

Macomb Regional Science Olympiad  
Water Quality October 23, 2005

Part 1 - Multiple-Choice Questions (multiple answers are possible: a & c or a, c, and d)

1. The two major purposes of sampling in the water environment are:
  - a. To establish a baseline
  - b. To determine the pollution
  - c. To test for acid
  - d. To decide whether or not you can drink it
  
2. Why is coliform bacteria used as an indicator of poor water quality?
  - a. Indicates acid rain
  - b. Indicates high O<sub>2</sub> levels
  - c. Indicates fecal contamination
  - d. Indicates high nitrate levels
  
3. A water sample with a pH of 2.0 is considered to be
  - a. Basic
  - b. Acidic
  - c. Neutral
  - d. Perfect for aquatic life
  
4. The test for turbidity describes what characteristics of water?
  - a. Odor
  - b. Mineral concentration of the water
  - c. Suspended material in the water
  - d. Metal concentration of the water
  
5. A secchi disk is used to measure
  - a. The dissolved material in the water
  - b. Light penetration of a lake or pond
  - c. Flow of a stream or river
  - d. The depth of silt on the bottom of a lake

Did you know this answer? \_\_\_\_\_ ^\_\_\_\_\_>>

6. The alkalinity of a water sample may be defined as the
  - a. Ability of a water sample to evaporate at low temperature
  - b. Capacity of a water sample to react with and neutralize acid
  - c. Capacity of a water sample to become toxic
  - d. Ability of a water sample to carry nutrients to plant

Did you know this answer? \_ ^ \_\_\_\_\_

7. The quality of drinking water can be influenced by
  - a. Gases and aerosols from the atmosphere
  - b. Weathering and erosion of rocks and soils
  - c. Human activities
  - d. All of the above

8. The addition of additional nitrogen and phosphorus to aquatic systems will
- Increase algae and decrease O<sub>2</sub>
  - Increase O<sub>2</sub> and decrease algae
  - Increase the number of fish
  - Decrease productivity

Did you know this answer? \_\_\_\_\_

9. The two main sources of wetlands water are
- Streams and ponds
  - Oceans and streams
  - Ground water systems
  - Surface water and groundwater
  - Surface water and runoff

10. As the water quality index (WQI) of a stream increases, the biodiversity
- Increases
  - Decreases
  - Remains the same
  - Is static

Did you know what static means? \_\_\_\_\_

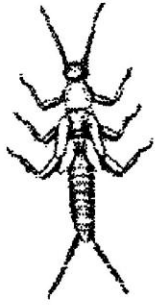
11. Most aquatic organisms have a pH range of
- 7.0-9.0
  - 6.0-9.0
  - 4.0-10.0
  - 5.0-9.0

12. At a pH of 7 the concentration of H and OH are
- Unbalanced H
  - Inequilibrium
  - Balanced
  - Unbalanced OH

13. Generally, daily pH cycles peak:
- In the morning
  - In the evening
  - At Noon
  - At Night

14. The amount of oxygen in any body of water depends on
- The amount of animal species diversity
  - The amount of plant species diversity
  - Water temperature, number of green plants, and sunlight
  - All of the above

15. More oxygen is dissolved in
  - a. Warm water and high pressure (high elevation)
  - b. Cold water and low pressure (low elevation)
  - c. Cold water and high pressure (high elevation)
  - d. Cold water and high pressures (high elevation)
16. Which holds more dissolved oxygen?
  - a. Water at 20° C
  - b. Water at 10°C
  - c. Water at 5°C
  - d. Water at 25°
17. Which of the following is a non-point source of pollution to a river or stream?
  - a. Industrial effluent
  - b. Sewage Effluent
  - c. Livestock grazing
  - d. Mining Effluent
18. The pH sampling procedure is to collect the water sample at
  - a. The river bank
  - b. Near the bottom of the river
  - c. Away from the river bank and below the surface
  - d. It does not matter where you collect the sample
19. List two human-caused changes in the temperature of a river
  
20. What type of pollution is a change in temperature?
  
21. How would you test for thermal pollution?
  - a. Test in one location in the morning
  - b. Test downstream
  - c. Test upstream near the source of the river
  - d. Test above and below where the suspected source
22. True or false, the greater the turbidity, the murkier the water. \_\_\_\_\_
  
23. Which of the following are causes of turbidity
  - a. Soil erosion
  - b. Waste Discharge
  - c. Urban runoff
  - d. All of the above
24. Why does water become warmer as more suspended particles enter a river?
  
25. True or false, DO levels do not vary much according to time, weather, and temperature.



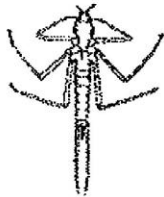
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2. c
3. b
4. c
5. b.
6. b
7. d
8. a
9. d.
10. a 11.a
12. c
13. d
14. d
15. d
16. c
17. c
18. c
19. industries such as power plants, cutting down trees, street runoff
20. thermal pollution 21.d
22. true
23. d
24. suspended particles absorb heat from sunlight
25. false
26. stonefly
27. whirlgig larvae
28. damselfly nymph
29. black fly larvae
30. lunged snail
31. leech
32. caddis fly larvae