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Sincerely,

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Docket No. 50-123

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U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
OPERATOR LICENSING INITIAL EXAMINATION REPORT

REPORT NO.: 50-123/OL-11-02
FACILITY DOCKET NO.: 50-123
FACILITY LICENSE NO.: R-79
FACILITY: Missouri University of Science and Technology
SUBMITTED BY: IRA/ 3/28/2011
John T. Nguyen, Chief Examiner Date

SUMMARY:

During the week of March 21, 2011, the NRC administered retake written examinations to two Reactor Operator (RO) license candidates and administered operating examination to one Senior Reactor Operator - Upgrade (SRO-U) license candidate. All license candidates passed all applicable portions of their examinations.

REPORT DETAILS

1. Examiner: John T. Nguyen, Chief Examiner

2. Results:

	RO PASS/FAIL	SRO PASS/FAIL	TOTAL PASS/FAIL
Written	2/0	0/0	2/0
Operating Tests	N/A	1/0	1/0
Overall	2/0	0/0	3/0

3. Exit Meeting:

Bill Bonzer, MSTR, Reactor Manager
Craig Reisner, MSTR, Senior Reactor Operator
John Nguyen, NRC, Examiner

The NRC Examiner thanked the facility for their support in the administration of the examinations. The facility licensee had no comments on the written examination except the comments presented during the administrative of the examination, which have been incorporated into the examination included as Enclosure 2 to this report.

U. S. NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
NON-POWER REACTOR LICENSE EXAMINATION

FACILITY: Missouri University of Science and Technology (Rolla)

REACTOR TYPE: MTR

DATE ADMINISTERED: 3/22/2011

CANDIDATE: _____

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATE:

Answers are to be written on the Answer sheet provided. Attach all Answer sheets to the examination. Point values are indicated in parentheses for each question. A 70% in each category is required to pass the examination. Examinations will be picked up three (3) hours after the examination starts.

<u>CATEGORY</u>	<u>% OF</u>	<u>CANDIDATE'S</u>	<u>% OF</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
<u>VALUE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>SCORE</u>	<u>VALUE</u>	<u>CATEGORY</u>
<u>16.00</u>	<u>33.3</u>	_____	_____	A. REACTOR THEORY, THERMODYNAMICS AND FACILITY OPERATING CHARACTERISTICS
<u>16.00</u>	<u>33.3</u>	_____	_____	B. NORMAL AND EMERGENCY OPERATING PROCEDURES AND RADIOLOGICAL CONTROLS
<u>16.00</u>	<u>33.3</u>	_____	_____	C. FACILITY AND RADIATION MONITORING SYSTEMS
<u>48.00</u>		_____	_____	% TOTALS
		FINAL GRADE		

All work done on this examination is my own. I have neither given nor received aid.

Candidate's Signature

ENCLOSURE 2

A. RX THEORY, THERMO & FAC OP CHARS

ANSWER SHEET

Multiple Choice (Circle or X your choice)

If you change your Answer, write your selection in the blank.

A01 a b c d ____

A02 a b c d ____

A03 a b c d ____

A04 a b c d ____

A05 a b c d ____

A06 a b c d ____

A07 a b c d ____

A08 a b c d ____

A09 a b c d ____

A10 a b c d ____

A11 a b c d ____

A12 a b c d ____

A13 a b c d ____

A14 a b c d ____

A15 a b c d ____

A16 a b c d ____

(***** END OF CATEGORY A *****)

B. NORMAL/EMERG PROCEDURES & RAD CON

ANSWER SHEET

Multiple Choice (Circle or X your choice)

If you change your Answer, write your selection in the blank.

B01 a b c d ____

B02 a b c d ____

B03 a b c d ____

B04 a b c d ____

B05 a b c d ____

B06 a b c d ____

B07 a b c d ____

B08 a b c d ____

B09 a b c d ____

B10 a b c d ____

B11 a b c d ____

B12 a b c d ____

B13 a b c d ____

B14 a b c d ____

B15 a b c d ____

B16 a b c d ____

(***** END OF CATEGORY B *****)

C. PLANT AND RAD MONITORING SYSTEMS

ANSWER SHEET

Multiple Choice (Circle or X your choice)

If you change your Answer, write your selection in the blank.

C01 a b c d ____

C02 a b c d ____

C03 a b c d ____

C04 a b c d ____

C05 a____ b____ c____ d ____

C06 a b c d ____

C07 a b c d ____

C08 a b c d ____

C09 a____ b____ c____ d ____

C10 a b c d ____

C11 a b c d ____

C12 a b c d ____

C13 a b c d ____

C14 a b c d ____

C15 a b c d ____

(**** END OF CATEGORY C *****)
(***** END OF EXAMINATION *****)

NRC RULES AND GUIDELINES FOR LICENSE EXAMINATIONS

During the administration of this examination the following rules apply:

1. Cheating on the examination means an automatic denial of your application and could result in more severe penalties.
2. After the examination has been completed, you must sign the statement on the cover sheet indicating that the work is your own and you have neither received nor given assistance in completing the examination. This must be done after you complete the examination.
3. Restroom trips are to be limited and only one candidate at a time may leave. You must avoid all contacts with anyone outside the examination room to avoid even the appearance or possibility of cheating.
4. Use black ink or dark pencil only to facilitate legible reproductions.
5. Print your name in the blank provided in the upper right-hand corner of the examination cover sheet and each Answer sheet.
6. Mark your Answers on the Answer sheet provided. **USE ONLY THE PAPER PROVIDED AND DO NOT WRITE ON THE BACK SIDE OF THE PAGE.**
7. The point value for each question is indicated in [brackets] after the question.
8. If the intent of a question is unclear, ask questions of the examiner only.
9. When turning in your examination, assemble the completed examination with examination questions, examination aids and Answer sheets. In addition turn in all scrap paper.
10. Ensure all information you wish to have evaluated as part of your Answer is on your Answer sheet. Scrap paper will be disposed of immediately following the examination.
11. To pass the examination you must achieve a grade of 70 percent or greater in each category.
12. There is a time limit of three (3) hours for completion of the examination.

EQUATION SHEET

• •
 $Q = m c_p \Delta T$

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 $Q = m \Delta h$

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 $Q = UA \Delta T$

$$SUR = \frac{26.06 (\lambda_{eff}\rho)}{(\beta - \rho)}$$

$$SUR = 26.06/\tau$$

$$P = P_0 10^{SUR(t)}$$

$$P = P_0 e^{(t/\tau)}$$

$$P = \frac{\beta(1-\rho)}{\beta-\rho} P_0$$

$$\tau = (\ell^*/\rho) + [(\beta-\rho)/\lambda_{eff}\rho]$$

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

$$\rho = \Delta K_{eff}/K_{eff}$$

$$\bar{\beta} = 0.007$$

$$DR_1 D_1^2 = DR_2 D_2^2$$

$$C_p (H_2O) = 0.146 \frac{kw}{gpm \cdot ^\circ F}$$

$$\lambda_{eff} = 0.1/sec$$

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

$$CR_1 (1-K_{eff})_1 = CR_2 (1-K_{eff})_2$$

$$M = \frac{(1-K_{eff})_0}{(1-K_{eff})_1}$$

$$M = 1/(1-K_{eff}) = CR_1/CR_0$$

$$SDM = (1-K_{eff})/K_{eff}$$

$$I = I_0 e^{-ux}$$

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

$$\tau = \ell^*/(\rho-\beta)$$

$$R = 6 C E n$$

$$T_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$$

$$DR = DR_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

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

$$1 \text{ Curie} = 3.7 \times 10^{10} \text{ dps}$$

$$1 \text{ hp} = 2.54 \times 10^3 \text{ BTU/hr}$$

$$1 \text{ BTU} = 778 \text{ ft-lbf}$$

$$931 \text{ Mev} = 1 \text{ amu}$$

$$1 \text{ kg} = 2.21 \text{ lbm}$$

$$1 \text{ Mw} = 3.41 \times 10^6 \text{ BTU/hr}$$

$$^\circ F = 9/5 ^\circ C + 32$$

$$^\circ C = 5/9 (^\circ F - 32)$$

Section A: Reactor Theory, Thermo, and Fac. Operating Characteristics

QUESTION **A.1** [1.0 point]

Which ONE of the following is the MAIN reason for operating with thermal neutrons instead of fast neutrons?

- a. Increased neutron efficiency since thermal neutrons are less likely to leak out of the core than fast neutrons.
- b. Neutron absorption in non fuel material increases exponentially as neutron energy increases.
- c. The fission cross section of the fuel is much higher for thermal energy neutrons than fast neutrons.
- d. Moderator temperature coefficient becomes positive as neutron energy increases.

QUESTION **A.2** [1.0 point]

A reactor is subcritical with a K_{eff} of 0.955. Which ONE of the following is the MINIMUM reactivity ($\Delta K/K$) that must be added to produce PROMPT criticality? Given $\beta_{\text{eff}}=0.007$

- a. 0.007
- b. 0.047
- c. 0.054
- d. 0.064

QUESTION **A.3** [1.0 point]

The effective neutron multiplication factor, K_{eff} , is defined as:

- a. absorption/(production + leakage)
- b. (production + leakage)/absorption
- c. (absorption + leakage)/production
- d. production/(absorption + leakage)

QUESTION **A.4** [1.0 point]

Two critical reactors at low power are identical except that Reactor 1 has a beta fraction of 0.0075 and Reactor 2 has a beta fraction of 0.0065. An equal amount of positive reactivity is inserted into both reactors. Which ONE of the following will be the response of Reactor 1 compared to Reactor 2?

- a. The resulting power level will be lower.
- b. The resulting power level will be higher.
- c. The resulting period will be longer.
- d. The resulting period will be shorter.

QUESTION **A.5** [1.0 point]

A reactor is slightly supercritical with the following values for each of the factors in the six-factor formula:

Fast fission factor =	1.03	Fast non-leakage probability =	0.84
Resonance escape probability =	0.96	Thermal non-leakage probability =	0.88
Thermal utilization factor =	0.70	Reproduction factor =	1.96

A control rod is inserted to bring the reactor back to critical. Assuming all other factors remain unchanged, the new value for the thermal utilization factor is:

- a. 0.698
- b. 0.702
- c. 0.704
- d. 0.708

QUESTION **A.6** [1.0 point]

Reactor power is increasing by a factor of 10 every minute. The reactor period is:

- a. 65 seconds.
- b. 52 seconds.
- c. 26 seconds.
- d. 13 seconds.

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Question **A.7** [1.0 point]

Which ONE of the following elements will slow down fast neutrons most quickly, i.e. produces the greatest energy loss per collision.

- a. Oxygen-16
- b. Uranium-238
- c. Hydrogen-1
- d. Boron-10

Question **A.8** [1.0 point]

The reactor is STARTED UP following a SHUTDOWN. Which ONE of the following statements is true about xenon?

- a. The concentration of ^{135}Xe will increase due to increase nuclear flux
- b. The concentration of ^{135}Xe will increase due to decay of ^{135}Cs
- c. The concentration of ^{135}Xe will decrease due to the burnout of the ^{135}Xe inventory.
- d. The concentration of ^{135}Xe will remain constant due to equilibrium of xenon burnout and xenon production.

QUESTION **A.9** [1.0 point]

Which **ONE** of the following conditions will **DECREASE** the shutdown margin of a reactor?

- a. Increase moderator temperature (Assume negative temperature coefficient).
- b. Insertion of a negative reactivity worth experiment.
- c. Burnout of a burnable poison.
- d. Fuel depletion.

QUESTION **A.10** [1.0 point]

During a reactor startup, as K_{eff} approach criticality, the value of $1/M$:

- a. decreases toward one.
- b. decreases toward zero.
- c. increases toward one.
- d. increase toward infinitive.

QUESTION **A.11** [1.0 point]

Given the following data, which ONE of the following is the closest to the half-life of the material?

ACTIVITY	TIME
2400 cps	0
1757 cps	10 min.
1286 cps	20 min.
941 cps	30 min.
369 cps	60 min.

- a. 11 minutes
- b. 22 minutes
- c. 44 minutes
- d. 51 minutes

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QUESTION **A.12** [1.0 point]

Given the following core reactivity data when the reactor is at critical:

<u>Control Rod</u>	<u>Total Worth</u> (%dk/k)	<u>Worth Removed</u> (%dk/k)
Safety Rod 1	2.70	1.68
Safety Rod 2	3.20	2.60
Safety Rod 3	2.60	1.52
Regulating Rod	0.40	0.40

Which ONE of the following is the calculated core excess reactivity of the reactor?

- a. 2.70 %dk/k
- b. 3.00 %dk/k
- c. 5.70 %dk/k
- d. 6.20 %dk/k

QUESTION **A.13** [1.0 point]

Which ONE of the following is an example of beta decay?

- a. ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{87} \rightarrow {}_{33}\text{As}^{83}$
- b. ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{87} \rightarrow {}_{35}\text{Br}^{86}$
- c. ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{87} \rightarrow {}_{34}\text{Se}^{86}$
- d. ${}_{35}\text{Br}^{87} \rightarrow {}_{36}\text{Kr}^{87}$

QUESTION **A.14** [1.0 point]

You are performing a fuel load and predicting criticality using a $1/M$ curve. You stop for lunch. After lunch you recommence using the count rate at that time as a new initial count rate C_0 . You load additional elements into the core and the inverse count rate ratio continues to decrease. As a result of changing the initial count rate:

- a. criticality will occur with the same number of elements loaded as if there were no change in the initial count rate.
- b. criticality will occur earlier (i.e., with fewer elements loaded.)
- c. criticality will occur later (i.e., with more elements loaded.)
- d. criticality will be completely unpredictable.

QUESTION **A.15** [1.0 point]

Which one of the following statements correctly describes the property of a **GOOD MODERATOR**?

- a. It slows down fast neutrons to thermal energy levels via a large number of collisions.
- b. It reduces gamma radiation to thermal energy levels via a small number of collisions.
- c. It slows down fast neutrons to thermal energy levels via a small number of collisions.
- d. It reduces gamma radiation to thermal energy levels via a large number of collisions.

QUESTION **A.16** [1.0 point]

The primary reason a neutron source is installed in the reactor is to ...

- a. allow for testing and irradiation of experiments when the core is shutdown.
- b. supply the neutrons required to start the chain reaction for subsequent reactor startups.
- c. provide a neutron level high enough to be monitored for a controlled reactor startup.
- d. increase the excess reactivity of the reactor which reduces the frequency for refueling.

(***** END OF CATEGORY A *****)

Question **C.1** [1.0 point]

The following graph (Figure 1 attached) for the Safety rod depicts:

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- a. the integral worth curve
- b. the differential worth curve
- c. the Rod Drop curve for control rod worth calibration
- d. the Rod Drop curve for control rod time measurement

Question **C.2** [1.0 point]

The gas used to move pneumatic tube “rabbit” samples into and out of the reactor is ...

- a. N₂
- b. Air
- c. CO₂
- d. H₂

Question **C.3** [1.0 point]

The automatic controller will shift from automatic to manual, without operator action, anytime the difference between power level and demand exceeds the ± __% variation limit.

- a. 1
- b. 2
- c. 3
- d. 4

Question **C.4** [1.0 point]

A signal for Bridge Motion Scram comes from the:

- a. Startup channel
- b. Micro-switch
- c. Linear channel
- d. Safety channel

Question **C.5** [1.0 points, 0.25 each]

Match the purification system conditions listed in column A with their respective causes listed in column B. Each choice is used only once.

Column A	Column B
a. High Radiation Level at demineralizer.	1. Channeling in demineralizer.
b. High Radiation Level downstream of demineralizer.	2. Fuel element failure.
c. High flow rate through demineralizer.	3. High temperature in demineralizer system
d. High pressure upstream of demineralizer.	4. Clogged demineralizer

Question **C.6** [1.0 point]

The MSTR fuel plates consist of ...

- a. U_3Si_2 -Al fuel meat and is enriched to about 20% of U_{235}
- b. U_3O_2 -Al fuel meat and is enriched to about 30% of U_{235}
- c. U_3Si_2 -Al fuel meat and is enriched to about 30% of U_{235}
- d. U_3O_2 -Al fuel meat and is enriched to about 20% of U_{235}

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Question **C.7** [1.0 point]

Which ONE of the following methods is used to compensate for gamma radiation in a Compensated Ion Chamber?

- a. Pulses smaller than a height (voltage) are stopped by a pulse-height discriminator circuit from entering the instrument channel's amplifier.
- b. The chamber contains two concentric tubes one of which detects both neutrons and gammas the other only gammas, the signals are added electronically to subtract the gamma signal, leaving only the signal due to neutrons.
- c. The signal travels through a Resistance-Capacitance (RC) circuit, converting the signal to a power change per time period effectively deleting the signal due to gammas.
- d. A compensating voltage equal to a predetermined "source gamma level" is fed into the pre-amplifier electronically removing source gammas from the signal. Fission gammas are proportional to reactor power and therefore not compensated for.

Question **C.8** [1.0 point]

Which ONE of the following is the isotope when a fuel leak occurs, more than 90% of it will be soluble within the reactor pool water?

- a. I^{131}
- b. Cs^{131}
- c. Kr^{88}
- d. Xe^{131}

Question **C.9** [2.0 points, 0.5 each]

Match the input signals listed in column A with their respective responses listed in column B. (Items in column B is to be used more than once or not at all.)

Column A	Column B
a. HV loss to Linear Channel	1. Indication only
b. Drawer not operation	2. Indication and rod prohibit
c. Safety Channel=130% power	3. Indication and reactor scram
d. Start up Channel= 2 cps	4. Indication and rod rundown

Question **C.10** [1.0 point] “< 30 sec” was changed to “>30 sec” during administration of the examination.

Which ONE of the following events will cause the audio/visual (YELLOW) alarms?

- a. Log N Low HV < 80%
- b. Recorder off
- c. Period < >30 sec
- d. Safety Channel = 120%

Question **C.11** [1.0 point]

Which ONE of the following is the best description on how the Uncompensated Ion Chamber (UIC) operates?

	<u>Material used in UIC</u>	<u>Interact with</u>	<u>Results</u>
a.	Pu-239 +	neutron	B-10 + alpha -> N-14 + gamma
b.	B-10 +	neutron	B-11 -> Li-7 + alpha
c.	U-235 +	neutron	Fission fragments + gamma
d.	Am-239 +	neutron	Be-9 + gamma -> Li-8 + beta

Question **C.12** [1.0 point]

The Reactor Operator performs the reactor STARUP and the following conditions occur:

- (1) The electrical transient causes the reactor scram while the reactor is at 5 watts powers.
- (2) The electrical power comes on within 1 minute.

Which ONE of the following is the appropriate action when the electrical power comes on?

- a. Continue to perform the startup and there is no need report the result to the SRO on Duty.
- b. Secure the reactor, immediately report the result to the SRO on Duty and annotate the scram on the logbook.
- c. Secure the reactor, immediately report the result to the NRC and annotate the scram on the logbook.
- d. Return power to 5 watts, and report the result to the Reactor Manager.

Question **C.13** [1.0 point]

A student operating the reactor attempts to withdraw all four control rods simultaneously. Which

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ONE of the following describes the correct system response?

- a. All four control rods will withdraw.
- b. An interlock will prevent all four control rods from withdrawing.
- c. The three shim/safety rods will withdraw, an interlock will prevent the regulating rod from withdrawing.
- d. The regulating rod will withdraw, an interlock will prevent the three shim/safety rods from withdrawing.

Question **C.14** [1.0 point]

When the configurations of experimental facilities have been changed, the Reactor Operator should...

- a. measure the shutdown margin.
- b. shutdown the reactor and report results to the US NRC.
- c. continue to conduct the experiment since the new configuration NEVER affect the reactor.
- d. measure the reactivity worth. If the change results in a reactivity swing of more than 0.2 % $\Delta k/k$, measure excess reactivity in both the W and T modes.

Question **C.15** [1.0 point]

Following a loss of building electrical power, the power to Radiation Area Monitor (RAM) located at the reactor bridge:

- a. will NOT be lost due to a fast transfer to the Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS).
- b. will NOT be lost due to a fast transfer to the backup of power generator.
- c. will be lost, but will be automatically restored when building power returns.
- d. will be lost and will not return until building power returns and the power supply is manually reset.

Section A R Theory, Thermo & Fac. Operating Characteristics

A.1

Answer: c

Reference: Burn, R., *Introduction of Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1982, Figure 2.6, page 2-39

A.2

Answer: c

Reference: from $k=0.995$ to criticality ($k=1$), $\rho = (k-1)/k = -0.047 \Delta k/k$ or $0.047 \Delta k/k$ needs to be added to reach criticality. From criticality to JUST prompt, $\rho = \beta_{\text{eff}}$ is required, so minimum reactivity = $0.047+0.007= 0.054$

A.3

Answer: d

Reference: Burn, R., *Introduction of Nuclear Reactor Operations*, © 1982, Sec 3.3.1

A.4

Answer: c

Reference: Equation Sheet. $\tau = (\ell^*/\rho) + [(\beta-\rho)/\lambda_{\text{eff}}\rho]$

A.5

Answer: a

Reference: Introduction to Nuclear Operation, Reed Burn, 1982, Sec 3.2

A.6

Answer: c

Reference: $P=P_0 e^{t/\tau}$ $\tau = 60 \text{ sec}/\ln(10) = 26.06 \text{ sec}$

A.7

Answer: c

Reference: DOE Handbook Vol. 1 Section 3.0

A.8

Answer: c

Reference: Introduction to Nuclear Operation, Reed Burn, 1982, Sec 8.4.2

A.9

Answer: c

Reference: Standard NRC question

A.10

Answer: b

Reference: Introduction to Nuclear Operation, Reed Burn, 1982, Sec 5.4

A.11

Answer: b

Reference: DOE Handbook Vol. 1 Module 1

$A = A_0 e^{-\lambda T}$, $\lambda = -[\ln(369 \text{ cps}/2400 \text{ cps})]/60 \text{ min}$, so $\lambda = 3.12 \text{ E-2}$

Half-life = $\ln(2)/\lambda = 22 \text{ min}$.

A.12

Answer: a

Reference:

$\text{SDM} = \sum \text{Total rod worth} - \sum \text{total rod worth removed} = 8.9\%dk/k - 6.2\%dk/k = 2.7\%dk/k$

A.13

Answer: d

Reference: Chart of nuclides

A.14

Answer: a

Reference: DOE Handbook Vol 2, Module 4, pg. 6

A.15

Answer: c

Reference: DOE Handbook, Volume 1, Module 2, Enabling Objective 2.13.

A.16

Answer: c

Reference: DOE Handbook Vol 1, Module 2, pg. 1

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C.1

Answer: a
Reference: SOP 109, SOP 110

C.2

Answer: a
Reference: SAR § 10.2.3

C.3

Answer: b
Reference: SAR 7.2.2.6

C.04

Answer: b
Reference: SAR 7.2.2.5

C.05

Answer: a, 2; b, 3; c, 1; d, 4;
Reference: Standard NRC cleanup loop question

C.06

Answer: a
Reference: SAR 4.2.1.1

C.07

Answer: b
Reference: Standard NRC question

C.08

Answer: a
Reference: Standard NRC question

C.09

Answer: a(4) b(3) c(1) d(2)
Reference: SAR 7.2

C.10

Answer: b
Reference: SAR 7.2.2

C.11

Answer: b
Reference: NRC Standard Question

C.12

Answer: b
Reference: SOP 102

C.13

Answer: c
Reference: SAR 7.2.2.6

C.14

Answer: d
Reference: SOP 206

C.15

Answer: a
Reference: Walkthrough