

Final Exam
Continuing Education Course #392
Protecting Drinking Water from Pathogens

1. Which of the following is a disinfection method from the antiquity era?
 - ☐ a. Boiling water
 - ☐ b. Chlorination
 - ☐ c. UV light
 - ☐ d. Filtration
2. Throughout history, the vast majority of waterborne diseases came from what source?
 - ☐ a. Soil
 - ☐ b. Plant matter
 - ☐ c. Human feces
3. In the 20th century, what allowed for treating and disinfecting large flows of drinking water?
 - ☐ a. Reverse osmosis
 - ☐ b. Technology advancements
 - ☐ c. New water sources
4. Which are the four categories of contaminants?
 - ☐ a. Physical, chemical, biological, radiological
 - ☐ b. Solid, chemical, biological, thermal
 - ☐ c. Chemical, plant, animal, radiological
 - ☐ d. Solid, liquid, biological, radiological
5. What does "inactivated" mean?
 - ☐ a. Turned off
 - ☐ b. Blown apart
 - ☐ c. Killed
6. What organism is responsible for the greatest increase in water-borne outbreaks in the US in the 21st Century?
 - ☐ a. Salmonella
 - ☐ b. E. Coli
 - ☐ c. Legionella
7. Which of the following can result in an outbreak?
 - ☐ a. Poor system design
 - ☐ b. 4 log disinfection
 - ☐ c. Chlorine burns
8. Which of the following is NOT a standard microbial indicator?
 - ☐ a. Cryptosporidium
 - ☐ b. Salmonella

- ☐ c. Giardia Lamblia
 - ☐ d. Turbidity
9. Surface water treatment regulations require what removal of viruses?
- ☐ a. 2 log (99%)
 - ☐ b. 3 log (99.9%)
 - ☐ c. 4 log (99.99%)
10. Where is Legionella NOT commonly found?
- ☐ a. Hot water heaters
 - ☐ b. High velocity pipes
 - ☐ c. Water storage tanks
 - ☐ d. Stagnant pipes
11. What percent of positive coliform tests are allowed per EPA standards?
- ☐ a. None
 - ☐ b. 1%
 - ☐ c. 5%
 - ☐ d. 10%
12. How can a deep well be monitored for potential biological contamination?
- ☐ a. Check for increases in TOC
 - ☐ b. Check for increases in H₂S
 - ☐ c. Check the water level in monitoring wells
13. Which of the following water sources is most likely NOT under the direct influence of surface water?
- ☐ a. Lake
 - ☐ b. Shallow well
 - ☐ c. Ocean offshore intake
14. Which of the following is not a common source of groundwater contamination?
- ☐ a. Septic leachate
 - ☐ b. Bird droppings
 - ☐ c. Surface water runoff
 - ☐ d. Injection well
15. Which is true about human pathogens in seawater?
- ☐ a. Pathogens cannot survive for long, for the most part
 - ☐ b. Pathogens survive similar to being in freshwater
 - ☐ c. Pathogens grow more rapidly
16. Which is true of indirect potable reuse?
- ☐ a. Sends wastewater straight to the water treatment plant
 - ☐ b. Uses backflow prevention
 - ☐ c. Uses an environmental buffer
17. What is the maximum logs of credit for removal of virus with conventional filtration?
- ☐ a. 1 log
 - ☐ b. 2 log
 - ☐ c. 3 log
 - ☐ d. 4 log

18. Which of the following is NOT a typical disinfection method?

- ☐ a. Free Chlorine
- ☐ b. Chloramines
- ☐ c. UV
- ☐ d. Ultrafiltration

19. Which of the following is an advantage to using chloramines?

- ☐ a. Maintains stable residual in the distribution system
- ☐ b. Nitrification potential
- ☐ c. Removes VOCs and SOCs

20. Free chlorine is to be maintained in what range?

- ☐ a. 0.2 and 4 mg/L
- ☐ b. 0.2 and 6 mg/L
- ☐ c. 0 and 2 mg/L

21. What percent removal is 7 log?

- ☐ a. 99.999
- ☐ b. 99.9999
- ☐ c. 99.99999

22. What value is needed from an EPA table in order to calculate the contact time for disinfection?

- ☐ a. Maximum velocity
- ☐ b. Baffling factor
- ☐ c. Chlorine effectiveness

23. Which of the following is NOT a result of biofilm?

- ☐ a. Nitrification
- ☐ b. pH fluctuations
- ☐ c. Radiological contamination

24. Which of the following is NOT a design approach to reduce biofilm?

- ☐ a. Avoid dead ends
- ☐ b. Provide flushing locations
- ☐ c. Provide mixing systems in storage tanks
- ☐ d. Provide redundant pressure indicators

25. Which of the following is NOT a design approach to prevent biological contamination in a storage tank?

- ☐ a. Maximize height to diameter ratio
- ☐ b. Include a mixing system
- ☐ c. Ensure overflows and drains are not connected to sewers
- ☐ d. Specify long lasting screens on overflows and vents