



M.E DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV/DEC 2023

(Regulation 2018)

First Semester

ENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING

P18EET1003: Biological Treatment of Wastewater

COURSE OUTCOMES

- CO1:** Develop conceptual schematics required for the biological treatment of wastewater.
CO2: Design the microbial kinetics and process unit of Aerobic wastewater treatment.
CO3: Design the microbial kinetics and process unit of Anaerobic wastewater treatment.
CO4: Identify the composition of sludge generated and their treatment methodology.
CO5: Understand the troubleshooting and implement proper construction and maintenance Concepts.

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 100

**Answer all the Questions:-
PART A (10 x 1 = 10 Marks)**

1. BOD bottle is the best example for ----- CO1 [K₁]
- a) Anaerobic Suspended Growth Process Batch Reactor b) Aerobic Suspended Growth Process Batch Reactor
- c) Anaerobic Attached Growth Process Batch Reactor d) Aerobic Attached Growth Process Batch Reactor
2. Anaerobic digestion takes place through four successive stages. Sequence them as per the order CO3 [K₂]
1. Acetogenesis 2. Acidogenesis, 3. Methanogenesis, 4. Hydrolysis;
- a) 4-3-2-1 b) 4-2-1-3
- c) 4-2-3-4 d) 4-3-2-1
3. What is a good Food to Microorganism Ratio? CO1 [K₂]
- a) Between 0.2 And 0.5 b) Between 0.5 And 1.0
- c) Between 0.6 And 0.8 d) Between 0.1 And 1.0

4. Matching type item with multiple choice code

CO2 [K₂]

List I	List II
A. Fly Nuisance	1. Product of dewatering
B. Floating of sludge	2. Product of sludge Digestion
C. Humas	3. Attached Growth Process
D. Nonvolatile Solids	4. Suspended Growth Process
	5. Product of Incineration

- a) A-1, B-2, C-3,D-4 b) A-3, B-4, C-2,D-1
 c) A-1, B-2, C-3,D-5 d) A-3, B-4, C-2,D-5

5. Find the amount of bleaching power to be stored for 30 days in a treatment plant (Capacity 2 MLD) if it contains 60% chlorine and the dosage is 5 mg/L per day

CO5 [K₃]

- a) 180 kg b) 280 kg
 c) 380 kg d) 480 kg

6. The instrument used in industrial control applications to regulate temperature, flow, pressure, speed and other process variables is known as -----

CO5 [K₂]

- a) PID (proper instrument derivative) Controller b) PID (program integrated device) Controller
 c) PID (proportional instrument detector) Controller d) PID (proportional integral derivative) Controller

7. **Assertion (A):** Centrifuging removes more water than other methods and leaves a solid material that is known as cake.

CO4 [K₂]

Reason (R): Dewatering reduces sludge volume

- a) Both A and R are Individually true and R is the correct explanation of A b) Both A and R are Individually true and R is not the correct explanation of A
 c) A is false but R is true d) R is false but A is true

8. Find the sludge volume when its moisture content is reduced from 98% to 90%

CO4 [K₃]

- a) 1/2 of the original volume b) 1/3 of the original volume
 c) 1/4 of the original volume d) 1/5 of the original volume

9. Select the correct statements from the following.

CO2 [K₂]

1. Aerobic treatment of wastewater is a biological process that uses oxygen to break down organic contaminants and other pollutants like nitrogen and phosphorous.
2. The main advantage of anaerobic treatment is the production of fewer biological solids and the yield of biogas.
3. In the O&M of the wastewater treatment plant, the land cost comes under Opex Cost
4. Chemical conditioning is a pre-treatment of sludge in advance of thickening and dewatering processes.

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

27. Explain the following in Biological Treatment of wastewater. 10 CO1 [K₂]
 i. Importance of BOD/COD Ratio (3)
 ii. Cell immolation techniques used in high-rate reactor (3)
 iii. Comparison of Conventional and High Rate Reactors (4)
28. I. Determine the BOD₅ of effluent from a conventional trickling filter. Diameter of the filter 35 m and Depth of the filter 1.5 m. Hydraulic loading rate on filter is 2200 m³/day and influent BOD 5 is 180 mg/L. Take Rate constant is 1.90 per day and efficiency of the filter is 75 %. Use Eckenfelder's Equation. 5 CO2 [K₃]
 ii. Find the HRT and Efficiency and length of an ASP reactor from the following data Influent BOD-300 mg/l Effluent BoD-30 mg/l Flow - 3840 m³ per day Volume of aeration tank- 875 m³. Horizontal flow velocity is 0.10 m/minute 5 CO2 [K₃]
29. Determine the Kinetic Constants of an Activated Sludge Process Reactor from the flowing lab experimental data and hence find the effluent concentration if the influent BOD is 820 mg/l and MLSS is 3000 mg/L 10 CO1 [K₃]

Unit No	Influent BOD ₅ (mg/l)	Effluent BOD (mg/l)	HRT Days	MLSS (mg/l)	SRT Days
1	410	60	0.17	3960	3.1
2	410	15	0.17	2885	2.1
3	410	20	0.17	2120	1.6
4	410	50	0.17	1070	0.8
5	410	100	0.17	680	0.6

30. A wastewater treatment plant produces 1 ton of dry solids (Volatile solids 70 % (Sp Gravity 1.05) and Non-Volatile solids 30 % (Sp gravity of 2.50) in a moisture content of 95 %. Find the volume of sludges when i. Volatile solids reduced to 60 percent and moisture content reduced to 92 % ii. After dewatering to 80 % of moisture content iii. After drying to 10 % of Moisture content iv. Finally, after incineration of sludge and comment your result based on your finding 10 CO4 [K₃]
31. A settling analysis is run on sludge from an ASP reactor with the following results. Under Equilibrium conditions, the flows to the secondary clarifier is 4250 m³/day with solids content of 2200 mg/L and for a pre-selected solid flux rate of 2.5 kg/m².h, determine the size of the clarifier. 10 CO2 [K₃]

Concentration of MLSS (mg/L)	1400	2200	3000	3700	4500	5200	6500	8200
Velocity(m/h)	3.00	1.90	1.20	0.75	0.45	0.30	0.15	0.10
