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# Wastewater Treatment CEU Training Course Assignment

Your assignment is to correctly answer the following questions about the characteristic of the activated sludge process.

You will have 90 days in order to successfully complete this assignment with a score of 70% or better. If you need any assistance, please contact TLC's Student Services. Once you are finished, please, e-mail or fax or e-mail your answer sheet along with your registration form.

Please use the Answer Key and Registration form. Select the exact answer from text.

1. The Clean Water Act is a 1977 amendment to the \_\_\_\_\_, which set the basic structure for regulating discharges of pollutants to waters of the United States.
  - A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972
  - E. None of the Above
  
2. The law gave the \_\_\_\_\_ the authority to set effluent standards on an industry basis (technology-based) and continued the requirements to set water quality standards for all contaminants in surface waters.
  - A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. EPA
  - D. National clean water legislation
  - E. None of the Above
  
3. The CWA makes it unlawful for any person to discharge any pollutant from a point source into navigable waters unless a permit \_\_\_\_\_ is obtained under the Act.
  - A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. National clean water legislation
  - E. None of the Above
  
4. The \_\_\_\_\_ focused on toxic pollutants.
  - A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. National clean water legislation
  - E. None of the Above
  
5. In 1987, the \_\_\_\_\_ was reauthorized and again focused on toxic substances, authorized citizen suit provisions, and funded sewage treatment plants (**POTW's**) under the Construction Grants Program.
  - A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act also called PCA
  - C. NPDES
  - D. National clean water legislation
  - E. None of the Above
  
6. The \_\_\_\_\_ provides for the delegation by the EPA of many permitting, administrative, and enforcement aspects of the law to state governments.
  - A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. National clean water legislation
  - E. None of the Above

7. In states with the authority to implement \_\_\_\_\_ programs, the EPA still retains oversight responsibilities.
- A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. National clean water legislation
  - E. None of the Above
8. In 1972, Congress enacted the first comprehensive \_\_\_\_\_ in response to growing public concern for serious and widespread water pollution.
- A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. National clean water legislation
  - E. None of the Above
9. The \_\_\_\_\_ is the primary federal law that protects our nation's waters, including lakes, rivers, aquifers and coastal areas.
- A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. National clean water legislation
  - E. None of the Above
10. The \_\_\_\_\_ focuses on improving the quality of the nation's waters.
- A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. National clean water legislation
  - E. None of the Above
11. The Clean Water Act provides a comprehensive framework of standards, technical tools and financial assistance to address the many causes of pollution and \_\_\_\_\_, including municipal and industrial wastewater discharges, polluted runoff from urban and rural areas, and habitat destruction.
- A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. Poor water quality
  - E. None of the Above
12. The Clean Water Act requires major industries to meet performance standards to ensure pollution control; charges states and tribes with \_\_\_\_\_ criteria appropriate for their waters and developing pollution control programs to meet them.
- A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. Setting specific water quality
  - E. None of the Above
13. The Clean Water Act provides funding to states and communities to help them meet their clean \_\_\_\_\_; and protects valuable wetlands and other aquatic habitats through a permitting process that ensures development and other activities are conducted in an environmentally sound manner.
- A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. Water infrastructure needs
  - E. None of the Above

14. The \_\_\_\_\_ continues to provide a clear path for clean water and a solid foundation for an effective national water program.
- A. 1977 amendments
  - B. Clean Water Act
  - C. NPDES
  - D. Effective national water program
  - E. None of the Above
15. There are two basic stages in the treatment of \_\_\_\_\_, primary and secondary.
- A. Organisms
  - B. Primary
  - C. Water
  - D. Wastewater
  - E. None of the Above
16. In the \_\_\_\_\_ stage, solids are allowed to settle and are removed from wastewater. The secondary stage uses biological processes to further purify wastewater. Sometimes, these stages are combined into one operation.
- A. Organisms
  - B. Primary
  - C. Water
  - D. Wastewater
  - E. None of the Above
17. Wastewater is mostly \_\_\_\_\_ by weight. Other materials make up only a small portion of wastewater, but can be present in large enough quantities to endanger public health and the environment.
- A. Organisms
  - B. Primary
  - C. Water
  - D. Wastewater
  - E. None of the Above
18. Because practically anything that can be flushed down a toilet, drain, or sewer can be found in \_\_\_\_\_, even household sewage contains many potential pollutants.
- A. Organisms
  - B. Primary
  - C. Water
  - D. Wastewater
  - E. None of the Above
19. Many different types of \_\_\_\_\_ live in wastewater and some are essential contributors to treatment.
- A. Organisms
  - B. Primary
  - C. Water
  - D. Wastewater
  - E. None of the Above
20. A variety of bacteria, \_\_\_\_\_, and worms work to break down certain carbon-based (organic) pollutants in wastewater by consuming them.
- A. Organisms
  - B. Primary
  - C. Water
  - D. Wastewater
  - E. None of the Above

21. \_\_\_\_\_ turn wastes into carbon dioxide, water, or new cell growth.
- A. Organisms
  - B. Primary
  - C. Water
  - D. Wastewater
  - E. None of the Above
22. Bacteria and other microorganisms are particularly plentiful in \_\_\_\_\_ and accomplish most of the treatment.
- A. Organisms
  - B. Primary
  - C. Water
  - D. Wastewater
  - E. None of the Above
23. Most \_\_\_\_\_ treatment systems are designed to rely in large part on biological processes.
- A. Organisms
  - B. Primary
  - C. Water
  - D. Wastewater
  - E. None of the Above
24. Many disease-causing viruses, \_\_\_\_\_, and bacteria also are present in wastewater and enter from almost anywhere in the community. These pathogens often originate from people and animals who are infected with or are carriers of a disease.
- A. Gastroenteritis
  - B. Pathogens
  - C. Diseases
  - D. Parasites
  - E. None of the Above
25. Graywater and blackwater from typical homes contain enough pathogens to pose a risk to \_\_\_\_\_. Other likely sources in communities include hospitals, schools, farms, and food processing plants.
- A. Gastroenteritis
  - B. Pathogens
  - C. Diseases
  - D. Parasites
  - E. None of the Above
26. Gastroenteritis can result from a variety of \_\_\_\_\_ in wastewater, and cases of illnesses caused by the parasitic protozoa *Giardia lamblia* and *Cryptosporidium* are not unusual in the U.S.
- A. Gastroenteritis
  - B. Pathogens
  - C. Diseases
  - D. Parasites
  - E. None of the Above
27. Other important wastewater-related \_\_\_\_\_ include hepatitis A, typhoid, polio, cholera, and dysentery. Outbreaks of these diseases can occur as a result of drinking water from wells polluted by wastewater, eating contaminated fish, or recreational activities in polluted waters.
- A. Gastroenteritis
  - B. Pathogens
  - C. Diseases
  - D. Parasites
  - E. None of the Above

28. \_\_\_\_\_are found everywhere in the environment. They are composed of the carbon-based chemicals that are the building blocks of most living things.
- A. Gastroenteritis
  - B. Pathogens
  - C. Diseases
  - D. Parasites
  - E. None of the Above
29. Organic materials in wastewater originate from plants, animals, or \_\_\_\_\_, and enter wastewater through human wastes, paper products, detergents, cosmetics, foods, and from agricultural, commercial, and industrial sources.
- A. Gastroenteritis
  - B. Pathogens
  - C. Diseases
  - D. Parasites
  - E. None of the Above
30. \_\_\_\_\_normally are some combination of carbon, hydrogen, oxygen, nitrogen, and other elements. Many organics are proteins, carbohydrates, or fats and are biodegradable, which means they can be consumed and broken down by organisms.
- A. Proteins
  - B. Organic matter or organic compounds or organic materials
  - C. Synthetic organics
  - D. BOD
  - E. None of the Above
31. Too much \_\_\_\_\_in wastewater can be devastating to receiving waters.
- A. Proteins
  - B. Organic matter or organic compounds or organic materials
  - C. Synthetic organics
  - D. BOD
  - E. None of the Above
32. Large amounts of biodegradable materials are dangerous to lakes, streams, and oceans, because organisms use \_\_\_\_\_in the water to break down the wastes.
- A. Proteins
  - B. Organic matter or organic compounds or organic materials
  - C. Synthetic organics
  - D. DO
  - E. None of the Above
33. Some organic compounds are more stable than others and cannot be quickly broken down by organisms, posing an additional challenge for treatment. This is true of many \_\_\_\_\_compounds developed for agriculture and industry.
- A. Proteins
  - B. Organic matter or organic compounds or organic materials
  - C. Synthetic organic
  - D. BOD
  - E. None of the Above
34. Certain \_\_\_\_\_are highly toxic.
- A. Proteins
  - B. Organic matter or organic compounds or organic materials
  - C. Synthetic organics
  - D. BOD
  - E. None of the Above

35. Benzene and toluene are two \_\_\_\_\_ found in some solvents, pesticides, and other products.
- A. Proteins
  - B. Toxic organic compounds
  - C. Synthetic organics
  - D. BOD
  - E. None of the Above
36. New \_\_\_\_\_ compounds are being developed all the time, which can complicate treatment efforts.
- A. Proteins
  - B. Organic matter or organic compounds or organic materials
  - C. Synthetic organic
  - D. BOD
  - E. None of the Above
37. Fatty organic materials from animals, vegetables, and petroleum also are not quickly broken down by \_\_\_\_\_ and can cause pollution in receiving environments.
- A. Proteins
  - B. Organic matter or organic compounds or organic materials
  - C. Synthetic organics
  - D. Bacteria
  - E. None of the Above
38. When large amounts of oils and greases are discharged to receiving waters from community systems, they increase \_\_\_\_\_ and they may float to the surface and harden, causing aesthetically displeasing conditions.
- A. Proteins
  - B. Organic matter or organic compounds or organic materials
  - C. Synthetic organics
  - D. BOD
  - E. None of the Above
39. \_\_\_\_\_ also can trap trash, plants, and other materials, causing foul odors and attracting flies and mosquitoes and other disease vectors. In some cases, too much oil and grease causes septic conditions in ponds and lakes by preventing oxygen from the atmosphere from reaching the water.
- A. Inorganic minerals
  - B. Inorganic substances
  - C. Oils and greases
  - D. Petroleum-based waste oils
  - E. None of the Above
40. Onsite systems also can be harmed by too much \_\_\_\_\_, which can clog onsite system drainfield pipes and soils, adding to the risk of system failure.
- A. Inorganic minerals
  - B. Inorganic substances
  - C. Oils and grease
  - D. Petroleum-based waste oils
  - E. None of the Above
41. Excessive \_\_\_\_\_ also adds to the septic tank scum layer, causing more frequent tank pumping to be required. Both possibilities can result in significant costs to homeowners.
- A. Inorganic minerals
  - B. Inorganic substances
  - C. Grease
  - D. Petroleum-based waste oils
  - E. None of the Above

42. \_\_\_\_\_ used for motors and industry are considered hazardous waste and should be collected and disposed of separately from wastewater.
- A. Inorganic minerals
  - B. Inorganic substances
  - C. Oils and greases
  - D. Petroleum-based waste oils
  - E. None of the Above
43. \_\_\_\_\_, metals, and compounds, such as sodium, potassium, calcium, magnesium, cadmium, copper, lead, nickel, and zinc are common in wastewater from both residential and nonresidential sources.
- A. Inorganic minerals
  - B. Inorganic substances
  - C. Oils and greases
  - D. Petroleum-based waste oils
  - E. None of the Above
44. They can originate from a variety of sources in the community including industrial and commercial sources, \_\_\_\_\_, and inflow and infiltration from cracked pipes and leaky manhole covers.
- A. Inorganic minerals
  - B. Inorganic substances
  - C. Oils and greases
  - D. Stormwater
  - E. None of the Above
45. Most \_\_\_\_\_ are relatively stable, and cannot be broken down easily by organisms in wastewater.
- A. Inorganic minerals
  - B. Inorganic substances
  - C. Oils and greases
  - D. Petroleum-based waste oils
  - E. None of the Above
46. Large amounts of many \_\_\_\_\_ can contaminate soil and water. Some are toxic to animals and humans and may accumulate in the environment. For this reason, extra treatment steps are often required to remove inorganic materials from industrial wastewater sources.
- A. Inorganic minerals
  - B. Inorganic substances
  - C. Oils and greases
  - D. Petroleum-based waste oils
  - E. None of the Above
47. Heavy metals are discharged with many types of industrial wastewaters, are difficult to remove by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A. Solid materials
  - B. Nitrogen
  - C. Nutrients
  - D. Deprived of oxygen
  - E. None of the Above
48. Although acute poisonings from heavy metals in drinking water are rare in the U.S., potential long-term health effects of ingesting small amounts of some \_\_\_\_\_ over an extended period of time are possible.
- A. Solid materials
  - B. Nitrogen
  - C. Nutrients
  - D. Deprived of oxygen
  - E. None of the Above

49. Wastewater often contains large amounts of the \_\_\_\_\_ nitrogen and phosphorus in the form of nitrate and phosphate, which promote plant growth.
- A. Solid materials
  - B. Nitrogen
  - C. Nutrients
  - D. Deprived of oxygen
  - E. None of the Above
50. Organisms only require small amounts of nutrients in biological treatment, so there normally is an excess available in treated wastewater. In severe cases, excessive \_\_\_\_\_ in receiving waters cause algae and other plants to grow quickly depleting oxygen in the water.
- A. Solid materials
  - B. Nitrogen
  - C. Nutrients
  - D. Deprived of oxygen
  - E. None of the Above
51. \_\_\_\_\_, fish and other aquatic life die, emitting foul odors.
- A. Solid materials
  - B. Nitrogen
  - C. Nutrients
  - D. Deprived of oxygen
  - E. None of the Above
52. \_\_\_\_\_ from wastewater have also been linked to ocean "red tides" that poison fish and cause illness in humans.
- A. Solid materials
  - B. Nitrogen
  - C. Nutrients
  - D. Deprived of oxygen
  - E. None of the Above
53. \_\_\_\_\_ in drinking water may contribute to miscarriages and is the cause of a serious illness in infants called methemoglobinemia or "blue baby syndrome."
- A. Solid materials
  - B. Nitrogen
  - C. Nutrients
  - D. Deprived of oxygen
  - E. None of the Above
54. \_\_\_\_\_ in wastewater can consist of organic and/or inorganic materials and organisms.
- A. Solid materials
  - B. Nitrogen
  - C. Nutrients
  - D. Deprived of oxygen
  - E. None of the Above
55. The solids must be significantly reduced by treatment or they can increase BOD when discharged to receiving waters and provide places for \_\_\_\_\_ to escape disinfection. They also can clog soil absorption fields in onsite systems.
- A. Solid materials
  - B. Nitrogen
  - C. Nutrients
  - D. Deprived of oxygen
  - E. None of the Above

56. What are certain substances, such as sand, grit, and heavier organic and inorganic materials settle out from the rest of the wastewater stream during the preliminary stages of treatment?
- A. Suspended solids
  - B. Settleable solids
  - C. Biologically active layer
  - D. Dissolved solids
  - E. None of the Above
57. On the bottom of settling tanks and ponds, organic material makes up a \_\_\_\_\_ of sludge that aids in treatment.
- A. Suspended solids
  - B. Settleable solids
  - C. Biologically active layer
  - D. Dissolved solids
  - E. None of the Above
58. What are materials that resist settling may remain suspended in wastewater?
- A. Suspended solids
  - B. Settleable solids
  - C. Biologically active layer
  - D. Dissolved solids
  - E. None of the Above
59. \_\_\_\_\_ in wastewater must be treated, or they will clog soil absorption systems or reduce the effectiveness of disinfection systems.
- A. Suspended solids
  - B. Settleable solids
  - C. Biologically active layer
  - D. Dissolved solids
  - E. None of the Above
60. What are small particles of certain wastewater materials can dissolve like salt in water?
- A. Suspended solids
  - B. Settleable solids
  - C. Biologically active layer
  - D. Dissolved solids
  - E. None of the Above
61. Some dissolved materials are consumed by microorganisms in wastewater, but others, such as heavy metals, are difficult to remove by conventional treatment. Excessive amounts of \_\_\_\_\_ in wastewater can have adverse effects on the environment.
- A. Suspended solids
  - B. Settleable solids
  - C. Biologically active layer
  - D. Dissolved solids
  - E. None of the Above
62. Certain gases in wastewater can cause \_\_\_\_\_, affect treatment, or are potentially dangerous.
- A. Suspended solids
  - B. Settleable solids
  - C. Biologically active layer
  - D. None of the Above
63. \_\_\_\_\_ is a byproduct of anaerobic biological treatment and is highly combustible.
- A. Hydrogen sulfide
  - B. Methane gas
  - C. Wastewater odors
  - D. Ammonia
  - E. None of the Above

64. Special precautions need to be taken near septic tanks, manholes, treatment plants, and other areas where \_\_\_\_\_ can collect.
- A. Hydrogen sulfide
  - B. Methane gas
  - C. Wastewater gases
  - D. Ammonia
  - E. None of the Above
65. The gases \_\_\_\_\_ and ammonia can be toxic and pose asphyxiation hazards.
- A. Hydrogen sulfide
  - B. Methane gas
  - C. Wastewater odors
  - D. Ammonia
  - E. None of the Above
66. \_\_\_\_\_ as a dissolved gas in wastewater also is dangerous to fish.
- A. Hydrogen sulfide
  - B. Methane gas
  - C. Wastewater odors
  - D. Ammonia
  - E. Substances
67. Unless effectively contained or minimized by design and location, \_\_\_\_\_ can affect the mental well-being and quality of life of residents. In some cases, odors can even lower property values and affect the local economy.
- A. Hydrogen sulfide
  - B. Methane gas
  - C. Wastewater odors
  - D. Ammonia
  - E. None of the Above
68. In addition to the many \_\_\_\_\_ found in wastewater, there are other characteristics system designers and operators use to evaluate wastewater.
- A. Temperatures
  - B. Turbidity
  - C. Alkalinity
  - D. pH
  - E. None of the Above
69. The color, odor, and \_\_\_\_\_ of wastewater give clues about the amount and type of pollutants present and treatment necessary.
- A. Temperatures
  - B. Turbidity
  - C. Alkalinity
  - D. pH
  - E. None of the Above
70. The following are some other important wastewater characteristics that can affect public health and the environment, as well as the \_\_\_\_\_, cost, and effectiveness of treatment.
- A. Temperatures
  - B. Turbidity
  - C. Alkalinity
  - D. pH
  - E. None of the Above

71. The best temperatures for wastewater treatment probably range from 77 to 95 degrees Fahrenheit. In general, biological treatment activity accelerates in warm \_\_\_\_\_ and slows in cool temperatures, but extreme hot or cold can stop treatment processes altogether.
- A. Temperatures
  - B. Turbidity
  - C. Alkalinity
  - D. pH
  - E. None of the Above
72. Some systems are \_\_\_\_\_ during cold weather and some may not be appropriate for very cold climates.
- A. Temperatures
  - B. Turbidity
  - C. Alkalinity
  - D. pH
  - E. None of the Above
73. Wastewater \_\_\_\_\_ also affects receiving waters. Hot water is a byproduct of many manufacturing processes, can be a pollutant.
- A. Temperature
  - B. Turbidity
  - C. Alkalinity
  - D. pH
  - E. None of the Above
74. When hot water is discharged in large quantities, it can raise the \_\_\_\_\_ of receiving streams locally and disrupt the natural balance of aquatic life.
- A. Temperature
  - B. Turbidity
  - C. Alkalinity
  - D. pH
  - E. None of the Above
75. The \_\_\_\_\_ or alkalinity of wastewater affects both treatment and the environment.
- A. Temperatures
  - B. Acidity
  - C. Alkalinity
  - D. pH
  - E. None of the Above
76. Low \_\_\_\_\_ indicates increasing acidity, while a high pH indicates increasing alkalinity (a pH of 7 is neutral).
- A. Temperatures
  - B. Acid
  - C. Alkalinity
  - D. pH
77. The \_\_\_\_\_ of wastewater needs to remain between 6 and 9 to protect organisms.
- A. Temperatures
  - B. Acid
  - C. Alkalinity
  - D. pH
  - E. None of the Above

78. Acids and other substances that alter \_\_\_\_\_ can inactivate treatment processes when they enter wastewater from industrial or commercial sources.
- A. Temperatures
  - B. Acid
  - C. Alkalinity
  - D. pH
  - E. None of the Above
79. Whether a system serves a single home or an entire community, it must be able to \_\_\_\_\_ in the quantity and quality of wastewater it receives to ensure proper treatment is provided at all times.
- A. Hydraulically overloaded
  - B. Based on observations
  - C. Handle fluctuations
  - D. Flows generated
  - E. None of the Above
80. Systems that are inadequately designed or \_\_\_\_\_ may fail to provide treatment and allow the release of pollutants to the environment.
- A. Hydraulically overloaded
  - B. Based on observations
  - C. Handle fluctuations
  - D. Flows generated
  - E. None of the Above
81. To design systems that are both as safe and as cost-effective as possible, engineers must estimate the average and maximum (peak) amount of \_\_\_\_\_ by various sources.
- A. Hydraulically overloaded
  - B. Based on observations
  - C. Handle fluctuations
  - D. Flows generated
  - E. None of the Above
82. Because extreme fluctuations in flow can occur during different times of the day and on different days of the week, estimates are \_\_\_\_\_ of the minimum and maximum amounts of water used on an hourly, daily, weekly, and seasonal basis.
- A. Hydraulically overloaded
  - B. Based on observations
  - C. Handle fluctuations
  - D. Flows generated
  - E. None of the Above
83. The \_\_\_\_\_ peak flow events that result from several or all water-using appliances or fixtures being used at once also is taken into account.
- A. Hydraulically overloaded
  - B. Based on observations
  - C. Flows generated
  - D. Possibility of instantaneous
  - E. None of the Above
84. Peak flows at stores and other businesses \_\_\_\_\_ business hours and during meal times at restaurants.
- A. Hydraulically overloaded
  - B. Typically occur during
  - C. Handle fluctuations
  - D. Flows generated
  - E. None of the Above

85. \_\_\_\_\_ for centralized treatment systems is a complicated task, especially when designing a new treatment plant in a community where one has never existed previously.
- A. Hydraulically overloaded
  - B. Estimating flow volumes
  - C. Handle fluctuations
  - D. Flows generated
  - E. None of the Above
86. Engineers must allow for additional flows during wet weather due to \_\_\_\_\_ of extra water into sewers.
- A. Hydraulically overloaded
  - B. Inflow and infiltration
  - C. Flows generated
  - D. Possibility of instantaneous
  - E. None of the Above
87. Excess water can enter sewers through leaky manhole covers and cracked pipes and pipe joints, diluting wastewater, which affects its overall characteristics. This \_\_\_\_\_ to treatment plants sometimes by as much as three or four times the original design load.
- A. Hydraulically overloaded
  - B. Can increase flows
  - C. Handle fluctuations
  - D. Flows generated
  - E. None of the Above
88. The main focus of wastewater treatment plants \_\_\_\_\_ the BOD and COD in the effluent discharged to natural waters, meeting state and federal discharge criteria.
- A. Is to reduce
  - B. Bioconversion of
  - C. Are designed to
  - D. To remove
  - E. None of the Above
89. Wastewater treatment plants \_\_\_\_\_ function as "microbiology farms," where bacteria and other microorganisms are fed oxygen and organic waste.
- A. Is to reduce
  - B. Bioconversion of
  - C. Are designed to
  - D. To remove
  - E. None of the Above
90. Treatment of wastewater usually involves biological processes such as the activated sludge system in the secondary stage after preliminary screening \_\_\_\_\_ coarse particles and primary sedimentation that settles out suspended solids.
- A. Is to reduce
  - B. Bioconversion of
  - C. Are designed to
  - D. To remove
  - E. None of the Above
91. These secondary treatment steps are \_\_\_\_\_ environmental biotechnologies that harness natural self-purification processes contained in bioreactors for the biodegradation of organic matter and bioconversion of soluble nutrients in the wastewater.
- A. Is to reduce
  - B. Bioconversion of
  - C. Are designed to
  - D. Generally considered
  - E. None of the Above

92. Each wastewater stream is unique, and so too are the community of microorganisms that process it. This "application-specific microbiology" is the preferred methodology in wastewater treatment \_\_\_\_\_ of biological nutrient removal.

- A. Is to reduce
- B. Bioconversion of
- C. Affecting the efficiency
- D. To remove
- E. None of the Above

93. The right laboratory-prepared bugs \_\_\_\_\_ in organics removal-if they have the right growth environment. This efficiency is multiplied if microorganisms are allowed to grow as a layer-a biofilm-on specifically designed support media. In this way, optimized biological processing of a waste stream can occur.

- A. Are more efficient
- B. Bioconversion of
- C. Are designed to
- D. To remove
- E. None of the Above

94. To reduce the start up phase for growing a \_\_\_\_\_ one can also purchase "application specific bacterial cultures" from appropriate microbiology vendors.

- A. Biological denitrification
- B. Microbes feed
- C. Micro-organisms
- D. Mature biofilm
- E. None of the Above

95. \_\_\_\_\_, like all living things, require food for growth.

- A. Aerobic digestion
- B. Biological denitrification
- C. Microbes feed
- D. Micro-organisms
- E. None of the Above

96. Biological sewage treatment consists of many different \_\_\_\_\_, mostly bacteria, carrying out a stepwise, continuous, sequential attack on the organic compounds found in wastewater and upon which the microbes feed.

- A. Aerobic digestion
- B. Biological denitrification
- C. Microbes feed
- D. Micro-organisms
- E. None of the Above

97. \_\_\_\_\_ of waste is the natural biological degradation and purification process in which bacteria that thrive in oxygen-rich environments break down and digest the waste.

- A. Aerobic digestion
- B. Biological denitrification
- C. Micro-organisms
- D. Mature biofilm
- E. None of the Above

98. During the oxidation process, pollutants are broken down into carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>), water (H<sub>2</sub>O), nitrates, sulfates and biomass (\_\_\_\_\_). By optimizing the oxygen supply -with so-called aerators- the process can be significantly accelerated.

- A. Aerobic digestion
- B. Biological denitrification
- C. Micro-organisms
- D. Mature biofilm
- E. None of the Above

99. Most activated sludge processes are used to degrade carbonaceous BOD. It is also possible to design and/or operate the basic system to oxidize ammonia (\_\_\_\_\_).

- A. Aerobic digestion
- B. Nitrification
- C. Microbes feed
- D. Micro-organisms
- E. None of the Above

100. Many plants are now designed to achieve \_\_\_\_\_. Other system modifications include phosphorus removal and biological denitrification. Activated sludge plants are usually designed from pilot plant and laboratory studies.

- A. Aerobic digestion
- B. Nitrification
- C. Micro-organisms
- D. Mature biofilm
- E. None of the Above

101. It is possible to design a process based on the amount of time the \_\_\_\_\_ spends in the system, generally termed mean cell residence time (MCRT), or on the amount of food provided to the bacteria in the aeration tank (the food-to-microorganism ratio, F/M).

- A. Aerobic digestion
- B. Biological denitrification
- C. Microbes feed
- D. Sludge
- E. None of the Above

102. The operating control point is that point when the best effluent and \_\_\_\_\_ quality is obtained for the existing conditions.

- A. Aerobic digestion
- B. Biological denitrification
- C. Microbes feed
- D. Sludge
- E. None of the Above

103. Swimming and gliding \_\_\_\_\_ engulf bacteria or other prey.

- A. Ciliates
- B. Microorganism or Organism
- C. Bacteria
- D. Floc-forming bacteria
- E. None of the Above

104. Stalked \_\_\_\_\_ attach to the biomass and vortex suspended bacteria into their gullets, while crawlers break bacteria loose from the floc surface.

- A. Ciliates
- B. Microorganism or Organism
- C. Bacteria
- D. Floc-forming bacteria
- E. None of the Above

105. Predators feed mostly on stalked and swimming ciliates. The omnivores, such as most rotifers, eat whatever is readily available, while the worms feed on the floc or prey on larger organisms. \_\_\_\_\_ are directly affected by their treatment environment.

- A. Ciliates
- B. Microorganisms
- C. Bacteria
- D. Floc-forming bacteria
- E. None of the Above

106. Changes in food, dissolved oxygen, temperature, pH, total dissolved solids, sludge age, presence of toxins, and other factors create a dynamic environment for the treatment \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ciliates
  - Organisms
  - Bacteria
  - Floc-forming bacteria
  - None of the Above
107. Food (organic loading) regulates \_\_\_\_\_ numbers, diversity, and species when other factors are not limiting.
- Ciliates
  - Microorganism
  - Bacteria
  - Floc-forming bacteria
  - None of the Above
108. The relative abundance and occurrence of organisms at different loadings can reveal why some \_\_\_\_\_ are present in large numbers while others are absent.
- Ciliates
  - Organisms
  - Bacteria
  - Floc-forming bacteria
  - None of the Above
109. The aerobic bacteria that occur are similar to those found in other treatment processes such as \_\_\_\_\_.
- Ciliates
  - Microorganism or Organism
  - Bacteria
  - Floc-forming bacteria
  - None of the Above
110. Three functional groups occur: freely dispersed, single bacteria; \_\_\_\_\_; and filamentous bacteria. All function similarly to oxidize organic carbon (BOD) to produce CO<sub>2</sub> and new bacteria (new sludge).
- Ciliates
  - Microorganism or Organism
  - Bacteria
  - Floc-forming bacteria
  - None of the Above
111. Many bacterial species that degrade wastes grow as single bacteria dispersed in the wastewater. Although these readily oxidize BOD, they do not settle and hence often leave the lagoon system in the effluent as solids (\_\_\_\_\_).
- Filamentous
  - TSS
  - Floc
  - BOD
  - None of the Above
112. These tend to grow in lagoons at high organic loading and low oxygen conditions. More important are the floc-forming bacteria, those that grow in a large aggregate (\_\_\_\_\_) due to exocellular polymer production (the glycocalyx).
- Filamentous
  - Heterotrophic
  - TSS
  - Floc
  - None of the Above

113. This growth form is important as these flocs degrade BOD and settle at the end of the process, producing a low \_\_\_\_\_ effluent.

- A. Filamentous
- B. Heterotrophic
- C. TSS
- D. BOD
- E. None of the Above

114. A number of \_\_\_\_\_ bacteria occur in lagoons, usually at specific growth environments.

- A. Filamentous
- B. Heterotrophic
- C. TSS
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

115. These generally do not cause any operational problems in lagoons, in contrast to activated sludge where \_\_\_\_\_ bulking and poor sludge settling is a common problem.

- A. Filamentous
- B. Heterotrophic
- C. TSS
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

116. Most heterotrophic bacteria have a wide range in environmental tolerance and can function effectively in \_\_\_\_\_ removal over a wide range in pH and temperature.

- A. Filamentous
- B. Heterotrophic
- C. TSS
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

117. Aerobic \_\_\_\_\_ removal generally proceeds well from pH 6.5 to 9.0 and at temperatures from 3-4°C to 60- 70°C (mesophilic bacteria are replaced by thermophilic bacteria at temperatures above 35°C).

- A. Filamentous
- B. TSS
- C. Nitrification
- D. BOD
- E. None of the Above

118. BOD removal generally declines rapidly below 3-4°C and ceases at 1-2°C. A very specialized group of bacteria occurs to some extent in lagoons (and other wastewater treatment systems) that can oxidize ammonia via nitrite to nitrate, termed \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Filamentous
- B. Heterotrophic
- C. Nitrifying bacteria
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

119. It was once thought that only two bacteria were involved in nitrification: *Nitrosomonas europaea*, which oxidizes ammonia to nitrite, and *Nitrobacter winogradskyi*, which \_\_\_\_\_ to nitrate.

- A. Filamentous
- B. Heterotrophic
- C. Oxidize nitrite
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

120. It is now known that at least 5 genera of bacteria \_\_\_\_\_ and at least three genera of bacteria oxidize nitrite.

- A. CO<sub>2</sub>
- B. Heterotrophic
- C. Oxidize ammonia
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

121. Besides oxygen, these nitrifying bacteria require a neutral pH (7-8) and substantial alkalinity (these autotrophs use \_\_\_\_\_ as a carbon source for growth).

- A. CO<sub>2</sub>
- B. MLSS
- C. Oxidize nitrite
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

122. \_\_\_\_\_ ceases at pH values above 9 and declines markedly at pH values below 7. This results from the growth inhibition of the nitrifying bacteria.

- A. CO<sub>2</sub>
- B. Heterotrophic
- C. Oxidize nitrite
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

123. \_\_\_\_\_, is not a major pathway for nitrogen removal in lagoons.

- A. CO<sub>2</sub>
- B. MLSS
- C. Oxidize nitrite
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

124. Nitrifying bacteria exist in low numbers in lagoons. They prefer attached growth systems and/or high \_\_\_\_\_ sludge systems.

- A. CO<sub>2</sub>
- B. MLSS
- C. Oxidize nitrite
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

125. Anaerobic, heterotrophic bacteria that commonly occur in lagoons are involved in \_\_\_\_\_ formation and in sulfate reduction.

- A. CO<sub>2</sub>
- B. MLSS
- C. Methane
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

126. Anaerobic methane formation involves three different groups of anaerobic bacteria that function together to convert organic materials to \_\_\_\_\_ via a three step process.

- A. CO<sub>2</sub>
- B. MLSS
- C. Methane
- D. Nitrification
- E. None of the Above

127. \_\_\_\_\_ - many genera of anaerobic bacteria hydrolyze proteins, fats, and poly saccharides present in wastewater to amino acids, short-chain peptides, fatty acids, glycerol, and mono- and di-saccharides. These have a wide environmental tolerance in pH and temperature.

- A. Methane forming bacteria
- B. General anaerobic degraders
- C. Acid-forming bacteria
- D. Anaerobic fermenter
- E. None of the Above

128. \_\_\_\_\_ - this diverse group of bacteria converts products from above under anaerobic conditions to simple alcohols and organic acids such as acetic, propionic, and butyric. These bacteria are hardy and occur over a wide pH and temperature range.

- A. Methane forming bacteria
- B. Anaerobic degraders
- C. Acid-forming bacteria
- D. Anaerobic fermenter
- E. None of the Above

129. \_\_\_\_\_ - these bacteria convert formic acid, methanol, methylamine, and acetic acid under anaerobic conditions to methane.

- A. Methane forming bacteria
- B. Anaerobic degraders
- C. Acid-forming bacteria
- D. Anaerobic fermenter
- E. None of the Above

130. \_\_\_\_\_ is derived in part from these compounds and in part from CO<sub>2</sub> reduction.

- A. Methane
- B. Anaerobic degraders
- C. Acid-forming bacteria
- D. Anaerobic fermenter
- E. None of the Above

131. \_\_\_\_\_ are environmentally sensitive and have a narrow pH range of 6.5- 7.5 and require temperatures > 14° C.

- A. Methane bacteria
- B. Anaerobic degraders
- C. Acid-forming bacteria
- D. Anaerobic fermenter
- E. None of the Above

132. Note that the products of the acid formers (principally acetic acid) become the substrate for the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Methane producers
- B. Anaerobic degraders
- C. Acid-forming bacteria
- D. Anaerobic fermenter
- E. None of the Above

133. A problem at times exists where the acid formers overproduce organic acids, lowering the pH below where the \_\_\_\_\_ can function (a pH < 6.5). This can stop methane formation and lead to a buildup of sludge in a lagoon with a low pH.

- A. Methane bacteria
- B. Anaerobic degraders
- C. Acid-forming bacteria
- D. Anaerobic fermenter
- E. None of the Above

134. In an \_\_\_\_\_, this is called a "**stuck digester**".

- A. Methane forming bacteria
- B. Anaerobic degraders
- C. Acid-forming bacteria
- D. Anaerobic fermenter
- E. None of the Above

135. \_\_\_\_\_ ceases at cold temperatures, probably not occurring in most lagoons in the wintertime in cold climates.

- A. Methane fermentation
- B. Anaerobic degraders
- C. Acid-forming bacteria
- D. Anaerobic fermenter
- E. None of the Above

136. A number of \_\_\_\_\_ (14 genera reported to date) called sulfate reducing bacteria can use sulfate as an electron acceptor, reducing sulfate to hydrogen sulfide. This occurs when BOD and sulfate are present and oxygen is absent.

- A. Methane forming bacteria
- B. Anaerobic bacteria
- C. Acid-forming bacteria
- D. Anaerobic fermenter
- E. None of the Above

137. \_\_\_\_\_ is a major cause of odors in ponds.

- A. Sulfur compounds
- B. Sulfate reduction
- C. H<sub>2</sub>S
- D. Sulfur bacteria
- E. None of the Above

138. Anaerobic, photosynthetic bacteria occur in all lagoons and are the predominant photo-synthetic organisms in anaerobic lagoons. The anaerobic sulfur bacteria, generally grouped into the red and green sulfur bacteria and represented by about 28 genera, oxidize reduced sulfur compounds (\_\_\_\_\_) using light energy to produce sulfur and sulfate.

- A. Sulfur compounds
- B. Sulfate reduction
- C. H<sub>2</sub>S
- D. Sulfur bacteria
- E. None of the Above

139. \_\_\_\_\_ is used in place of H<sub>2</sub>O as used by algae and green plants, producing SO<sub>4</sub><sup>-</sup> instead of O<sub>2</sub>. All are either strict anaerobes or microaerophilic. Most common are Chromatium, Thiocystis, and Thiopedia, which can grow in profusion and give a lagoon a pink or red color.

- A. Sulfur compounds
- B. Sulfate reduction
- C. H<sub>2</sub>S
- D. Sulfur bacteria
- E. None of the Above

140. Conversion of odorous sulfides to sulfur and sulfate by these \_\_\_\_\_ is a significant odor control mechanism in facultative and anaerobic lagoons, and can be desirable.

- A. Sulfur compounds
- B. Sulfate reduction
- C. H<sub>2</sub>S
- D. Sulfur bacteria
- E. None of the Above

141. The \_\_\_\_\_ at a treatment lagoon is determined by the various chemical species of alkalinity that are present.

- A. Sulfur compounds
- B. Sulfate reduction
- C.  $H_2S$
- D. Sulfur bacteria
- E. None of the Above

142. The main species present are carbon dioxide ( $CO_2$ , bicarbonate ion (\_\_\_\_\_), and carbonate ion ( $CO_3^{=}$ ).

- A. Alkalinity
- B.  $HCO_3$
- C.  $H_2S$
- D. pH
- E. None of the Above

143. \_\_\_\_\_ and pH can affect which species will be present. High amounts of  $CO_2$  yield a low lagoon pH, while high amounts of  $CO_3^{=}$  yield a high lagoon pH.

- A. Alkalinity
- B.  $CO_2$
- C.  $H_2S$
- D. pH
- E. None of the Above

144. Bacterial growth on \_\_\_\_\_ releases  $CO_2$  which subsequently dissolves in water to yield carbonic acid ( $H_2CO_3$ ). This rapidly dissociates to bicarbonate ion, increasing the lagoon alkalinity.

- A. Alkalinity
- B. BOD
- C.  $H_2S$
- D. pH
- E. None of the Above

145. Bacterial oxidation of BOD causes a decrease in lagoon pH due to \_\_\_\_\_ release.

- A. Alkalinity
- B.  $CO_2$
- C.  $H_2S$
- D. pH
- E. None of the Above

146. Algal growth in lagoons has the opposite effect on lagoon pH, raising the pH due to algal use for growth of inorganic carbon (\_\_\_\_\_ and  $HCO_3$ ).

- A. Alkalinity
- B.  $CO_2$
- C.  $H_2S$
- D. pH
- E. None of the Above

147. Algal growth reduces the lagoon alkalinity which may cause the \_\_\_\_\_ to increase if the lagoon alkalinity (pH buffer capacity) is low.

- A. Alkalinity
- B.  $CO_2$
- C.  $H_2S$
- D. pH
- E. None of the Above

148. \_\_\_\_\_ can grow to such an extent in lagoons (a bloom) that they consume for photosynthesis all of the  $\text{CO}_2$  and  $\text{HCO}_3^-$  present, leaving only carbonate ( $\text{CO}_3^{2-}$ ) as the pH buffering species.

- A. Alkalinity
- B.  $\text{CO}_3$
- C. Algae
- D. pH
- E. None of the Above

149. The above situation causes the pH of the lagoon to become \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Alkaline
- B.  $\text{CO}_2$
- C.  $\text{H}_2\text{S}$
- D. pH
- E. None of the Above

150. pH values of 9.5 or greater are common in \_\_\_\_\_ during algal blooms, which can lead to lagoon effluent pH violations (in most states this is pH = 9).

- A. *Culex tarsalis*
- B. Lagoon (s)
- C. Rotifers
- D. Microinvertebrates

151. It should be noted that an increase in the \_\_\_\_\_ pH caused by algal growth can be beneficial. Natural disinfection of pathogens is enhanced at higher pH.

- A. *Culex tarsalis*
- B. Lagoon (s)
- C. Rotifers
- D. Microinvertebrates
- E. None of the Above

152. Phosphorus removal by natural chemical precipitation is greatly enhanced at pH values greater than pH = 8.5. In addition, \_\_\_\_\_ to the atmosphere is enhanced at higher pH values ( $\text{NH}_3$  is strippable, not  $\text{NH}_4^+$ ).

- A. *Culex tarsalis*
- B. Lagoon (s)
- C. Rotifers
- D. Microinvertebrates
- E. None of the Above

153. Many higher life forms (animals) develop in lagoons. These include protozoans and microinvertebrates such as rotifers, daphnia, \_\_\_\_\_, chironomids (midge larvae), and mosquito larvae (often termed zooplankton).

- A. Annelids
- B. Lagoon (s)
- C. Rotifers
- D. Microinvertebrates
- E. None of the Above

154. These organisms mentioned above play a role in waste purification by feeding on bacteria and \_\_\_\_\_ and promoting flocculation and settling of particulate material.

- A. *Culex tarsalis*
- B. Lagoon (s)
- C. Algae
- D. Microinvertebrates
- E. None of the Above

155. Protozoans are the most common higher life forms in \_\_\_\_\_, with about 250 species identified in lagoons to date.

- A. Culex tarsalis
- B. Lagoon (s)
- C. Rotifers
- D. Microinvertebrates
- E. None of the Above

156. \_\_\_\_\_ and daphnia are particularly important in controlling algal overgrowth and these often "**bloom**" when algal concentrations are high.

- A. Culex tarsalis
- B. Lagoon (s)
- C. Rotifers
- D. Microinvertebrates
- E. None of the Above

157. These \_\_\_\_\_ are relatively slow growing and generally only occur in systems with a detention time of >10 days.

- A. Culex tarsalis
- B. Lagoon (s)
- C. Rotifers
- D. Microinvertebrates
- E. None of the Above

158. Mosquitoes grow in \_\_\_\_\_ where shoreline vegetation is not removed and these may cause a nuisance and public health problem.

- A. Culex tarsalis
- B. Lagoon (s)
- C. Rotifers
- D. Microinvertebrates
- E. None of the Above

159. Culex tarsalis, the vector of \_\_\_\_\_ in the western U.S., grows well in wastewater lagoons.

- A. Culex tarsalis
- B. Lagoon (s)
- C. Rotifers
- D. Microinvertebrates
- E. None of the Above

160. The requirement for a minimum lagoon bank slope and removal of shoreline vegetation by most regulatory agencies is based on the public health need to reduce \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Mosquito vectors
- B. Lagoon (s)
- C. Rotifers
- D. Microinvertebrates
- E. None of the Above

161. This is an indirect measure of biodegradable organic compounds in water, and is determined by measuring the dissolved oxygen decrease in a controlled water sample over a five-day period.

- A. Biochemical Oxygen Demand
- B. Aerobic
- C. Nutrients
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

162. During the five-day BOD period, \_\_\_\_\_ (oxygen-consuming) bacteria decompose organic matter in the sample and consume dissolved oxygen in proportion to the amount of organic material that is present.

- A. Biochemical Oxygen Demand
- B. Aerobic
- C. Nutrients
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

163. In general, a high \_\_\_\_\_ reflects high concentrations of substances that can be biologically degraded, thereby consuming oxygen and potentially resulting in low dissolved oxygen in the receiving water.

- A. Biochemical Oxygen Demand
- B. Aerobic
- C. Nutrients
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

164. The BOD test was developed for samples dominated by oxygen-demanding pollutants like sewage. While its merit as a pollution parameter continues to be debated, \_\_\_\_\_ has the advantage of a long period of record.

- A. Biochemical Oxygen Demand
- B. Aerobic
- C. Nutrients
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

165. \_\_\_\_\_ are chemical elements or compounds essential for plant and animal growth.

- A. Biochemical Oxygen Demand
- B. Aerobic
- C. Nutrients
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

166. \_\_\_\_\_ parameters include ammonia, organic nitrogen, Kjeldahl nitrogen, nitrate nitrogen (for water only) and total phosphorus.

- A. Biochemical Oxygen Demand
- B. Aerobic
- C. Nutrients
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

167. High amounts of nutrients have been associated with eutrophication, or overfertilization of a water body, while low levels of \_\_\_\_\_ can reduce plant growth and (for example) starve higher level organisms that consume phytoplankton.

- A. Biochemical Oxygen Demand
- B. Aerobic
- C. Nutrients
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

168. Most \_\_\_\_\_ in water occurs as partly degraded plant and animal materials, some of which are resistant to microbial degradation.

- A. Aerobic Bacteria
- B. Aerobic
- C. Total Organic Carbon
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

169. \_\_\_\_\_ is important in the estuarine food web and is incorporated into the ecosystem by photosynthesis of green plants, then consumed as carbohydrates and other organic compounds by higher animals.

- A. Aerobic Bacteria
- B. Aerobic
- C. Total Organic Carbon
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

170. In another process, formerly living tissue containing \_\_\_\_\_ is decomposed as detritus by bacteria and other microbes.

- A. Aerobic Bacteria
- B. Aerobic
- C. Total Organic Carbon
- D. Carbon
- E. None of the Above

171. Bears a direct relationship with biological and chemical oxygen demand.

- A. Aerobic Bacteria
- B. Aerobic
- C. Total Organic Carbon
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

172. High levels of \_\_\_\_\_ can result from human sources, the high oxygen demand being the main concern.

- A. Aerobic Bacteria
- B. Aerobic
- C. Total Organic Carbon
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

173. A condition in which free or dissolved oxygen is present in the aquatic environment?

- A. Aerobic Bacteria
- B. Aerobic
- C. Total Organic Carbon
- D. Organic Carbon
- E. None of the Above

174. What are bacteria which will live and reproduce only in an environment containing oxygen. Oxygen combined chemically, such as in water molecules ( $H_2O$ ), cannot be used for respiration by aerobes?

- A. Anaerobic
- B. Aerobic
- C. Anaerobic Bacteria
- D. Aerobic Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

175. A condition in which “**free**” or dissolved oxygen is not present in the aquatic environment.

- A. Anaerobic
- B. Aerobic
- C. Anaerobic Bacteria
- D. Aerobic Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

176. Bacteria that thrive without the presence of oxygen.

- A. Anaerobic
- B. Aerobic
- C. Anaerobic Bacteria
- D. Aerobic Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

177. Bacteria that break down complex solids to volatile acids.

- A. Anaerobic
- B. Methane Fermenters
- C. Anaerobic Bacteria
- D. Saprophytic bacteria
- E. None of the Above

178. Bacteria that break down the volatile acids to methane (CH<sub>4</sub>) carbon dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) and water (H<sub>2</sub>O) are called?

- A. Anaerobic
- B. Methane Fermenters
- C. Anaerobic Bacteria
- D. Saprophytic bacteria
- E. None of the Above

179. The addition of oxygen to an element or compound, or removal of hydrogen or an electron from an element or compound in a chemical reaction. The opposite of reduction.

- A. Anaerobic
- B. Methane Fermenters
- C. Anaerobic Bacteria
- D. Saprophytic bacteria
- E. None of the Above

180. The addition of hydrogen, removal of oxygen or addition of electrons to an element or compound. Under anaerobic conditions in wastewater, sulfur compounds or elemental sulfur are reduced to H<sub>2</sub>S or sulfide ions.

- A. Anaerobic
- B. Methane Fermenters
- C. Anaerobic Bacteria
- D. Reduction
- E. None of the Above

181. We have some wastewater treatment plants that grow the microorganisms (Bugs) in large tanks. To have enough \_\_\_\_\_ in the tanks we add oxygen by blowing air into the tank that is full of wastewater and microorganisms.

- A. Oxygen
- B. Settled bugs
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Secondary treatment
- E. None of the Above

182. The air is bubbled in the water and mixes "**the bugs**" and food and \_\_\_\_\_ together. When we treat wastewater this way, we call it the activated sludge method. With all of this food and air the microbes grow and multiply very rapidly.

- A. Oxygen
- B. Settled bugs
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Secondary treatment
- E. None of the Above

183. Pretty soon the population of bugs gets too large and some of them need to be removed to make room for new bugs to grow. We remove the excess bugs by sedimentation in the same kind of tanks used for \_\_\_\_\_. In the tank, the bugs sink to the bottom and we remove them.

- A. Oxygen
- B. Settled bugs
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Primary treatment
- E. None of the Above

184. The \_\_\_\_\_ are also called waste activated sludge.

- A. Oxygen
- B. Settled bugs
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Secondary treatment
- E. None of the Above

185. The waste sludge is treated separately. The remaining wastewater is now much cleaner. In fact, after primary and \_\_\_\_\_, about 85% or more of all pollutants in the wastewater has been removed and it goes on to Disinfection.

- A. Oxygen
- B. Settled bugs
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Secondary treatment
- E. None of the Above

186. Four (4) groups of bugs do most of the “**eating**” in the \_\_\_\_\_ process. The first group is the bacteria which eat the dissolved organic compounds.

- A. Oxygen
- B. Settled bugs
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Secondary treatment
- E. None of the Above

187. The second and third groups of bugs are microorganisms known as the free-swimming and \_\_\_\_\_. These larger bugs eat the bacteria and are heavy enough to settle by gravity.

- A. Mixed liquor
- B. Suctoria
- C. Stalked ciliates
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

188. The fourth group is a microorganism, known as \_\_\_\_\_, which feed on the larger bugs and assist with settling.

- A. Mixed liquor
- B. Suctoria
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

189. The interesting thing about the bacteria that eat the dissolved organics is that they have no mouth. The \_\_\_\_\_ have an interesting property--their “fat reserve” is stored on the outside of their body. This fat layer is sticky and is what the organics adhere to.

- A. Mixed liquor
- B. Suctoria
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

190. Once the bacteria have “**contacted**” their food, they start the digestion process. A chemical \_\_\_\_\_ is sent out through the cell wall to break up the organic compounds.

- A. Mixed liquor
- B. Enzyme
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

191. This hydrolytic enzyme, breaks the organic molecules into small units which are able to pass through the cell wall of the \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Mixed liquor
- B. Suctoria
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

192. In wastewater treatment, this process of using bacteria-eating-bugs in the presence of oxygen to reduce the organics in water is called \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. Mixed liquor
- B. Suctoria
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

193. The first step in the process, the contact of the bacteria with the \_\_\_\_\_, takes about 20 minutes. The second step includes the breaking up, ingestion and digestion processes, which take 4 to 24 hours.

- A. Mixed liquor
- B. Suctoria
- C. Organic process
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

194. The fat storage property of the bacteria is also an asset in settling. As the \_\_\_\_\_ "bump" into each other, the fat on each of them sticks together and causes flocculation of the non-organic solids and biomass.

- A. Mixed liquor
- B. Suctoria
- C. Bugs
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

195. From the aeration tank, the wastewater, now called \_\_\_\_\_, flows to a secondary clarification basin to allow the flocculated biomass of solids to settle out of the water.

- A. Mixed liquor
- B. Suctoria
- C. Activated sludge
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

196. The \_\_\_\_\_, which is the activated sludge, contains millions of bacteria and other microorganisms, and is used again by returning it to the influent of the aeration tank for mixing with the primary effluent and ample amounts of air.

- A. Vorticella
- B. Euglypha
- C. Solids biomass
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

197. Paramecium is a medium size to large swimming \_\_\_\_\_, commonly observed in activated sludge, sometimes in abundant numbers.

- A. Vorticella
- B. Ciliate
- C. Paramecium
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

198. The \_\_\_\_\_ body is either foot-shaped or cigar-shaped, and somewhat flexible.

- A. Vorticella
- B. Euglypha
- C. Paramecium
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

199. \_\_\_\_\_ is uniformly ciliated over the entire body surface with longer cilia tufts at the rear of the cell.

- A. Vorticella
- B. Euglypha
- C. Paramecium
- D. Bacteria

200. Paramecium swims with a smooth gliding motion. It may also be seen paired up with another \_\_\_\_\_ which makes a good diagnostic key.

- A. Vorticella
- B. Euglypha
- C. Paramecium
- D. Bacteria
- E. None of the Above

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