turn causes the likelihood of lawsuits by nearby businesses over sewer problems.

- A. Backup
- B. Negligence
- C. FOG Violation(s)
- D. None of the above

340. Workers or the public can be exposed to \_\_\_\_\_ during a problem, it is best to reduce exposure, thus limiting some lawsuits.

- A. Backup
- B. FOG buildup
- C. Raw sewage
- D. None of the above

341. In order to lessen the likelihood of surcharges from the sewer authority or chargebacks for repairs to sewer pipes are most likely attributable to customer's \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Health hazard(s)
- B. Soap and oil residue(s)
- C. FOG
- D. None of the above

### **Industrial Uses (Fats, Oils, and Grease)**

#### **Proper Disposal Methods:**

Ways in which a customer can reduce the amounts of FOG that enters the sewer system is by doing the following:

342. Properly maintained and regularly cleaned \_\_\_\_\_, on a regular basis. (Usually every 6 months they should be pumped out).

- A. Grease interceptors or traps
- B. Infiltration row
- C. Tallow bins
- D. None of the above

#### **Inspection Checklists**

343. \_\_\_\_\_ who adopt FOG reduction activities, as part of their CMOM program activities are likely to reduce the occurrence of sewer overflows and improve their operations and customer service.

- A. Customer service
- B. EPA
- C. Collection system owners or operators
- D. None of the above

344. EPA identified typical numeric local limits controlling oil and grease in the range of \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L to \_\_\_\_\_ mg/L with 100 mg/L as the most common reported numeric pretreatment limit.

- A. 500 to 750
- B. 10 to 100
- C. 50 to 450
- D. None of the above

345. Controlling FOG discharges will help \_\_\_\_\_ prevent blockages that affect CSOs and SSOs, which cause public health and water quality problems.

- A. POTWs
- B. FSEs
- C. Pretreatment Program regulations
- D. None of the above

346. Controlling FOG discharges from FSEs is an essential element in controlling CSOs and SSOs and ensuring the proper operations for many \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. POTWs
- B. FSEs
- C. Pretreatment Program regulations
- D. None of the above

347. \_\_\_\_\_ provides regulatory tools and authority to state and local POTW pretreatment programs for eliminating pollutant discharges that cause interference at POTWs, including interference caused by the discharge of Fats, Oils, and Grease (FOG) from food service establishments (FSE).

- A. POTWs
- B. FSEs
- C. The National Pretreatment Program
- D. None of the above

## pH Section

348. Pure water has a pH very close to?

- A. 7
- B. 7.5
- C. 7.7
- D. None of the Above

349. \_\_\_\_\_ are determined using a concentration cell with transference, by measuring the potential difference between a hydrogen electrode and a standard electrode such as the silver chloride electrode.

- A. Primary pH standard values
- B. Alkalinity
- C. pH measurement(s)
- D. None of the Above

350. 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

## Pumps and Lift Stations Section 50-60 QUESTIONS

351. Pumping Station is a relatively large sewage pumping installation designed not only to lift sewage to a higher elevation, but also to convey it through force mains to gravity flow points located relatively long distances from the?

- A. Submersible pump(s)
- B. Dry well
- C. Pumping Station
- D. None of the above

### Lift Stations

352. Which of the following are designed to operate continuously to keep sewerage from backing up through the system?

- A. Lift Station
- B. Dry well
- C. Submersible pump(s)
- D. None of the above

353. Which of the following identifies potential problems instantaneously and take the proper steps to rectify the situation before it becomes a public health risk?

- A. Telemetry
- B. Checker
- C. Pumping valve
- D. None of the above

### A Lift Station contains 4 main Components:

354. A wet well - usually \_\_\_\_\_+ ft. in depth and \_\_\_\_\_ ft. in diameter - that houses two submersible pumps of varying horsepower, discharging piping and floats that operate the pumps and keep a set level in the well.

- A. 8 & 15
- B. 15 & 8
- C. 4 & 15
- D. None of the above

355. Which of the following houses the piping and valves that prevent backflow in the station, and can lock connection used to bypass the submersibles in an emergency situation?

- A. Pumping station panel
- B. Dry well
- C. Supervisory panel
- D. None of the above

356. A "Log Book" or "Station Book" which contains the records and maps of the?

- A. Lift Station's area
- B. Dry well area
- C. Pumping Station location
- D. None of the above

### Collection Systems, Lift Stations

357. Which of the following are often installed in an enclosed structure?

- A. Lift station equipment and systems
- C. Submersible station(s)
- B. Key elements of dry well
- D. None of the above

358. Centrifugal pumps are commonly used in?

- A. Wet-well
- C. Pump station control
- B. Lift station(s)
- D. None of the above

359. A more sophisticated control operation involves the use of?

- A. Squirrel motors
- C. Variable speed drives
- B. Non-adjustable speed drives
- D. None of the above

360. Which of the following houses pumps and valves are housed in a pump room (dry pit or dry-well), that are easily accessible?

- A. Dry-well lift stations
- C. Trapped air column, or bubbler system
- B. Submersible lift station(s)
- D. None of the above

### Advantages

361. Which of the following are used to reduce the capital cost of sewer system construction?

- A. Wet-well
- C. Pump station control
- B. Lift station(s)
- D. None of the above

362. Which of the following size is dependent on the minimum pipe slope and flow?

- A. Lift station configuration
- C. Wet-well maximum detention time
- B. Gravity sewer lines
- D. None of the above

### Disadvantages

363. Which of the following also require a significant amount of power, are sometimes expensive to upgrade, and may create public concerns and negative public reaction?

- A. Gravity wastewater conveyance
- C. Dry well
- B. Lift station(s)
- D. None of the above

364. Which of the following can be eliminated or reduced by selecting alternative sewer routes or extending a gravity sewer using direction drilling or other state-of-the-art deep excavation methods?

- A. Gravity sewer
- C. Gravity wastewater conveyance
- B. Wastewater pumping
- D. None of the above

### Wet-Well

365. Which of the following depends on the type of lift station configuration and the type of pump controls?

- A. Lift station configuration
- C. Wet-well maximum detention time
- B. Wet-well design
- D. None of the above

366. Wet-wells are typically designed large enough to prevent rapid pump cycling but small enough to prevent a long detention time and associated?

- A. Wastewater quality
- C. Drainage
- B. Odor release
- D. None of the above



367. Which of the following maximum detention time in constant speed pumps is typically 20 to 30 minutes?

- A. Lift station pump
- B. Dry well
- C. Wet-well
- D. None of the above

### Wastewater Pumps

368. Large lift stations, the size and number of pumps should be selected so that the range of this \_\_\_\_\_ can be met without starting and stopping pumps too frequently and without excessive wet-well storage.

- A. Head-losses
- B. Head capacity
- C. Influent flow rates
- D. None of the above

## Confined Space Section

### Definitions

#### Confined space:

369. A confined space is large enough or so configured that an employee can \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Have sufficient oxygen
- B. Bodily enter and perform work
- C. Recognize serious safety or health hazards
- D. None of the above

370. A confined space has limited or restricted means for \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. An internal configuration
- B. Entry or exit
- C. Hazardous atmosphere
- D. None of the above

371. A permit required confined space (permit space) has an internal configuration such that \_\_\_\_\_ could be trapped or asphyxiated by inwardly converging walls or by a floor which slopes downward and tapers to a smaller cross-section.

- A. An entrant
- B. Hazardous atmosphere
- C. An internal configuration
- D. None of the above

372. A permit required confined space (permit space) contains any other recognized serious safety or \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Engulfing problems
- B. Strange atmospheres
- C. Health hazard
- D. None of the above

373. Each \_\_\_\_\_ must be marked "Confined Space - Entry Permit Required".

- A. Permit-Required Confined Space
- B. Hazardous atmosphere
- C. Entry or exit
- D. None of the above

### Confined Space Hazards

374. Fatalities and injuries constantly occur among construction workers who are required to enter \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. An internal configuration
- B. Hazardous atmosphere
- C. Confined spaces
- D. None of the above

375. Workers encounter both inherent and \_\_\_\_\_ within confined workspaces.

- A. An internal configuration
- B. Induced hazards
- C. Hazardous atmosphere
- D. None of the above

### **Inherent Hazards**

376. \_\_\_\_\_ are associated with specific types of equipment and the interactions among them. These hazards can be electrical, thermal, chemical, mechanical, etc.

- A. Inherent hazards
- B. Hazardous atmospheres
- C. Recognized serious safety or health hazards
- D. None of the above

### **Induced Hazards**

377. \_\_\_\_\_ result from a multitude of incorrect decisions and actions that occur during the actual construction process.

- A. Induced hazards
- B. Below-grade locations
- C. Build-up of explosive gases
- D. None of the above

### **Typical Examples of Confined Workspaces**

378. Confined workspaces in construction contain \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Purging agents
- B. Below-grade location
- C. Both inherent and induced hazards
- D. None of the above

### **Vaults**

379. Workers must enter \_\_\_\_\_ found on the construction jobsite to perform a number of functions.

- A. Common confined spaces
- B. Hazards
- C. A variety of vaults
- D. None of the above

### **Oxygen-Deficient Atmosphere**

380. The ever-present possibility of \_\_\_\_\_ is one of the major problems confronting construction workers while working in vaults.

- A. A common confined space
- B. Vaults
- C. An oxygen-deficient atmosphere
- D. None of the above

### **Explosive or Toxic Gases, Vapors, or Fumes**

381. \_\_\_\_\_ produce toxic fumes which are confined in the limited atmosphere of a confined space.

- A. Purging agents
- B. Below-grade locations
- C. Welding and soldering
- D. None of the above

### **Unusual Conditions**

#### **Confined Space within a Confined Space**

382. The \_\_\_\_\_ associated with the outer confined space and those of the inner confined space both require testing, monitoring, and control.

- A. Potential hazards
- B. Access passages
- C. Manholes
- D. None of the above

383. Often, only the outer space is evaluated for potential hazards. Workers are also faced with \_\_\_\_\_ when they enter the inner space.

- A. Poor lighting
- B. Excavations
- C. Potentially hazardous conditions
- D. None of the above

### Entry Attendants

384. A responsibility of the entry attendant is to be aware of \_\_\_\_\_ of hazard exposure on entrants.

- A. The attendants' primary duty
- B. Worker training
- C. Possible behavioral effects
- D. None of the above

385. A responsibility of the entry attendant is to continuously maintain an accurate count of entrants in the permit space and ensure a means to \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Timely complete the work
- B. Add workers when needed
- C. Accurately identify authorized entrants
- D. None of the above

### Special Considerations During A Permit Required Entry

386. If the \_\_\_\_\_ leave the confined space for any significant period of time, the atmosphere of the confined space must be retested before the workers are allowed to reenter the confined space.

- A. Workers
- B. Attendants
- C. Unauthorized persons
- D. None of the above

### Unauthorized Persons

387. Actions must be taken when \_\_\_\_\_ approach or enter a permit space while entry is under way.

- A. Authorized workers
- B. Rescue Workers
- C. Unauthorized persons
- D. None of the above

388. \_\_\_\_\_ must be warned to stay away from the permit space,

- A. Authorized workers
- B. Unauthorized persons
- C. Entrants
- D. None of the above

389. If \_\_\_\_\_ have entered the space, they must be advised to exit immediately.

- A. Authorized workers
- B. Entrants
- C. Unauthorized persons
- D. None of the above

### Entrants

390. According to the text, all \_\_\_\_\_ must be authorized by the entry supervisor to enter permit spaces, have received the required training, have used the proper equipment, and observed the entry procedures and permit requirements

- A. Workers
- B. Entrants
- C. Unauthorized persons
- D. None of the above

### Excavation and Trenching Section

391. According to the text, the \_\_\_\_\_ was revised because excavating is the most dangerous of all construction operations.

- A. Competent rule
- B. OSHA excavation standard
- C. Emergency rule
- D. None of the above

392. OSHA also revised the \_\_\_\_\_ to clarify the requirements.

- A. Competent rule
- B. Existing standard
- C. Protective equipment standard
- D. None of the above

393. The performance criteria in the new standard provides employers with options when classifying soil and when selecting methods to protect the \_\_\_\_\_ from cave-ins.

- A. Competent person
- B. Employee
- C. Construction equipment
- D. None of the above

394. Although employers have options when meeting some of the requirements, \_\_\_\_\_ must realize that the employee must be protected at all times.

- A. Competent persons
- B. Employers
- C. Contractors
- D. None of the above

**Competent Person**

395. Competent person means one who is capable of identifying existing hazards in the surroundings or working conditions that are unsanitary, hazardous, or dangerous to employees. The \_\_\_\_\_ has authorization to take prompt corrective measures to eliminate identified hazards.

- A. Competent person
- B. Contractor
- C. Watchman
- D. None of the above

396. A \_\_\_\_\_ must have specific training in and be knowledgeable about soils analysis, the use of protective systems and the requirements of 29 CFR Part 1926.650-652 Subpart P.

- A. Competent person
- B. Contractor
- C. Watchman
- D. None of the above

**Competent Person Duties**

397. The competent person performs daily inspections of the protective equipment, \_\_\_\_\_, safety equipment, and adjacent areas.

- A. Work progress
- B. Construction Crew
- C. Trench conditions
- D. None of the above

398. The competent person shall make \_\_\_\_\_ prior to the start of work and as needed throughout the shift.

- A. Personnel assignments
- B. Training available
- C. Inspections
- D. None of the above

399. The competent person shall make \_\_\_\_\_ after every rainstorm or other hazard occurrence.

- A. Inspections
- B. Training available
- C. Protective equipment available
- D. None of the above

400. The air shall be tested in excavations where \_\_\_\_\_ exist, or could be reasonably expected to exist.

- A. Limited visibilities
- B. Employees
- C. Oxygen deficiency or gaseous conditions
- D. None of the above