Collection System Certification Practice Math Problems with Answers

<u>Class I</u>

1. A new manhole is going in and you have to remove a circle of asphalt 35 feet in diameter. How many square feet are involved?

- 2. If the asphalt in the problem above is 8 inches thick, how many cubic feet of material must be removed?
- a.) Convert inches to feet 8 inches x <u>1 foot</u> = 0.67 ft 12 inches
- b.) Volume of a Cylinder = 0.785 x D' x D' x Length' = 0.785 x 35' x 35' x 0.67' = **644.29 ft**³
- 3. A rectangular wet well is 12 ft x 24 ft. What is the surface area in ft^2 of this wet well?

4. If the wet well in the above-mentioned problem is 16 feet deep, what is the volume of the wet well in ft³?

5. If the wet well in the above-mentioned problem is 16 feet deep, what is the volume of the wet well in gallons?

Volume of water in the above Rectangle = 4,608 ft³

Convert volume of H2O to gallons:

4608 ft³ x
$$\frac{7.48 \text{ gallons}}{1 \text{ ft}^3}$$
 = **34,467.84 gallons**

6. Manhole # 22 is 475 ft from manhole # 23. On the blueprint 1 inch = 100 ft. How long is the line on the blueprint?

Conversion:
$$475 \text{ ft x } \frac{1 \text{ inch}}{100 \text{ ft}} = 4.75 \text{ inches}$$

7. The line on the blueprint is 7.5 inches long between manhole #33 and #34. Each inch is equal to 50 ft. How many feet are there between manholes #33 and #34?

Conversion: 7.5 inches x
$$50 \text{ feet} = 375 \text{ ft}$$

1 inch

8. How many gallons per day would a community of 17,425 people contribute to the collection system daily?

9. A sewer has failed and 61 feet of 12-inch pipe must be replaced. How many 10 foot sections will be required?

It is necessary to have 7 ten foot sections of pipe.

- **10.** What is the capacity of a wet well if the pump, rated at 125 gpm, requires 1 hr. 4 min. to empty? Assume no inflow.
- a.) Convert hours to minutes: 1hr. = 60 min. 60 + 4 = 64 total minutes to empty well
- b.) Capacity = rating x minutes required = 125 gal x 64 min. min. = 8000 gallons

- **11.** A 12 inch wide channel is running 8 inches deep at a velocity of 3 ft per second. What is the flow rate in gallons per minute?
- a.) Convert inches to feet: 12 inches x 1 foot 12 inches

- b.) Area of a Rectangle = Length' x Width' = 1' x 0.67' = 0.67 ft²
- c.) Flow = Area x Velocity = $0.67 \text{ ft}^2 \times 3 \text{ ft}$ sec = 2.01 ft^3 sec
- d.) Convert Flow to gps: $\frac{2.01 \text{ ft}^3}{\text{sec}} \times \frac{7.48 \text{ gal}}{\text{sec}} = \frac{15.03 \text{ gal}}{\text{sec}}$
- e.) Convert gps to gpm : <u>15.03 gal</u> x <u>60 sec</u> = <u>**901.8 gal**</u> sec min. **min.**

Class II

12. What is the percent grade on a 2 feet rise in 300 feet?

% Grade = Rise in feet x 100
Run in feet =
$$\frac{2 \text{ ft}}{300 \text{ ft}}$$
 x 100

= 0.67 % Grade

13. To lay a new line you must dig a trench 5 feet deep, 3 feet wide and 475 ft long (assume vertical sidewalls). How many cubic feet of material must be excavated to complete this project?

- **14.** Using the data from the previous problem, if you had an 8 cubic yard dump truck, how may loads would have to be moved to stockpile the excavated material?
- a.) Convert yards to feet: $8 \text{ yd}^3 \times \frac{27 \text{ ft}^3}{1 \text{ yd}^3} = 216 \text{ ft}^3$
- b.) # Loads = $\frac{\text{Cubic feet of material}}{\text{Cubic feet per load}} = \frac{7125 \text{ ft}^3}{216 \text{ ft}^3} = 32.99 = 33 \text{ loads}$
- **15.** An 18 feet deep lift station has a diameter of 12 feet. The influent flow causes the water level to rise 4.5 ft in 22 minutes. What is the influent flow rate in gpm?
- a.) Volume of a Cylinder = 0.785 x D' x D' x Length' = 0.785 x 12' x 12' x 4.5' = 508.68 ft³
- b.) Convert volume of H₂O to gallons 508.68 ft³ x <u>7.48 gallons</u> = 3804.93 gallons 1 ft³
- c.) Influent Flow in <u>gallons</u> = <u>3804.93 gallons</u> minute <u>22 minutes</u>
 - = 172.95 <u>gallons</u> minute
- **16.** A junction box is 12 feet wide and 18 feet long and the bottom tapers from 12 feet deep on one end to 15 feet deep on the other. What is the volume in gallons of the junction box?
- a.) Calculate average depth/height $\frac{(12' + 15')}{2} = 13.5'$

c.) Convert volume of H₂O to gallons 2916 ft³ x <u>7.48 gallons</u> = **21,811.68 gallons** 1 ft³

 $= 2916 \text{ ft}^3$

- **17.** A 25 feet deep lift station has a diameter of 20 feet. The influent flow causes the water level to rise 2 ft 9 inches in 42 minutes. What is the influent flow rate in gpm?
- a.) Convert inches to feet: 9 inches x <u>1 foot</u> = 0.75' 12 inches

2' + 0.75'= 2.75' rise in water level

- b.) Volume of Cylinder = 0.785 x D' x D' x Length' = 0.785 x 20' x 20' x 2.75' = 863.5 ft³
- c.) Convert volume of H₂O to gallons 863.5 ft³ x <u>7.48 gallons</u> = 6,458.98 gallons 1 ft³
- d.) Influent flow rate in <u>gallons</u> = <u>6,458.98 gallons</u> minute 42 minutes

= 153.79 gallons minute

18. The elevation at the upper manhole is 436.7 ft. The elevation at the manhole 275 ft downstream is 430.4 ft. What is the slope?

Slope =
$$\frac{\text{Fall in feet}}{\text{Length in feet}}$$
 = $\frac{(436.7' - 430.4')}{275'}$ = **0.02°**

19. The distance between manhole #345 and #346 is 395 ft of 14 inch pipe. The grade on the plans is 4% or 0.04. How much drop in feet of elevation will there be from #345 to #346?

Difference in Elevation = Grade x Pipe run in feet = 0.04 x 395' = **15.8 feet**

- 20. The distance between manhole #645 and #646 is 455 ft of 8 inch PVC pipe. A dye packet was added to manhole #645 and 4 minutes 45 second later color was observed in manhole #646. What is the velocity of the wastewater?
- a.) Convert minutes to seconds: 4 minutes x <u>60 seconds</u> = 240 seconds 1 minute

Total seconds = 240 + 45 = 285 seconds

- b.) Velocity = <u>Distance in feet</u> Time in seconds
 - = <u>455 feet</u> 45 seconds
 - = <u>1.60 feet</u> second
- **21.** A flow of 980 gpm is flowing through a 15 inch wide channel at a depth of 9 inches. What is the velocity of the flow?
- a.) Convert Flow gpm to cfs: $\frac{980 \text{ gallons}}{\text{minute}} \times \frac{1 \text{ ft}^3}{7.48 \text{ gal}} = \frac{131.02 \text{ ft}^3}{\text{minute}}$

$$\frac{131.02 \text{ ft}^3}{\text{minute}}$$
 x $\frac{1 \text{ min}}{60 \text{ sec}}$ = $\frac{2.18 \text{ ft}^3}{\text{sec}}$

b) Convert inches to feet: 9 inches x <u>1 foot</u> = 0.75 feet 12 inches

- c.) Area of a Rectangle = Length' x Width' = 0.75' x 1.25' = 0.94 ft²
- d.) Velocity = $\frac{\text{Flow ft}^3/\text{sec}}{\text{Area ft}^2}$

$$= 2.18 \text{ ft}^3/\text{sec}$$

0.94 ft²

= 2.32 ft/sec

- **22.** The meter reading on lift station #76 on April 10 at 8 a.m. was 32,445,560 gallons. On April 17, at 8:00 a.m. the meter reading was 41,896,760 gallons. What is average daily flow through this lift station?
- a.) Calculate gallons pumped 41,896,760 – 32,445,560 = 9,451,200 gallons
- b.) Average = total gallons pumped = 9,451,200 gallons # of days 7 days

= 1,350,171.43 gpd

- 23. Using the data from the previous problem, if you were feeding 9 mg/L of chlorine for odor control, how many pounds of chlorine would be fed per day?
- a.) Convert gpd to MGD (move decimal 6 places to the left) 1,350,171.43 gpd = 1.35 MGD
- b.) <u>Lbs.</u> = Flow MGD x <u>8.34 lbs.</u> x Concentration <u>mg</u> day 1 gallon L
 - = 1.35 MGD x <u>8.34 lbs.</u> x 9 <u>mg</u> 1 gallon L
 - = <u>101.33 lbs.</u> day
- **24.** Using the data from the previous problem, if chlorine sells for \$1.17 per pound, what is the monthly chemical bill for chlorine, given a 30 day month?

Daily Cost =
$$\underline{Lbs.}$$
 x \underline{Cost} = $\underline{101.33 \ lbs.}$ x $\underline{\$1.17}$ day $\underline{Lbs.}$ = $\underline{\$118.56}$ day

Monthly Cost = cost per day x 30 days = \$118.56 x 30 days month day month

= <u>\$3,556.80</u> Month **25.** Average flow to a wastewater treatment plant is 0.9 MGD. On a wet weather flow day the flow rises to 3.3 MGD. What is the % inflow and infiltration?

26. The elevation of manhole #34 is 342.6 ft and the elevation of manhole #33 is 335.6 ft. They are 370 feet apart. What is the percent of slope?

= 366.67 %

Slope =
$$\frac{\text{Fall in feet}}{\text{Length in feet}} = \frac{342.6' - 335.6'}{370'}$$

= **1.89%**

- 27. The wet well of a pump station is 6 feet wide by 6 feet long. With one pump running and discharging 280 gpm, the wet well level was observed to rise 2 feet in 3 minutes 15 seconds. What was the rate of flow (gpm) into the wet well?
- a.) Volume of a Cube = Length' x Width' x Height' = 6' x 6' x 2' = 72 ft ³
- b.) Convert ft³ to gallons: 72 ft³ x <u>7.48 gal</u> = 538.56 gal
- c.) Convert seconds to minutes: 15 sec. x <u>1 min.</u> = 0.25 min. 60 sec.

$$3 + 0.25 = 3.25 \text{ min.}$$

- d.) Calculate the rise rate (gpm) = total gallons = 538.56 gallons = 165.71 gpm total minutes 3.25 min.
- e.) Total Inflow = gpm of rise + gpm discharged = 165.71 gpm + 280 gpm = **445.71 gpm**
- **28.** The average flow to your facility is 0.85 MGD. When you receive an inch of rain your flow increases to 3.1 MGD. What is the percent inflow and infiltration?

29. A new manhole has been installed 350 feet from an existing manhole. On a map with a scale of 1 inch equals 75 feet, how far would this new manhole be located from the existing manhole?

Conversion: 350 feet x
$$\underline{1 \text{ inch}}$$
 = **4.67 inches** 75 feet

30. A 14 inch force main 4,500 feet long has a flow rate of 0.77 MGD. What is the detention time in the force main in hours?

- a.) Convert inches to feet: 14 inches x <u>1 foot</u> = 1.17 ft 12 inches
- b.) Volume of a cylinder: = 0.785 x D' x D' x Length' = 0.785 x 1.17' x 1.17' x 4500' = 4.835.64 ft³
- c.) Convert ft³ to gallons: $4,835.64 \text{ ft}^3 \times \frac{7.48 \text{ gal}}{\text{ft}^3} = 36,170.56 \text{ gallons}$
- d.) Convert from MGD to gpd (move decimal six places to the right) 0.77 MGD = 770,000 gpd
- e.) Convert from gpd to gpm:

Flow gpm =
$$\frac{770,000 \text{ gal}}{\text{day}} \times \frac{1 \text{ day}}{1440 \text{ min.}}$$

f.) Detention Time =
$$\frac{\text{Volume gallons}}{\text{Flow gpm}} = \frac{36,170.56 \text{ gallons}}{534.72 \text{ gpm}}$$

g.) Convert minutes to hours:
67.64 minutes x 1 hour = 1.13 hours
60 minutes

Class III

- **31.** The invert elevation of a manhole is 422.3 ft. If the invert at the next down stream manhole is 300 ft away at a 0.033⁰ slope, what will the invert elevation (IE) be?
- a.) Fall' = Slope° x Length' = 0. 033° x 300' = 9.9 feet
- b.)IE#2 = IE#1 Fall' = 422.3' - 9.9' = **412.4 feet**
- **32.** The elevation at the invert of manhole #567 is 737.8 ft. The next manhole #568 is 410 ft downstream with an invert elevation of 729.4. What is the percent grade of this run of pipe?
- a.) % Grade = <u>Difference in elevation'</u> x 100
 Pipe run'
 = (<u>737.8 729.4)</u> x 100
 410'
 - = 2.05 % Grade
- **33.** Two 12.5 HP pumps run for 7.75 hours per day each. One pump is 85% efficient and the other pump is 75% efficient. How many kilowatt hours were used in a 24 hr day?
- a.) Convert HP to kW: 12.5 HP x <u>0.746 kW</u> = 9.33 kW 1 HP
- b.) kW hours = kW used x hrs. operated = 9.33 kW x 7.75 hrs. =72.31 kW hrs.
- c.) Calculate Efficiency
 - Pump 1 = $\frac{72.31 \text{ kW hrs.}}{0.85 \text{ efficiency rating}}$ = 85.07 kW hrs.
 - Pump 2 = $\underline{72.31 \text{ kW hrs.}}$ = 96.41 kW hrs. 0.75 efficiency rating
- d.) Total kW hrs. = Pump 1 kW hrs. + Pump 2 kW hrs. = 85.07 kW hrs. + 96.41 kW hrs. = **181.48 kW hrs.**

- **34.** Using the data from the previous problem, at \$0.14 per kW hr, what is the 30 day electrical cost to operate this lift station?
- a.) Power cost = kW hrs. used x <u>cost</u> kW hr.

 = <u>181.48 kW hrs.</u> x <u>\$ 0.14</u> day kW hr.

b.) Cost for 30 days = <u>\$25.41</u> x 30 days day

- **35.** On a wet weather day the flow into a 35 ft. diameter lift station has just activated the lag pump and only one pump appears to be in operation. The water level is rising at a rate of 1 foot every 2 mins. 45 sec. If the elevation of the lag pump switch is 452.8 ft and the manhole will overflow to the street at an elevation of 466.7 feet, how long do you have to repair or replace the defective pump?
- a.) Calculate the difference in elevation:

$$466.7 \text{ ft} - 452.8 \text{ ft} = 13.9 \text{ ft}$$

b.) Convert seconds to minutes:

$$45 \sec x \frac{1 \text{ min.}}{60 \text{ sec}} = 0.75 \text{ min.}$$

c.) Minutes to overflow = Difference in elevation' x minutes foot

= 38.23 min.

- **36.** A lift station with two 12.5 HP submersible pumps operates on an alternating cycle with pump #1 running 6.7 hrs and pump #2 running 6.9 hrs. These pumps have an efficiency average of 87.2%. At \$0.11 per kW hr, what will it cost to operate the lift stations for 30 day month?
- a.) Convert HP to kW:

- b.) kW hr = kW used x hrs. operated = 9.33 kW x (6.7 hr. + 6.9 hr) = 126.88 kW hrs.
- c.) Efficiency = $\frac{126.88 \text{ kW hrs.}}{0.872 \text{ efficiency rating}}$ = 145.50 kW hrs.
- d.) Power cost = kW hrs. used x <u>cost</u> kW hr.

- **37.** A lift station wet well is 14 ft in diameter and 22 ft deep. At a depth of 8 ft 4 in, how many gallons of wastewater are in this wet well?
- a.) Convert inches to feet: 4 inches x <u>1 foot</u> = 0.33 ft. 12 inches

$$8' + 0.33' = 8.33$$
 total feet

- b.) Volume of a cylinder = 0.785 x D' x D' x length' = 0.785 x 14' x 14' x 8.33' =1281.65 ft³
- c.) Convert volume (ft³) to gallons: 1281.65 ft³ x $\frac{7.48 \text{ gal.}}{\text{ft}^3}$ = **9,586.74 gallons**

38. What concentration of chlorine, in mg/L, is applied to a flow of 3.5 MGD if the total weight of 100% available chlorine used was 350 pounds?

Concentration
$$\underline{mg} = \underline{Lbs./day} = \underline{350 lbs./day}$$

$$\underline{L} \quad \text{Flow MGD x 8.34 lbs./gal.} \quad 3.5 \text{ MGD x 8.34 lbs/gal}$$

$$= 11.99 \ \underline{mg}$$

- **39.** A sewer line is to be filled with a root control solution containing 75 mg/L of a specific chemical. How much chemical in pounds would be needed for a 265 feet long section of 12-inch line?
- a.) Volume of a Cylinder = 0.785 x D' x D' x Length' = 0.785 x 1' x 1' x 265' = 208.03 ft³
- b.) Convert Volume (ft³) to gallons = 208.03 ft³ x $\frac{7.48 \text{ gal}}{\text{ft}^3}$ = 1556.06 gallons
- c.) Convert gallons to MGD: 1556.06 gallons = 0.00155606 MGD
- d.) Lbs./day = Flow MGD x 8.34 lbs./gal x Concentration mg/L = 0.00155606 MGD x 8.34 lbs./gal x 75 mg/L = **0.97 lbs./day**

Class IV

- **40.** A 40 HP pump runs for 18 hrs per day and is 85% efficient. How many kilowatt hours were used in a 24 hr day?
- a.) Calculate kW

$$kW = HP \times 0.746$$

= 40 x 0.746
= 29.84 kW

b.) Calculate kW hrs.

= 631.91 kW hrs./day

- **41.** Using the data from the problem above and one kilowatt hour cost \$0.13; what would the total electric cost be to operate this lift station for 1 year?
- a.) Power Cost = kW used x cost / kW hr. = 631.91 kW hrs. / day x \$0.13 / kW hr. = \$82.15 / day
- b.) Yearly Cost = cost / day x days / yr. = \$82.15 / day x 365 days / yr. = **\$29**, **984.75** / **yr.**
- **42.** A 24 inch force main is to be laid 3,675 ft from lift station #12 to the wastewater plant at an in-place cost of \$202.00 per foot.
 - **A.** What is the total cost of this project?
 - **B.** If the labor cost was 13.5% of the total cost, what is the labor cost?
 - **C.** What would the excavation cost be if it was 61.2% of the total?
 - **D.** The material cost is what percentage of the total project cost?
- A.) Cost of installation = <u>price</u> x # ft. installed ft

= \$202 / ft. x 3675 ft = \$742, 350

B.) Labor Cost = Total installation cost x % Labor

= \$742,350 x 0.135 = **\$100,217. 25**

C.) Excavation cost = Total cost x % Excavation

= \$742,350 x 0.612 = **\$454,318. 20**

D.) Material Cost = Labor + Excavation + Materials 100% = 13.5 % + 61.2 % + Materials 100% = 74.7 % + Materials

Materials = 100% - 74.7%= **25.3%**

- 43. You want to check the flow rate of a pump in a lift station rated at 250 gpm to determine its efficiency as compared to its rated capacity. The lift station has a diameter of 10 feet and a depth of 25 feet. The influent flow to the lift station rises, with no pump running, at a rate of 8 feet in 10 minutes and with the pump running the rise rate is 5 feet in 10 minutes
 - **A**. What is the influent rate in gpm?
 - **B**. What is the rise rate with a pump running in gpm?
 - **C**. What is the pump rate in gpm?
 - **D**. How efficient is this pump in %?

A.) step 1:

Calculate the volume of a cylinder using the influent rate (w/out pump running)

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Volume = 0.785 x D' x D' x length'
= 0.785 x 10' x 10' x 8'
= 628 ft<sup>3</sup>
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step 2:

Convert ft³ to gallons 628 ft³ x $\frac{7.48 \text{ gal}}{\text{ft}^3}$ = 4,697.44 gallons

step 3:

Influent rate = <u>4697.44 gallons</u> 10 minutes

= 469.74 gallons minute

B.) step 1:

step 2:

Convert ft³ to gallons 392.5 ft³ x $\frac{7.48 \text{ gal}}{\text{ft}^3}$ = 2,935.9 gallons

step 3:

Rise rate = <u>2,935.9 gallons</u> 10 minutes

= <u>293.59 gallons</u> minute

C.) Pump rate = influent rate - rise rate = 469.74 gpm - 293.59 gpm = **176.15 gpm**

- D.) Pump % Efficiency = <u>Pump rate gpm</u>
 Pump rating gpm
 - = <u>176.15 gpm</u> = **70.46** % 250 gpm
- **44.** A town has two main lift stations, 25 ft in diameter and 40 ft deep. Pump station #1 has a total of three 1,000 gpm pumps, two that alternate with the third as a back up. The two alternating pumps work at 91% efficiency. In pump station #2 there is the same set up except the pumps are 1,250 gpm that operate at 89.5% efficiency. Both of these stations feed the main inplant station with the total flow to the treatment plant.
 - **A.** If station #1 operated for a total of 18.4 hrs how many GPD are pumped to the in-plant station?
 - **B.** If station #2 operated for 21.6 hrs how many GPD will it pump to the in-plant station?
 - **C.** What is the total flow to this plant in MGD?
- A.) step 1: Convert hrs. of operation to min.: 18.4 hrs. x 60min. = 1104 min. 1 hr.
 - step 2: Total gpd pumped = gpm x % efficiency x min./day = 1000 gpm x 0.91 x 1104 min./day = 1,004,640 gpd
- B.) step 1: Convert hrs. of operation to min.: 21.6 hrs. x <u>60min.</u> = 1296 min. 1 hr.
 - step 2: Total gpd pumped = gpm x % efficiency x min./day = 1250 gpm x 0.895 x 1296 min./day = **1,449,900 gpd**
- C.) step1: Total flow = station1 gpd + station2 gpd = 1,004,640 gpd + 1,449,900 gpd = 2,454,540 gpd
 - step 2: Convert gpd to MGD: 2,454,540 gpd = 2.45454 MGD = **2.45 MGD**

45. Using the data provided, what is the daily average flow rate from this lift station?

Flow meter readings:

Monday March 20 223,234,445 gal Monday March 27 243,879,629 gal

a.) Calculate gallons pumped:

243,879,629 gallons – 223,234,445 gallons = 20,645,184 gallons

b.) Average = total gallons pumped = 20,645,184 gallons # of days 7 days

= 2,949,312.14 gpd