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PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION
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THERMODYNAMICS	37 - 50		
TOTALS	50		

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GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION
EQUATIONS AND CONVERSIONS HANDOUT SHEET

EQUATIONS

$\dot{Q} = \dot{m}c_p\Delta T$

$\dot{Q} = \dot{m}\Delta h$

$\dot{Q} = UA\Delta T$

$\dot{Q} \propto \dot{m}^3_{Nat\ Circ}$

$\Delta T \propto \dot{m}^2_{Nat\ Circ}$

$K_{eff} = 1/(1 - \rho)$

$\rho = (K_{eff} - 1)/K_{eff}$

$SUR = 26.06/\tau$

$\tau = \dfrac{\bar{\beta} - \rho}{\lambda_{eff}\ \rho}$

$\rho = \dfrac{\ell^*}{\tau} + \dfrac{\bar{\beta}}{1 + \lambda_{eff}\tau}$

$\ell^* = 1 \times 10^{-4}$ sec

$\lambda_{eff} = 0.1\ sec^{-1}$ (for small positive ρ)

$DRW \propto \varphi^2_{tip}/\varphi^2_{avg}$

$P = P_o 10^{SUR(t)}$

$P = P_o e^{(t/\tau)}$

$A = A_o e^{-\lambda t}$

$CR_{S/D} = S/(1 - K_{eff})$

$CR_1(1 - K_{eff1}) = CR_2(1 - K_{eff2})$

$1/M = CR_1/CR_X$

$A = \pi r^2$

$F = PA$

$\dot{m} = \rho A\vec{v}$

$\dot{W}_{Pump} = \dot{m}\Delta P\upsilon$

$E = IR$

Eff. = Net Work Out/Energy In

$\upsilon(P_2 - P_1) + \dfrac{(\vec{v}_2^{\,2} - \vec{v}_1^{\,2})}{2g_c} + \dfrac{g(z_2 - z_1)}{g_c} = 0$

$g_c = 32.2$ lbm-ft/lbf-sec^2

CONVERSIONS

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1 Mw	= 3.41×10^6 Btu/hr	1 Curie	= 3.7×10^{10} dps
1 hp	= 2.54×10^3 Btu/hr	1 kg	= 2.21 lbm
1 Btu	= 778 ft-lbf	1 gal_{water}	= 8.35 lbm
°C	= (5/9)(°F - 32)	1 ft^3_{water}	= 7.48 gal
°F	= (9/5)(°C) + 32		

QUESTION: 1

Which one of the following statements describes the throttling characteristics of a typical globe valve?

A. The first third of valve disk travel in the open direction will result in approximately one-third of full flow rate.

B. The first third of valve disk travel in the open direction will produce a smaller increase in flow rate than the last third of valve disk travel.

C. The first third of valve disk travel in the open direction will produce a greater increase in flow rate than the last third of valve disk travel.

D. The first two-thirds of valve disk travel in the open direction will produce approximately the same increase in flow rate as the last third of valve disk travel.

QUESTION: 2

Various types of valves are being considered for use in an application that requires local manual closure capability in the event of an inoperable motor actuator.

Which one of the following types of similarly sized valves requires the <u>most</u> manual valve stem rotation to move the valve from fully open to fully closed? (Assume that each valve has a non-rising stem.)

A. Ball

B. Gate

C. Plug

D. Butterfly

QUESTION: 3

A differential pressure detector is being used with an orifice plate to measure water flow rate through a pipe. When the flow instrument was last calibrated, the following parameters were observed:

Upstream Pressure:	125 psig	Actual Flow Rate:	100 gpm
Downstream Pressure:	116 psig	Indicated Flow Rate:	100 gpm

Since the calibration, debris has collected in the orifice such that the actual flow rate through the orifice has decreased to 80 gpm while the upstream and downstream pressures have changed to 135 psig and 110 psig, respectively.

What is the approximate flow rate that is currently indicated by the flow instrument?

A. 125 gpm

B. 133 gpm

C. 156 gpm

D. 167 gpm

QUESTION: 4

Refer to the drawing of an open water storage tank with a differential pressure (D/P) level detector (see figure below).

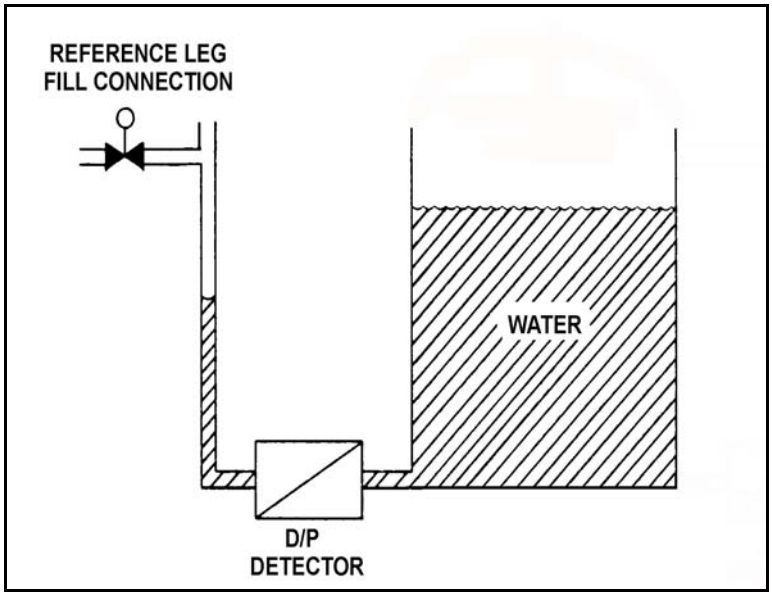
The level instrument has just been calibrated to indicate actual tank water level. Assume that tank water temperature and level remain constant. If the reference leg temperature increases by 20°F, indicated tank water level will...

A. be unpredictable.

B. equal the actual level.

C. read less than the actual level.

D. read greater than the actual level.



QUESTION: 5

If shorting occurs within a resistance temperature detector, the associated indication will fail...

A. low.

B. high.

C. as is.

D. to midscale.

QUESTION: 6

During a reactor refueling outage, the fuel assemblies were reconfigured to reduce the radial power peak at the center of the core while maintaining the same rated thermal power. Excore power range detectors were calibrated at 50% of rated power just prior to the outage.

How will actual reactor power compare to indicated reactor power when the plant is stabilized at 50% power following the outage?

A. Actual reactor power will be higher than indicated reactor power due to increased core neutron leakage.

B. Actual reactor power will be higher than indicated reactor power due to decreased core neutron leakage.

C. Actual reactor power will be lower than indicated reactor power due to decreased core neutron leakage.

D. Actual reactor power will be lower than indicated reactor power due to increased core neutron leakage.

QUESTION: 7

Refer to the drawing of four bistable symbols (see figure below).

A temperature controller uses a bistable that turns on to actuate a warning light when controlled temperature reaches a low setpoint. The warning light extinguishes immediately after temperature increases above the low setpoint.

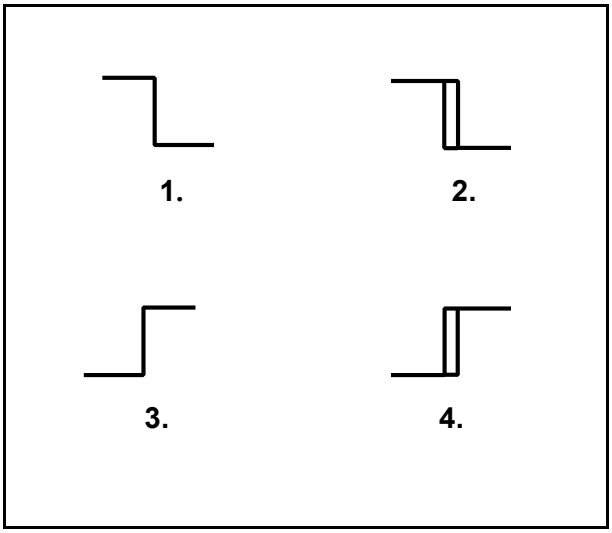
Which one of the following bistable symbols indicates the characteristics of the bistable?

A. 1.

B. 2.

C. 3.

D 4.



QUESTION: 8

A pressurizer pressure controller has the following features:

- The controller output signal is null when the differential pressure (ΔP) between the pressurizer pressure setpoint and the actual pressurizer pressure is zero.
- The controller output signal increases linearly with the ΔP.
- The controller output signal is not affected by the rate of change of the ΔP.
- The controller output signal is not affected by the length of time the ΔP exists.

Which one of the following lists the type(s) of control used by the controller described above?

A. Bistable only

B. Proportional only

C. Proportional plus integral

D. Proportional plus integral plus derivative

QUESTION: 9

What precaution must be observed when transferring a valve controller from the automatic mode to the manual mode of control?

A. Ensure that a substantial deviation is established between the automatic and manual valve controller outputs.

B. Ensure that the automatic and manual valve controller outputs are matched.

C. Ensure that the automatic valve controller output is increasing before transferring to the manual mode of control.

D. Ensure that the automatic valve controller output is decreasing before transferring to the manual mode of control.

QUESTION: 10

Refer to the drawing below of a centrifugal pump taking suction from the bottom of an open storage tank containing water at 66°F. Pump and water level elevations are indicated in the figure. Assume standard atmospheric pressure.

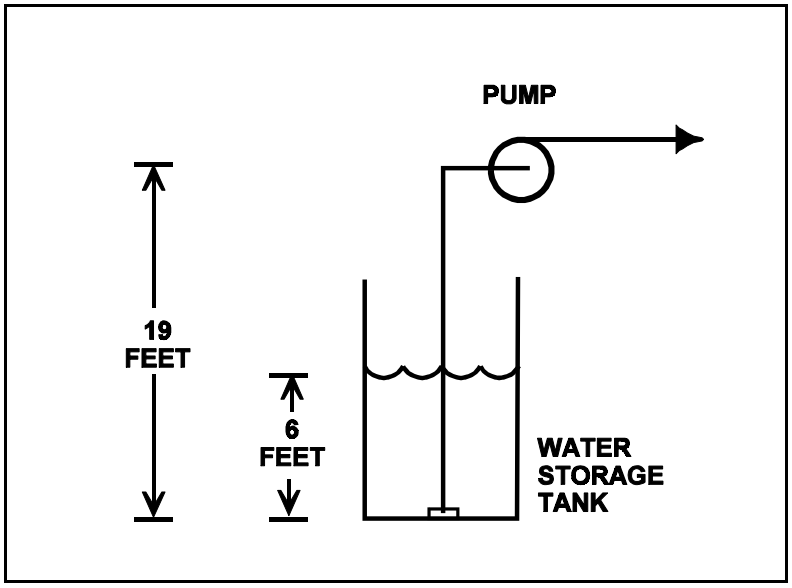
Assuming that pump suction fluid velocity head loss is negligible, what is the approximate value of net positive suction head available to the pump.

A. 6 feet

B. 13 feet

C. 20 feet

D. 25 feet



QUESTION: 11

Refer to the drawing of a cooling water system and the associated centrifugal pump operating curve (see figure below) in which pumps A and B are identical single-speed centrifugal pumps and only pump A is operating.

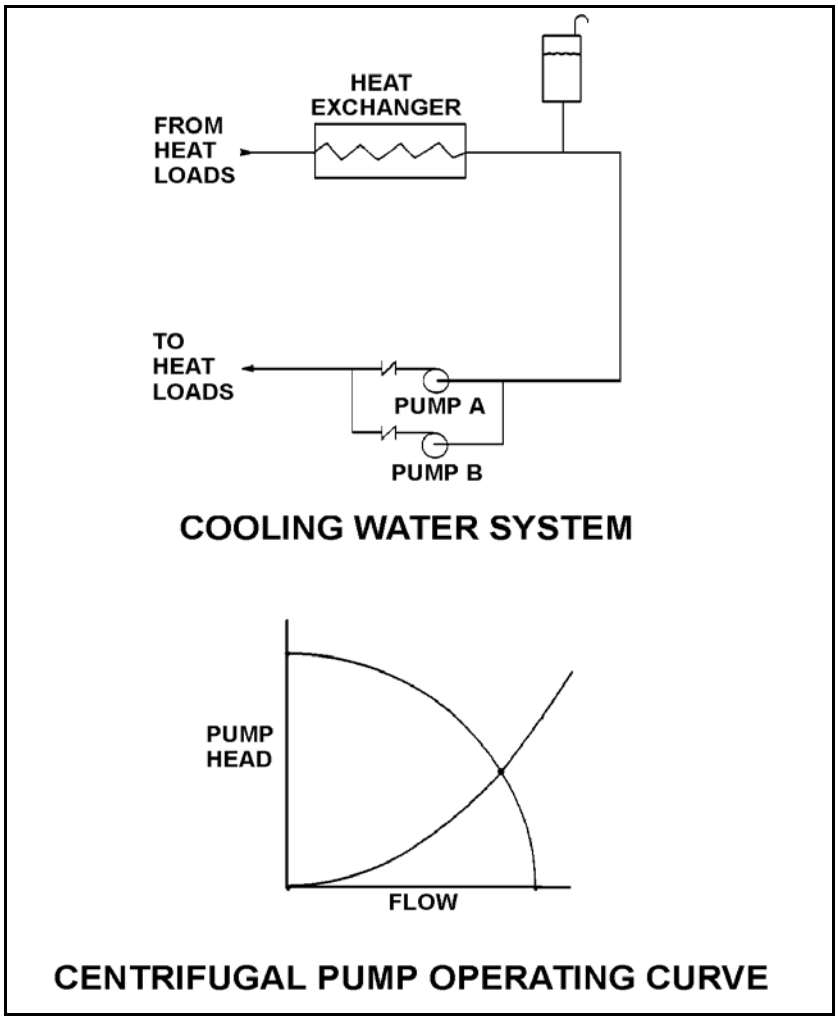
If pump B is started, system flow rate will be _____ and common pump discharge pressure will be _____.

A. the same; higher

B. higher; the same

C. the same; the same

D. higher; higher



QUESTION: 12

Refer to the drawing of four centrifugal pump operating curves (see figure below).

A centrifugal pump is operating in a closed water system and discharging through a heat exchanger. A second heat exchanger, in parallel with the first, is then placed in service.

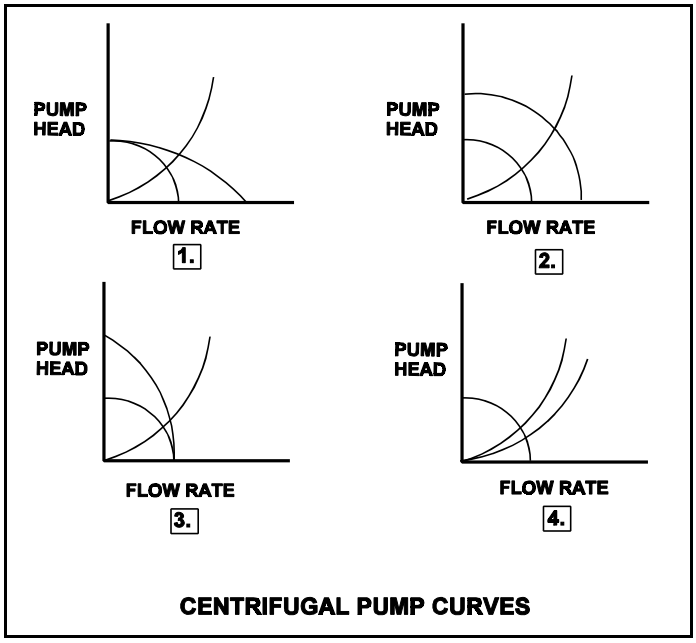
Which set of curves illustrates the initial and final operating conditions?

A. 1.

B. 2.

C. 3.

D. 4.



QUESTION: 13

A section of reactor coolant piping is being hydrostatically tested to 2,900 psig using a positive displacement pump. The operating characteristics of the positive displacement pump are shown below, identifying ideal, expected, and actual pump performance.

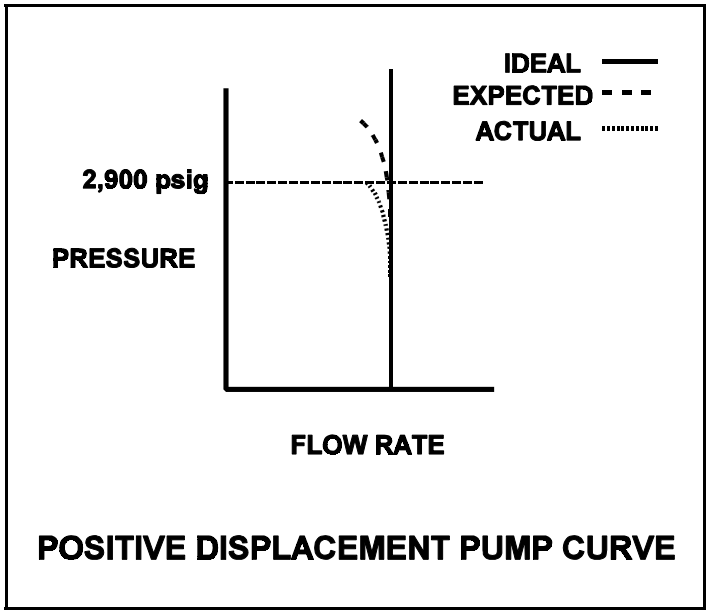
Which one of the following could cause the observed difference between the expected and the actual pump performance?

A. Pump internal leakage is greater than expected.

B. Reactor coolant piping boundary valve leakage is greater than expected.

C. Available NPSH has decreased more than expected, but remains slightly above required NPSH.

D. A relief valve on the pump discharge piping has opened prior to its setpoint of 2,900 psig.



QUESTION: 14

A rotary positive displacement pump (PDP) is being used to supply water to a piping system. The PDP is driven by an ac induction motor. The initial parameters are:

System pressure:	500 psig
PDP flow rate:	50 gpm
PDP motor current:	40 amps

After several hours, the PDP motor speed is increased such that the new PDP flow rate is 100 gpm. If system pressure does not change, what is the approximate value of the PDP motor current at the 100 gpm flow rate?

A. 80 amps

B. 160 amps

C. 320 amps

D. 640 amps

QUESTION: 15

Two identical 4160 Vac induction motors are connected to identical centrifugal pumps in identical but separate cooling water systems. Each motor is rated at 200 hp. The discharge valve for pump A is fully shut and the discharge valve for pump B is fully open.

If each motor is then started, the longest time period required to stabilize motor current will be experienced by motor _____ and the higher stable motor current will be experienced by motor _____.

A. A; A

B. A; B

C. B; A

D. B; B

QUESTION: 16

Refer to the drawing of an operating lube oil heat exchanger (see figure below).

Given the following initial parameters:

Cooling water inlet temperature ($T_{cw\text{-}in}$) = 75°F
Cooling water outlet temperature ($T_{cw\text{-}out}$) = 95°F
Oil inlet temperature ($T_{oil\text{-}in}$) = 150°F
Oil outlet temperature ($T_{oil\text{-}out}$) = 120°F

Air introduction to the heat exchanger results in some of the heat exchanger tubes becoming uncovered. As a result, $T_{cw\text{-}out}$ decreases to 91°F. Assume the inlet temperatures, mass flow rates, and specific heats of both fluids remain the same.

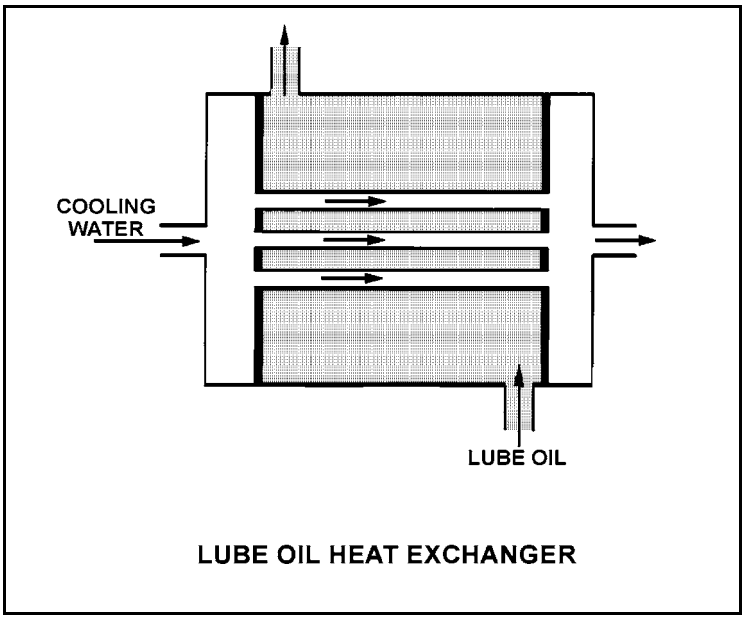
Which one of the following will be the new approximate temperature of the oil exiting the heat exchanger ($T_{oil\text{-}out}$)?

A. 126°F

B. 130°F

C. 134°F

D. 138°F



LUBE OIL HEAT EXCHANGER

QUESTION: 17

A nuclear power plant is operating normally at 50% of rated power. Which one of the following will result from a cooling water tube rupture in the main condenser?

A. Increased condenser vacuum

B. Increased conductivity of the condensate

C. Decreased condensate pump net positive suction head

D. Decreased condensate pump flow rate

QUESTION: 18

How does demineralizer differential pressure indicate the condition of a demineralizer resin bed?

A. Low differential pressure indicates flow blockage in the demineralizer.

B. Low differential pressure indicates that the demineralizer resin bed is exhausted.

C. High differential pressure indicates flow blockage in the demineralizer.

D. High differential pressure indicates that the demineralizer resin bed is exhausted.

QUESTION: 19

Refer to the drawing of a parallel demineralizer loop that is currently aligned for normal flow direction through the demineralizer (see figure below).

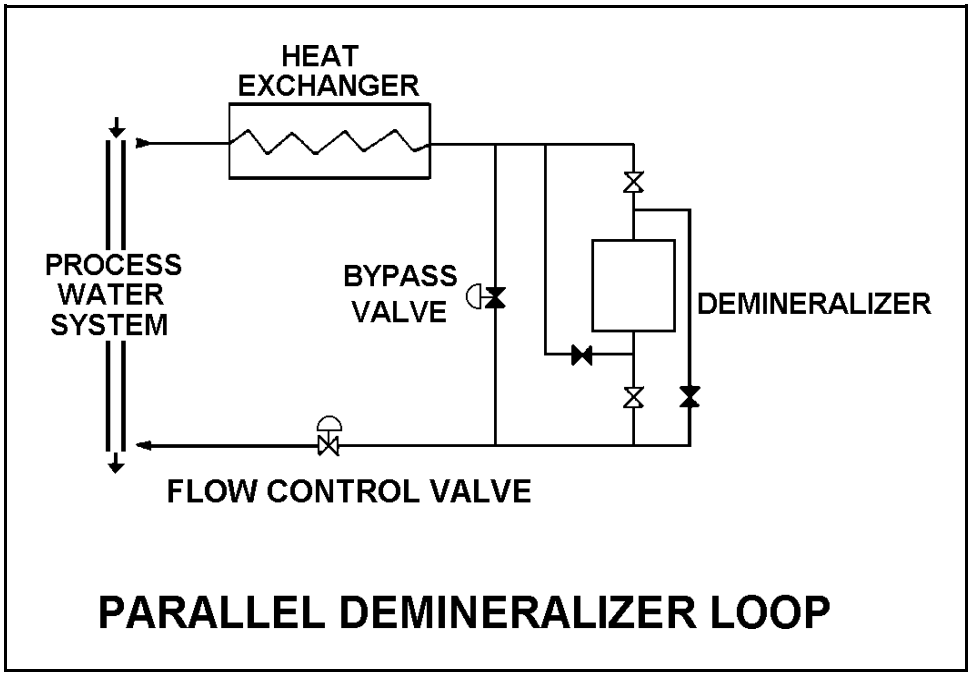
Which one of the following is most likely to cause a decrease in the demineralizer decontamination factor for ionic impurities?

A. Divert 50% of the demineralizer loop flow to bypass the demineralizer.

B. Decrease the process water system pressure from 125 psig to 75 psig.

C. Decrease the flow rate in the demineralizer loop from 105 gpm to 65 gpm.

D. Increase the temperature in the demineralizer loop from 140°F to 200°F.



QUESTION: 20

Which one of the following would cause a loss of ability to remotely trip a circuit breaker and a loss of remote breaker position indication?

A. Failure of the breaker control switch

B. Racking the breaker to the "test" position

C. Mechanical binding of the breaker tripping bar

D. Loss of control power for the breaker

QUESTION: 21

Refer to the drawing of a valve motor control circuit (see figure below) for a valve that is currently fully closed and has a 10-second stroke time. (Note: Limit switch (LS) contacts are shown open regardless of valve position, but relay contacts follow the standard convention for control circuit drawings.)

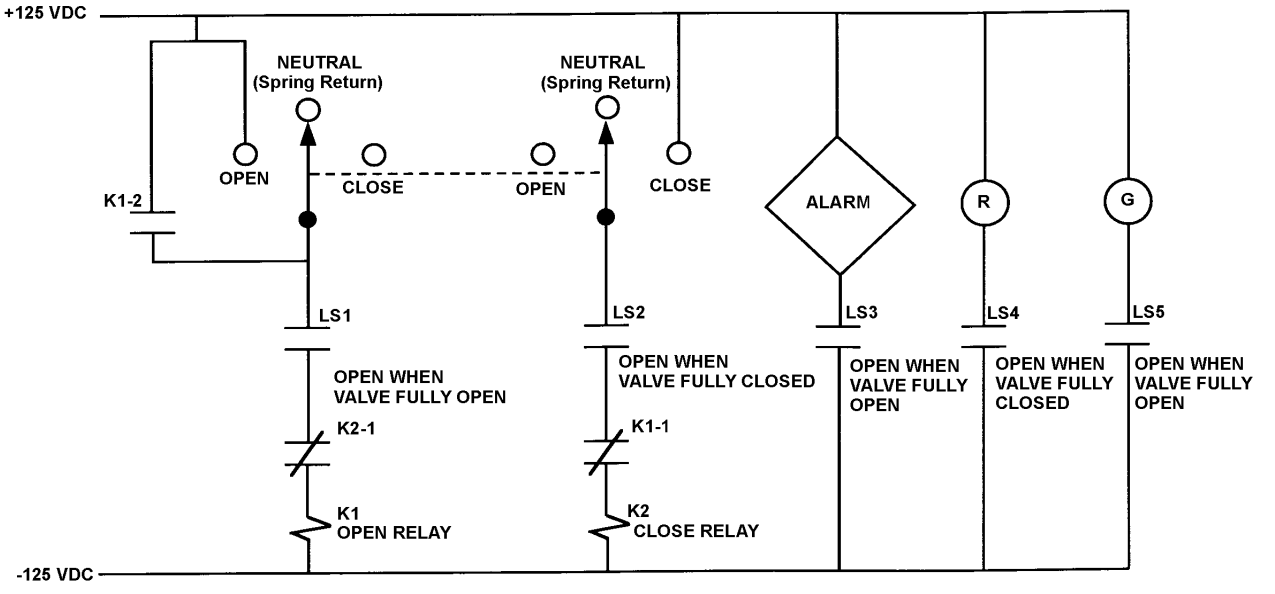
An operator takes the control switch to "Open" momentarily and the valve begins to open. Five seconds later, the operator places and holds the switch in the "Close" position. Which one of the following describes the valve response with the switch held in the "Close" position?

A. The valve will stop opening and remain partially open.

B. The valve will stop opening and then go fully closed.

C. The valve will open fully and remain fully open.

D. The valve will open fully and then go fully closed.



VALVE MOTOR CONTROL CIRCUIT

QUESTION: 22

A main generator is about to be connected to an infinite power grid with the following conditions:

Generator frequency	= 59.8 Hz
Grid frequency	= 59.5 Hz
Generator voltage	= 114.8 kV
Grid voltage	= 115.1 kV

When the generator output breaker is closed, the generator will initially...

A. acquire real load and reactive load.

B. acquire real load, but become a reactive load to the grid.

C. become a real load to the grid, but acquire reactive load.

D. become a real load and a reactive load to the grid.

QUESTION: 23

A neutron that is released 10^{-10} seconds after the associated fission event is classified as a _____ fission neutron.

A. delayed

B. prompt

C. thermal

D. spontaneous

QUESTION: 24

Which one of the following conditions describes a nuclear reactor that is exactly critical?

A. $K_{eff} = 0$; $\Delta K/K = 0$

B. $K_{eff} = 0$; $\Delta K/K = 1$

C. $K_{eff} = 1$; $\Delta K/K = 0$

D. $K_{eff} = 1$; $\Delta K/K = 1$

QUESTION: 25

A nuclear power plant that has been operating at rated power for two months experiences a reactor trip. Two months after the reactor trip, with all control rods still fully inserted, a stable count rate of 20 cps is indicated on the source/startup range nuclear instruments.

The majority of the source/startup range detector output is being caused by the interaction of _____ with the detector.

A. intrinsic source neutrons

B. fission gammas from previous power operation

C. fission neutrons from subcritical multiplication

D. delayed fission neutrons from previous power operation

QUESTION: 26

The amount of boric acid required to increase the reactor coolant boron concentration by 50 ppm at the beginning of core life (1200 ppm) is approximately _____ as the amount of boric acid required to increase boron concentration by 50 ppm at the end of core life (100 ppm).

A. the same

B. four times as large

C. eight times as large

D. twelve times as large

QUESTION: 27

Neglecting the effects of core Xe-135, which one of the following power changes requires the smallest amount of positive reactivity addition?

A. 2% power to 5% power

B. 5% power to 15% power

C. 15% power to 30% power

D. 30% power to 50% power

QUESTION: 28

Criticality has been achieved during a xenon-free reactor startup. The core neutron flux level is low in the intermediate range and a stable 0.5 dpm startup rate (SUR) has been established. The operator begins inserting control rods in an effort to stabilize the core neutron flux level near its current value. The operator stops inserting control rods exactly when the SUR indicates 0.0 dpm.

Immediately after the operator stops inserting the control rods, the SUR will become _____; then the core neutron flux level will _____.

A. positive; increase exponentially

B. positive; increase linearly

C. negative; decrease exponentially

D. negative; decrease linearly

QUESTION: 29

One purpose of using control rod bank/group overlap is to...

A. ensure adequate shutdown margin.

B. provide a more uniform differential rod worth.

C. allow dampening of xenon-induced flux oscillation.

D. ensure control rod insertion limits are <u>not</u> exceeded.

QUESTION: 30

Xenon-135 is produced in a nuclear reactor by two primary methods. One is directly from fission, the other is from the decay of...

A. cesium-135.

B. iodine-135.

C. xenon-136.

D. iodine-136.

QUESTION: 31

A nuclear reactor is initially operating at 50% of rated power with equilibrium core xenon-135. Power is increased to 100% over a one hour period and average reactor coolant temperature is adjusted to 588°F using manual rod control. Rod control is left in manual and no subsequent operator actions are taken.

Considering only the reactivity effects of core xenon-135 changes, which one of the following describes the average reactor coolant temperature 8 hours after the power change is completed?

A. Greater than 588°F and decreasing slowly

B. Greater than 588°F and increasing slowly

C. Less than 588°F and decreasing slowly

D. Less than 588°F and increasing slowly

QUESTION: 32

A nuclear reactor has been shut down for 8 hours following a loss of offsite power. A reactor coolant system (RCS) cooldown on single-phase natural circulation is in progress.

Compared to adding boric acid to the RCS during forced circulation, adding boric acid during natural circulation requires _____ time to achieve complete mixing in the RCS; and, once completely mixed at a given coolant temperature, a 1 ppm increase in RCS boron concentration during natural circulation will cause a/an _____ change in core reactivity.

A. more; smaller

B. more; equal

C. less; smaller

D. less; equal

QUESTION: 33

Refer to the drawing that shows two graphs (see figure below). The axes on each graph have linear scales.

A nuclear reactor is initially critical in the source range. At time = 0 sec, a constant rate addition of positive reactivity commences. Assume reactor power remains below the point of adding heat for the entire time interval shown.

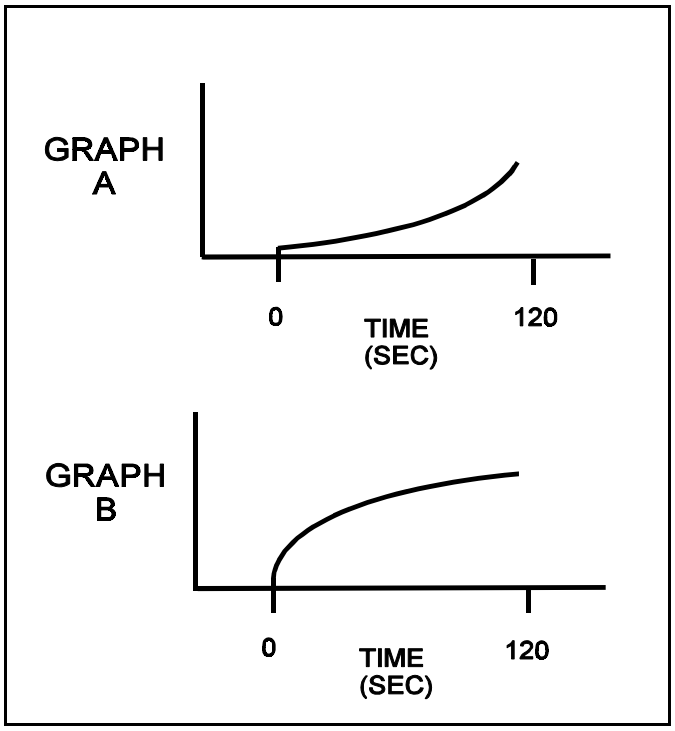
The general response of startup rate to this event is shown on graph _____; and the general response of reactor power to this event is shown on graph _____. (Note: Either graph may be chosen once, twice, or not at all.)

A. A; A

B. A; B

C. B; A

D. B; B



QUESTION: 34

How do the following parameters change during a normal ramp of reactor power from 15% to 75%?

	Main Turbine First Stage Pressure	Reactor Coolant System Boron Concentration
A.	Increases	Decreases
B.	Decreases	Decreases
C.	Increases	Increases
D.	Decreases	Increases

QUESTION: 35

A nuclear power plant is operating at 60% of rated power in the middle of a fuel cycle with manual rod control when a turbine control system malfunction opens the turbine steam inlet valves an additional 5 percent. Which one of the following is responsible for the initial reactor power increase?

A. The rate of neutron absorption by core Xe-135 initially decreases.

B. The rate of neutron absorption in the moderator initially decreases.

C. The rate of neutron absorption at U-238 resonance energies initially decreases.

D. The rate of neutron absorption by the boron in the reactor coolant initially decreases.

QUESTION: 36

Nuclear reactors A and B are identical and have been operated at 100% power for six months when a reactor trip occurs simultaneously on both reactors. All reactor A control rods fully insert. One reactor B control rod sticks fully withdrawn.

After five minutes, when compared to reactor B, the core fission rate in reactor A will be _____, and the reactor period in reactor A will be _____.

A. the same; shorter

B. the same; the same

C. lower; shorter

D. lower; the same

QUESTION: 37

Which one of the following is arranged from the highest pressure to the lowest pressure?

A. 2 psig, 12 inches Hg absolute, 8 psia

B. 2 psig, 18 inches Hg absolute, 8 psia

C. 12 psia, 20 inches Hg absolute, 2 psig

D. 12 psia, 30 inches Hg absolute, 2 psig

QUESTION: 38

A pressurizer is operating in a saturated condition at 636°F. If a sudden pressurizer level decrease of 10% occurs, pressurizer pressure will _____ and pressurizer temperature will _____.

A. remain the same; decrease

B. remain the same; remain the same

C. decrease; decrease

D. decrease; remain the same

QUESTION: 39

1.0×10^6 lbm/hr saturated steam at 30% steam quality is leaving a main turbine and entering a condenser at 2.0 psia. Condensate is entering the hotwell at 118°F.

Which one of the following is the approximate condenser heat transfer rate?

A. 3.1×10^8 Btu/hr

B. 5.8×10^8 Btu/hr

C. 7.2×10^8 Btu/hr

D. 9.9×10^8 Btu/hr

QUESTION: 40

A heatup and pressurization of a reactor coolant system (RCS) is in progress following a maintenance shutdown. RCS pressure is 1,000 psia with a steam bubble in the pressurizer. Pressurizer power-operated relief valve (PORV) tailpipe temperature has been steadily rising. The pressurizer vapor space contains 100.0% quality saturated steam and PORV downstream pressure is 40 psia.

Assuming PORV leakage is an ideal throttling process, which one of the following will be the approximate PORV tailpipe temperature and phase of escaping fluid if a PORV is leaking by?

A. 267°F, saturated

B. 267°F, superheated

C. 312°F, saturated

D. 312°F, superheated

QUESTION: 41

A nuclear power plant is operating at full power with 0°F of condensate subcooling. If main condenser cooling water inlet temperature increases by 3°F, secondary steam cycle efficiency will...

A. decrease due to a degraded main condenser vacuum.

B. increase due to an improved main condenser vacuum.

C. decrease due to increased main condenser heat rejection.

D. increase due to decreased main condenser heat rejection.

QUESTION: 42

Refer to the drawing of two lengths of 6-inch piping, each containing an identical automatic isolation valve. The actual pipe lengths are proportional to their symbols in the drawing

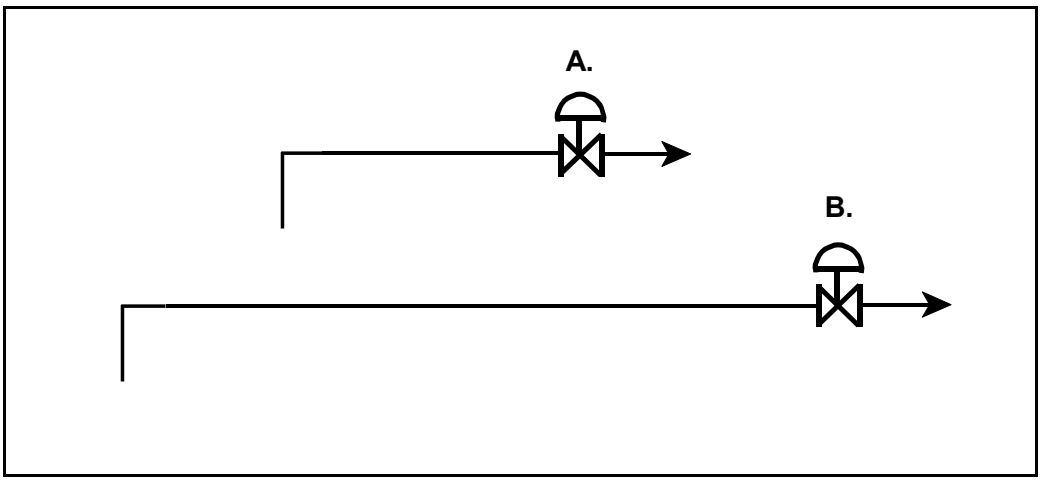
Water at 65°F is flowing at 1,000 gpm through each pipe. If the isolation valves suddenly and simultaneously close, valve A and its associated piping will experience a maximum pressure that is _____ the maximum pressure experienced by valve B and its associated piping. The pressure spike will dissipate quicker in the _____ length of pipe.

A. equal to; shorter

B. equal to; longer

C. less than; shorter

D less than; longer



QUESTION: 43

Two identical single-speed centrifugal pumps (CPs) and two identical single-speed positive displacement pumps (PDPs) are able to take suction on a vented water storage tank and provide makeup water flow to a cooling water system. The pumps are capable of being cross-connected to provide multiple configurations. In single pump alignment, each pump will supply 100 gpm at a system pressure of 1,200 psig.

Given the following information:

Centrifugal Pumps

Shutoff head:	1,500 psig
Maximum design pressure:	2,000 psig
Flow rate with no backpressure:	180 gpm

Positive Displacement Pumps

Maximum design pressure:	2,000 psig

Which one of the following makeup water pump configurations will supply the highest initial flow rate to a cooling water system that is drained and depressurized?

A. Two CPs in series

B. Two CPs in parallel

C. Two PDPs in parallel

D. One PDP and one CP in series (CP supplying PDP)

QUESTION: 44

Which one of the terms in the equation, $\dot{Q} = UA(T1-T2)$, is affected the most, and therefore most responsible for the initial increase in heat transfer rate from the reactor fuel during a minor (3%) steamline break? (Assume no initial change in reactor power.)

A. U

B. A

C. T1

D. T2

QUESTION: 45

Which one of the following modes of heat transfer is characterized by steam bubbles moving away from a heated surface and collapsing in the bulk fluid?

A. Bulk boiling

B. Subcooled nucleate boiling

C. Saturated nucleate boiling

D. Saturated natural convection

QUESTION: 46

Which one of the following will be the initial cause of fuel damage if a fuel rod exceeds the critical heat flux at 100% power?

A. Excessive fuel clad temperature

B. Excessive fuel pellet temperature

C. Excessive fuel rod internal pressure

D. Excessive fuel rod thermal stress

QUESTION: 47

Assume that a 30°F subcooling margin is maintained in the reactor coolant system (RCS) hot legs during each of the following shutdown reactor cooldown operations. Which one of the following will maintain the greatest subcooling margin in the reactor vessel head?

A. Performing a 25°F/Hr RCS cooldown on natural circulation using one steam generator.

B. Performing a 25°F/Hr RCS cooldown with all reactor coolant pumps running.

C. Performing a 100°F/Hr RCS cooldown on natural circulation using all steam generators.

D. Performing a 100°F/Hr RCS cooldown with one reactor coolant pump running.

QUESTION: 48

A nuclear power plant is operating at 100% power when a loss of offsite power occurs, resulting in a reactor trip and a loss of forced reactor coolant circulation. After 30 minutes, reactor coolant system (RCS) hot leg temperature is greater than cold leg temperature and steam generator (S/G) levels are stable.

Which one of the following combinations of parameter trends, occurring 30 minutes after the trip, indicates that natural circulation is occurring? (CET = core exit thermocouple)

	RCS HOT LEG TEMPERATURE	RCS COLD LEG TEMPERATURE	S/G PRESSURES	RCS CET SUBCOOLING
A.	Decreasing	Stable	Stable	Increasing
B.	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing	Decreasing
C.	Decreasing	Decreasing	Decreasing	Decreasing
D.	Increasing	Increasing	Decreasing	Increasing

QUESTION: 49

A nuclear power plant is operating at 80% of rated power near the beginning of a fuel cycle. All control rods are fully withdrawn and in manual control. The moderator temperature coefficient is negative. Core axial power distribution is peaked below the core midplane.

Which one of the following will significantly decrease the core maximum axial peaking (or hot channel) factor? (Assume no subsequent operator action is taken and that main turbine load and core xenon distribution do not change unless stated.)

A. One bank of control rods is inserted 10%.

B. One control rod fully inserts into the core.

C. Turbine load/reactor power is reduced by 20%.

D. Reactor coolant system boron concentration is reduced by 50 ppm.

QUESTION: 50

The nil-ductility transition temperature is that temperature...

A. below which vessel failure is imminent.

B. above which vessel failure is imminent.

C. below which the probability of brittle fracture significantly increases.

D. above which the probability of brittle fracture significantly increases.

***** FINAL ANSWER KEY *****

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FORM A	FORM B	ANS.	FORM A	FORM B	ANS.
1	15	C	26	40	A
2	16	B	27	41	A
3	17	D	28	42	A
4	18	B	29	43	B
5	19	A	30	44	B
6	20	D	31	45	A
7	21	A	32	46	B
8	22	B	33	47	A
9	23	B	34	48	A
10	24	C	35	49	C
11	25	D	36	50	D
12	26	D	37	1	B
13	27	A	38	2	C
14	28	A	39	3	A
15	29	D	40	4	D
16	30	A	41	5	A
17	31	B	42	6	A
18	32	C	43	7	B
19	33	D	44	8	D
20	34	D	45	9	B
21	35	D	46	10	A
22	36	B	47	11	B
23	37	A	48	12	A
24	38	C	49	13	C
25	39	C	50	14	C