



**M.E DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: APRIL / MAY 2023**

(Regulation 2018)

Second Semester

**ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING**

P18EEI2201: Air and Noise Pollution Control

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

- CO1:** Categorize the various sources, types and nature of air pollutants and their effects on living and non-living beings.  
**CO2:** Monitor the air quality standards and the different sampling techniques.  
**CO3:** Determine the principle involved in the pollutant removal and their control measures.  
**CO4:** Understand the sources and effects of Indoor and Outdoor Noise Pollution.

**Time: Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**Answer all the Questions:-**

**PART A (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)**

1. Process involved in the measurement of PM<sub>2.5</sub> in the industry stack CO1 [K2]  
 Collection of air sample  
 Measurement of temperature and pressure  
 Removing of probe from monitoring kit  
 Taking of thimble weight with air sample  
 a) 2-3-4-1 b) 2-1-3-4  
 c) 3-4-2-1 d) 4-1-3-2
2. The Air (Prevention & Control of Pollution) Act in the year ---- CO3 [K1]  
 a) 1974 b) 1981  
 c) 1976 d) 1985
3. When ALR and ELR is in stable condition, the plume rise is known as ..... CO2 [K2]  
 a) Looping b) Fumigation  
 c) Fanning d) Coning
4. Match List I with List II CO1 [K2]

List I	List II
A. Lead acid battery	i. Carbon monoxide
B. Motor vehicle	ii. Particulates
C. Fertilizer industry	iii. Cyanide
D. Plating industry	iv. Lead

- a) A-ii B-i C-iii D-iv b) A-iii B-iv C-ii D-i  
 c) A-iv B-i C-ii D-iii d) A-iii B-i C-ii D-iv

5. Assertion (A): lofting occurs when there is a strong lapse rate above a surface inversion CO2 [K2]  
Reason (R): The plume diffusion is rapid upward
- a) Both A and R are Individually true and R is the correct explanation of A      b) Both A and R are Individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A  
c) A is true but R is false      d) A is false but R is true
6. Radon gas from kitchen counter top may cause CO4 [K2]  
a) Dried skin      b) Asthma  
c) Carcinogen diseases      d) Lung cancer
7. Assertion (A): Wet scrubber removes particulates from a gaseous stream. Reason (R): In the wet scrubber, water droplets come into contact with the particulates. CO2 [K2]  
a) Both A and R are Individually true and R is the correct explanation of A      b) Both A and R are Individually true but R is not the correct explanation of A  
c) A is true but R is false      d) A is false but R is true
8. Electrostatic precipitator is most useful for which one of the following industries? CO3 [K1]  
a) Tannery      b) Hydroelectric power generation  
c) Thermal power generation      d) Textile factory
9. Multiple selection item with multiple choice code CO1 [K2]  
Which of the following air pollutants are released by thermal power plants ?(I) Oxides of nitrogen,(II) Oxides of sulphur,(III) Ammonia,(IV) Carbon monoxide  
a) (I), (III) and (IV) only      b) (I), (II) and (IV) only  
c) (II) and (III) only      d) (I), (II), (III) and (IV)
10. Which of the following steps can take by government in order to reduce the noise pollution? CO4 [K1]  
a) Enforcement of all noise laws      b) increasing the number of new vehicles  
c) Constructing more roads      d) All the above

**PART B (10 x 2 = 20 Marks)**

11. Differentiate major and secondary air pollutants with suitable example. CO1 [K2]
12. Calculate AQI Index for 24hours average CO1 [K3]  
P.M10 =70  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
Ammonia =300  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
PM2.5 =70  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$   
SO2 =40  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$
13. Determine the effective height of a stack, with the following given data: Physical stack is 180 m tall with 0.95 m inside diameter Wind velocity is 2.75 m/sec Air temperature is 20°C Barometric pressure is 1000 millibars Stack gas velocity is 11.12 m/sec Stack gas temperature is 160 ° CO2 [K3]

14. Calculate the lapse rate on plume for the following data and comment your result. CO2 [K3]

Z (m)	T(°C)
2	-3.08
318	-6.21

15. Define SICK BUILDING SYNDROME and its symptoms. CO3 [K2]
16. Distinguish between catalytic combustion and Catalytic oxidation. CO3 [K2]
17. List out the meteorological factors of air pollution. CO2 [K2]
18. A plate type electrostatic precipitator in a cement plant for removing dust particle consist of 10 equal channels. The spacing between the plates is 0.15m and the plates are 2m high and 2m long. The unit handles 1000, m<sup>3</sup>/hr CO3 [K3]
19. Give the new five norms proposed by Central Control Board (CPCB) for Noise Pollution violation. CO4 [K2]
20. Define "Hearing Threshold Level"(HTL) and mention its limit. CO4 [K1]

**PART C (6 x 5 = 30 Marks)**

21. What are the major effects of air pollution on human health and properties. CO1 [K2]
22. List and explain the dispersion characteristics of stack plumes. in the ambient air. CO2 [K2]
23. What is meant by air sampling? Explain non-isokinetic, isokinetic sampling and sampling train. CO1 [K2]
24. A multi tray settling chamber having 8 trays, including the bottom surface, handles 6m<sup>3</sup>/s of air 20 C. The trays are spaced 0.25m apart and the chamber is to be 1 m wide and 4m long. What is the minimum particle size of density 2000kg/m<sup>3</sup> that can be collected with 100% efficiency. What will be the efficiency of the settling chamber if 50um particle are to be removed CO3 [K3]
25. State the major indoor air pollutants and explain their ill effects CO4 [K2]
26. Explain the Noise pollution control acts and legislation in INDIA CO4 [K2]

**Answer any FOUR Questions  
PART D (4 x 10 = 40 Marks)**

27. Explain the term acoustic zoning and give its limits as per National Ambient Air Quality standards (NAAQS) CO4 [K2]
28. A stack in an urban area is emitting 80 g/s of NO. It has an effective stack height of 100 m. The wind speed is 4 m/s at 10 m. It is a clear summer day with the sun nearly overhead. Estimate the ground level concentration at a) 2 km downwind on the centerline and 0.1 km off the centerline  $\sigma_y = 290$   $\sigma_z = 220$  CO2 [K3]

29. The cyclone with a diameter of 1.0m handles 3.0m<sup>3</sup>/s of standards air carrying particle with a density of 2000kg/m<sup>3</sup>. Using  $N_e = 6$ . Determine the collection efficiency as a function of particle diameter.  
 Assume velocity = 24m/s and width of inlet = 0.25m viscosity =  $1.81 \times 10^{-5}$  CO3 [K3]

30. Find the average sound pressure level when four sounds 40,50,60,72 dB are measured in an area. Take average sound pressure level as 20microns Pascal (upa) And also find the Equivalent Noise Level for a fluctuating noise lasting for 95 microns as given below. CO4 [K3]

SL.NO	Noise Level	Lasting for (time in mts)
1	80	10
2	60	80
3	100	05

31. What are the sources of noise ? How noise become a pollution problem? Discuss in detail “Control of noise at source” CO4 [K2]

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