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Environmental Sciences Department



Final Exam in Water Quality (\div 413) " for 4th year Environmental Sciences program students.

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Answer all the following questions: Total Mark: 90

Question [1]: [30 marks]

a) Mention the importance of water. [9 marks]

- b) Write on surface waters, refer to the advantages and disadvantages. [11 Marks]
- c) **Define** the urban water cycle, and **explain how** does clean water reach our homes when we open the tap? [10 Marks]

Question [2]: [30 marks]

a)	What are the Objectives of water quality monitoring?	[7 marks]
b)	Comment on indicator organisms.	[7 marks]
c)	Explain the steps of drinking water treatment.	[8 marks]
4)	Illustrate the differences between BOD, COD or TOC?	[8 marks]

Question [3]: Complete the following sentences [30 marks]

- 1.and can cause undesirable tastes in drinking water and have a teeter-totter relationship in your body.
- 2. The maximum allowable levels of in public water supplies depend on local climate and the excessive amounts cause discolored teeth.
- 3. There are four forms of nitrogen in water and wastewater;, and
- 4. If high concentrations of are consumed in drinking water, there may be objectionable tastes or unwanted laxative effects.

- 5. can react with organics in water forming toxic compounds called trihalomethanes.
- 6. Small amounts of are essential for ordinary cell functions in animal and plant life.
- 7. The and in natural waters provide a buffering action that protects fish and other aquatic organisms from sudden changes in pH.
- 8. Amphibians are extremely endangered by because their skin is very sensitive to contaminants.
- 9. is one of the main parameters used to determine the suitability of water for irrigation and firefighting.
- 10. The are retained on the top of the filter and the pass through the filter with the water.
- 11. Some lakes can have high salinity due to a combination of dissolved ions such as, and
- 12..... and in water can be caused by foreign matter such as organic materials, inorganic compounds, or dissolved gasses.
- 13. The color of a water sample can be reported as and
- 14. Palatability, viscosity, solubility, odors, and chemical reactions are influenced by
- 15. Groundwater normally has very low because of the natural filtration that occurs as the water penetrates through the soil.
- 16. Water quality can be classified into four types;, and

Best wishes

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