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PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION
DECEMBER 2014 – FORM A

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Answer all the test items using the answer sheet provided, ensuring a single answer is marked for each test item. Each test item has equal point value. A score of at least 80 percent is required to pass this portion of the NRC operator licensing written examination. All examination materials will be collected 3 hours after the examination begins. This examination applies to a typical U.S. pressurized water reactor (PWR) nuclear power plant.

SECTION	QUESTIONS	% OF TOTAL	SCORE
COMPONENTS	1 - 22		
REACTOR THEORY	23 - 36		
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TOTALS	50		

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RULES AND INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE
NRC GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION

During the administration of this examination the following rules apply:

NOTE: The term "control rod" refers to the length of neutron absorber material that can be positioned by the operator to change core reactivity.

NOTE: Numerical answers are rounded to the nearest whole number unless otherwise indicated.

1. Print your name in the blank provided on the cover sheet of the examination.

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5. Two aids are provided for your use during the examination:

   (1) An Equations and Conversions Sheet contained within the examination copy, and

   (2) Steam tables and Mollier Diagram provided by your proctor.

6. Place your answers on the answer sheet provided. Credit will only be given for answers properly marked on this sheet. Follow the instructions for filling out the answer sheet.

7. Scrap paper will be provided for calculations.

8. Cheating on the examination will result in the automatic forfeiture of this examination. Cheating could also result in severe penalties.

9. Restroom trips are limited. Only **one** examinee may leave the room at a time. In order to avoid the appearance or possibility of cheating, avoid all contact with anyone outside the examination room.

10. After you have completed the examination, sign the statement on the cover sheet indicating that the work is your own and you have neither given nor received any assistance in completing the examination. Either pencil or pen may be used.

11. Turn in your examination materials, answer sheet on top, followed by the examination copy and the examination aids, e.g., steam tables, handouts, and scrap paper.

12. After turning in your examination materials, leave the examination area as defined by the proctor. If after leaving you are found in the examination area while the examination is in progress, your examination may be forfeited.

GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION
EQUATIONS AND CONVERSIONS SHEET

EQUATIONS

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

$SUR = 26.06/\tau$

$$\tau = \frac{\bar{\beta}_{eff} - \rho}{\lambda_{eff}\,\rho}$$

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

$\ell^* = 1.0 \times 10^{-4}$ sec

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

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

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

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

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

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

$CR_1(1 - K_{eff_1}) = CR_2(1 - K_{eff_2})$

$1/M = CR_1/CR_x$

$A = \pi r^2$

$F = PA$

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

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

$P = IE$

$P_A = \sqrt{3}IE$

$P_T = \sqrt{3}IEpf$

$P_R = \sqrt{3}IE\sin\theta$

Thermal Efficiency = Net Work Out/Energy In

$$\frac{g(z_2 - z_1)}{g_c} + \frac{(\vec{v}_2^2 - \vec{v}_1^2)}{2g_c} + \upsilon(P_2 - P_1) + (u_2 - u_1) + (q - w) = 0$$

$g = 32.2\ \text{ft/sec}^2$

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

CONVERSIONS

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1 MW $= 3.41 \times 10^6$ Btu/hr

1 hp $= 2.54 \times 10^3$ Btu/hr

1 Btu $= 778$ ft-lbf

$℃ = (5/9)(°F - 32)$

$°F = (9/5)(℃) + 32$

1 kg $= 2.21$ lbm

1 $ft^3_{water} = 7.48$ gal

1 $gal_{water} = 8.35$ lbm

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

QUESTION: 1

Which one of the following is a difference between a typical relief valve and a typical safety valve?

A. The actuator closing spring on a relief valve is in a compressed state whereas the actuator closing spring on a safety valve acts in tension.

B. A relief valve gradually opens as pressure increases above the setpoint pressure whereas a safety valve pops open at the setpoint pressure.

C. Relief valves are capable of being gagged whereas safety valves are not.

D. The blowdown of a relief valve is greater than the blowdown of a safety valve.

QUESTION: 2

Subcooled water is flowing through a throttle valve in an open system. The initial steady-state conditions for the throttle valve are as follows:

Inlet pressure = 60 psia
Outlet pressure = 44 psia
Flow rate = 800 gpm

Four hours later, the current steady-state conditions for the throttle valve are as follows:

Inlet pressure = 51 psia
Outlet pressure = 42 psia
Flow rate = 600 gpm

Which one of the following could be responsible for the difference between the initial and current conditions for the throttle valve?

A. The throttle valve was opened more.

B. The throttle valve was closed more.

C. Another valve, located upstream of the throttle valve, was partially closed.

D. Another valve, located downstream of the throttle valve, was partially closed.

QUESTION: 3

Refer to the drawing of a horizontal pipe elbow (top view) in an operating water system (see figure below).

Three separate bellows-type differential pressure flow detectors are connected to taps A, B, C, and D as follows:

Detector	Taps
X	A and D
Y	B and D
Z	C and D

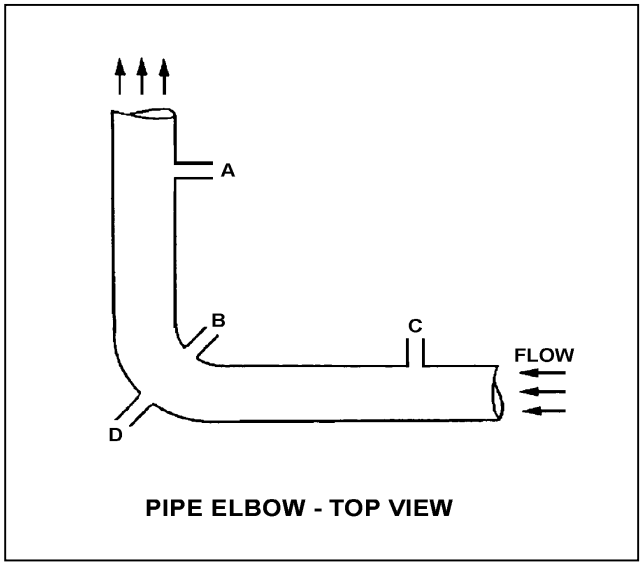
Assuming zero head loss in this section of pipe, how will the detectors be affected if tap B experiences a significant leak? (Assume water system pressure does not change.)

A. All detectors will fail low.

B. All detectors will fail high.

C. Only one detector will fail, and it will fail low.

D. Only one detector will fail, and it will fail high.



QUESTION: 4

Refer to the drawing of a pressurizer differential pressure (D/P) level detection system (see figure below). The pressurizer level instrument was calibrated while the plant was in a cold shutdown condition.

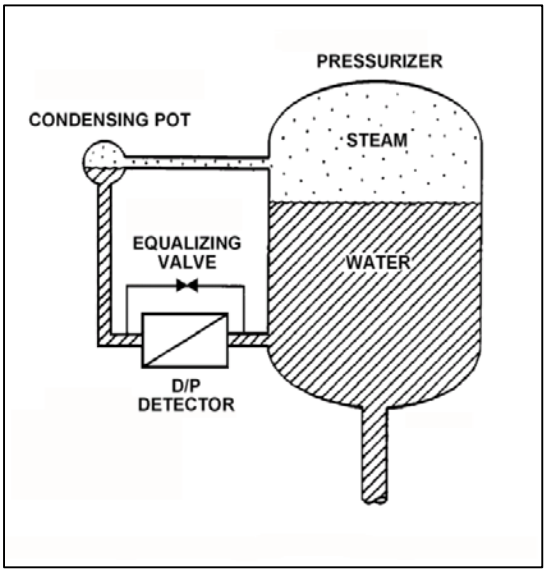
When the plant is returned to normal operating conditions, pressurizer level will indicate _____ than actual level because a given pressurizer level at normal operating conditions produces a _____ D/P compared to cold shutdown conditions.

A. lower; larger

B. lower; smaller

C. higher; larger

D. higher; smaller



QUESTION: 5

For proper operation of a thermocouple circuit, the reference junction temperature…

A. must be less than the measuring junction temperature.

B. must be greater than the measuring junction temperature.

C. may be less than, greater than, or equal to the measuring junction temperature.

D. may be less than or greater than, but not equal to, the measuring junction temperature.

QUESTION: 6

A gas-filled radiation detector that operates in the Geiger-Mueller region of the gas ionization curve is being used in a constant radiation field. If the detector's operating voltage is increased by 50 volts while remaining in the Geiger-Mueller region, the detector's count rate indication will _____; and the ability of the detector to detect gamma radiation will _____.

A. increase; improve

B. increase; remain the same

C. remain the same; improve

D. remain the same; remain the same

QUESTION: 7

A proportional controller is being used to control the water level in a tank. Initially, the controller input and output signals are both stable at 50 percent of their full range. If the controller input signal increases to 60 percent, the controller output signal will increase to 90 percent.

What is the gain for this controller?

A. 0.25

B. 0.5

C. 2.0

D. 4.0

QUESTION: 8

The water level in a water storage tank is being controlled by an automatic bistable level controller. If water level increases to 70 percent, the controller bistable turns on to open a tank drain valve. When water level decreases to 60 percent, the controller bistable turns off to close the drain valve.

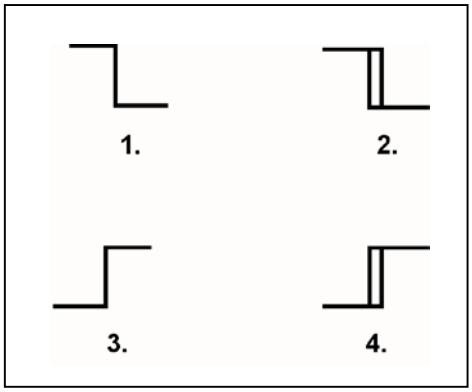
Which one of the following bistable symbols indicates the characteristics of the bistable used in the level controller?

A. 1.

B. 2.

C. 3.

D. 4.



QUESTION: 9

The level in a water collection tank is being controlled by an automatic level controller that positions a tank drain valve. Tank level is initially stable at the controller setpoint. Then, flow rate into the tank increases, slowly at first, and then faster until a stable flow rate is attained.

When tank level increases, the controller begins to open the tank drain valve farther. The level controller output signal increases both as the tank level increases and as the rate of the tank level change quickens. After a few minutes, a new stable tank level above the original level is established, with the drain flow rate equal to the supply flow rate.

The controller in this system uses _____ control.

A. proportional only

B. proportional plus integral

C. proportional plus derivative

D. proportional plus integral plus derivative

QUESTION: 10

Which one of the following is an effective method for ensuring that a centrifugal pump remains primed and does not become gas bound during pump operation and after pump shutdown?

A. Install the pump below the level of the suction supply.

B. Install a check valve in the discharge piping of the pump.

C. Install an orifice plate in the discharge piping of the pump.

D. Install a pump recirculation line from the pump discharge piping to the pump suction piping.

QUESTION: 11

A centrifugal pump is taking suction from an open water storage tank. The pump is located at the base of the tank, takes a suction from the bottom of the tank, and discharges to a pressurized system.

Given:

- The storage tank is filled to a level of 26 feet with 60°F water.
- The pump requires 45 feet of net positive suction head.
- The pump is currently operating at 50 gpm.

Which one of the following describes the current pump status, and how the pump flow rate will be affected as the level in the storage tank decreases?

A. The pump is currently cavitating; pump flow rate will decrease continuously as tank level decreases.

B. The pump is currently cavitating; pump flow rate will remain about the same until the tank empties.

C. The pump is currently <u>not</u> cavitating; pump flow rate will gradually decrease with tank level, and then rapidly decrease when the tank empties.

D. The pump is currently <u>not</u> cavitating; pump flow rate will gradually decrease with tank level, and then rapidly decrease when cavitation begins before the tank empties.

QUESTION: 12

An AC motor-driven centrifugal pump was initially circulating water at 150°F in a cooling water system. Over several hours, the circulating water temperature decreased to 100°F. Assuming system flow rate (gpm) remained constant, pump motor current _____ because _____ increased.

A. increased; water density

B. increased; motor efficiency

C. decreased; water density

D. decreased; motor efficiency

QUESTION: 13

Some large centrifugal pumps are started with their discharge valves closed to prevent...

A. cavitation in the pump.

B. lifting the discharge relief valve.

C. loss of recirculation (miniflow).

D. excessive current in the pump motor.

QUESTION: 14

A diesel generator (DG) is supplying an electrical bus that is connected to an infinite power grid. Assuming DG terminal voltage and bus frequency do not change, if the DG governor setpoint is increased from 60.0 Hz to 60.1 Hz, DG KVAR load will _____; and DG amps will _____.

A. increase; increase

B. increase; remain the same

C. remain the same; increase

D. remain the same; remain the same

QUESTION: 15

An air-cooled AC induction motor is initially operating at steady-state conditions, producing a work output of 50 hp. A reduction in cooling air flow rate to the motor causes the average stator winding temperature to increase by 20ºF. To maintain a 50 hp work output at the higher stator winding temperature, the voltage applied to the motor must be _____ because the stator winding resistance has _____.

A. increased; increased

B. increased; decreased

C. decreased; increased

D. decreased; decreased

QUESTION: 16

Given the following parameter values for a feedwater heater:

Feedwater inlet temperature = 320°F
Feedwater inlet pressure = 1,000 psia
Feedwater mass flow rate = 1.0×10^6 lbm/hr
Extraction steam pressure = 500 psia

Assume that the extraction steam enters the heater as a dry saturated vapor and leaves the heater as a saturated liquid at 500 psia.

Which one of the following is the approximate mass flow rate of extraction steam required to increase feedwater temperature to 380°F?

A. 5.2×10^4 lbm/hr

B. 7.9×10^4 lbm/hr

C. 8.4×10^4 lbm/hr

D. 8.9×10^4 lbm/hr

QUESTION: 17

Refer to the drawing of two system curves for a main condenser cooling water system (see figure below).

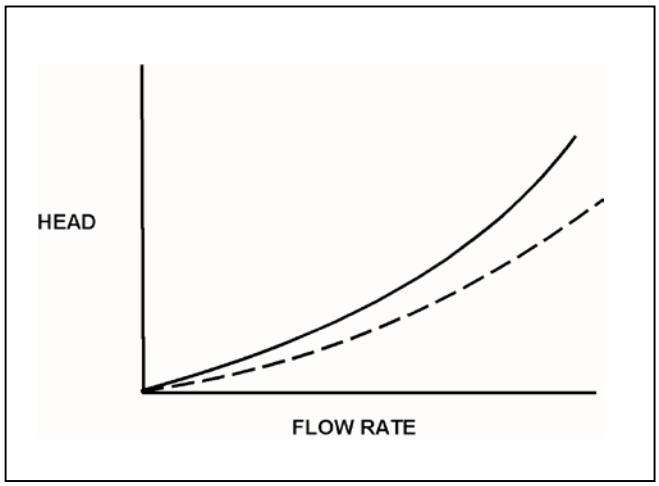
Which one of the following will cause the system curve to shift from the solid curve toward the dashed curve?

A. The main condenser tubes are cleaned.

B. The main condenser tubes become increasingly fouled.

C. Cooling water flow rate is increased by 25 percent by starting an additional cooling water pump.

D. Cooling water flow rate is decreased by 25 percent by stopping one of the operating cooling water pumps.



QUESTION: 18

A higher-than-expected differential pressure across an operating demineralizer can be caused by...

A. exhaustion of the cation exchange resin.

B. channeling through the resin bed.

C. insufficient resin backwash.

D. decreased demineralizer inlet conductivity.

QUESTION: 19

After 12 months of operation at 100 percent power, a reactor was shut down and a plant cooldown is in progress. An operator reports that the general area radiation level near the in-service reactor coolant ion exchanger has increased significantly since the cooldown began several hours ago.

Which one of the following is a typical cause of these indications, resulting from the cooldown?

A. Increased radioactive tritium in the reactor coolant.

B. Increased radioactive oxygen-16 dissolved in the reactor coolant.

C. Increased radioactive nitrogen-16 dissolved in the reactor coolant.

D. Increased radioactive corrosion products suspended in the reactor coolant.

QUESTION: 20

Refer to the drawing of a valve motor control circuit (see figure below) for a valve that is currently fully open and has a 10-second stroke time.

Note: Limit switch (LS) contacts are shown open regardless of valve position, but relay contacts are shown open/closed according to the standard convention for control circuit drawings.

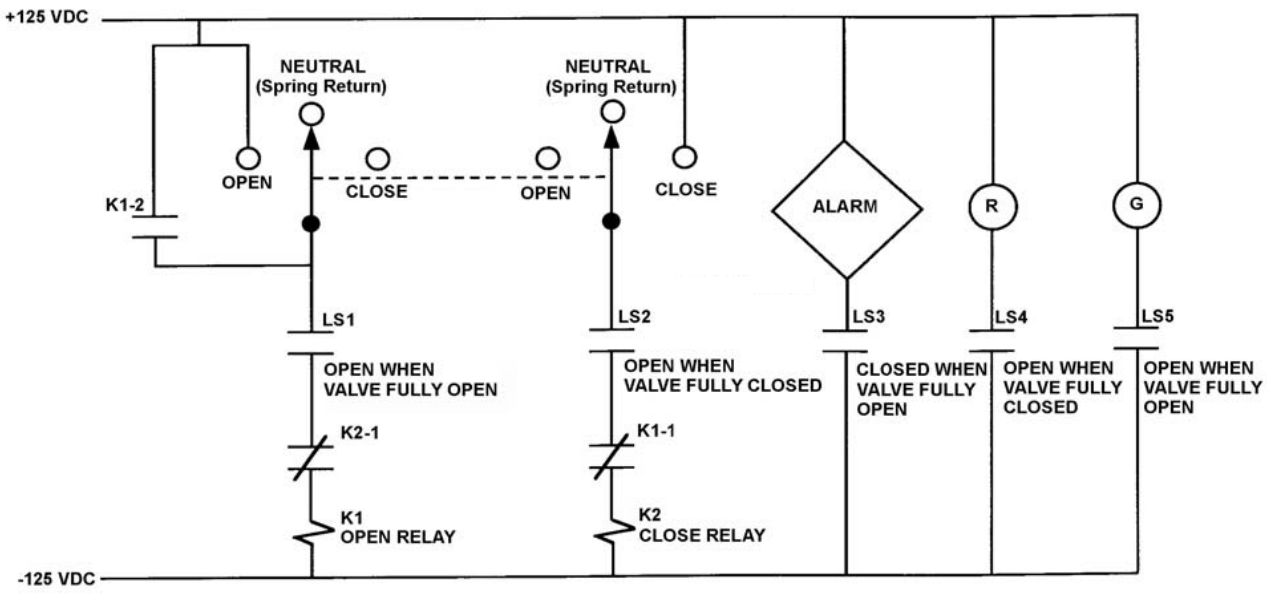
The operator takes the control switch to CLOSE. Two seconds later, after verifying the valve is closing, the operator releases the control switch. Which one of the following describes the valve motor control circuit alarm response after the switch is released?

A. The alarm will actuate after approximately 8 seconds.

B. The alarm will <u>not</u> actuate until additional operator action is taken.

C. The alarm will continue to actuate for approximately 8 seconds.

D. The alarm will continue to actuate until additional operator action is taken.



VALVE MOTOR CONTROL CIRCUIT

QUESTION: 21

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: 22

The following indications are observed in the control room for a normally-open motor control center (MCC) breaker that directly starts/stops a 480 VAC motor:

Red position indicating light is lit.
Green position indicating light is out.
Motor load current indicates 0 amps.
MCC voltage indicates 480 volts.

What is the condition of the breaker?

A. Open and racked in

B. Closed and racked in

C. Open and racked to the TEST position

D. Closed and racked to the TEST position

QUESTION: 23

A neutron that is expelled 1.0×10^{-6} seconds after the associated fission event is a _____ neutron.

A. thermal

B. prompt

C. delayed

D. capture

QUESTION: 24

With K_{eff} equal to 0.982, how much positive reactivity is required to make the reactor critical? (Round answer to the nearest 0.01% ΔK/K.)

A. 1.72% ΔK/K

B. 1.77% ΔK/K

C. 1.80% ΔK/K

D. 1.83% ΔK/K

QUESTION: 25

A nuclear reactor is operating at steady-state 100 percent power in the middle of a fuel cycle. Which one of the following changes would cause the core effective delayed neutron fraction to increase?

A. The fast nonleakage factor increases.

B. The fast nonleakage factor decreases.

C. The thermal utilization factor increases.

D. The thermal utilization factor decreases.

QUESTION: 26

A reactor is shut down near the middle of a fuel cycle with the shutdown cooling system in service. The initial reactor coolant temperature is 160°F. In this condition, the reactor is undermoderated.

Then, a heatup and pressurization is performed to bring the reactor coolant system to normal operating temperature and pressure. The reactor remains subcritical.

During the heatup, K_{eff} will…

A. increase continuously.

B. decrease continuously.

C. initially increase, and then decrease.

D. initially decrease, and then increase.

QUESTION: 27

A reactor is operating continuously at steady-state 100 percent power. As core burnup increases, the fuel temperature coefficient becomes _____ negative because the average fuel temperature _____.

A. less; decreases

B. less; increases

C. more; decreases

D. more; increases

QUESTION: 28

A reactor has been operating at 100 percent power for several weeks near the middle of a fuel cycle with all control rods fully withdrawn. Which one of the following describes why most of the power is being produced in the lower half of the reactor core?

A. Xenon-135 concentration is lower in the lower half of the core.

B. The moderator to fuel ratio is lower in the lower half of the core.

C. The fuel loading in the lower half of the core contains a higher uranium-235 enrichment.

D. The moderator temperature coefficient of reactivity is adding less negative reactivity in the lower half of the core.

QUESTION: 29

A reactor is operating at steady-state 100 percent power when a single control rod fully inserts from the fully withdrawn position. After the initial transient, the operator returns the reactor to 100 percent power with the control rod still fully inserted.

Compared to the initial axial neutron flux shape, the current axial neutron flux shape will have a...

A. minor distortion, because a fully inserted control rod has zero reactivity worth.

B. minor distortion, because the fully inserted control rod is an axially uniform poison.

C. major distortion, because the upper and lower core halves are loosely coupled.

D. major distortion, because power production along the length of the rod drastically decreases.

QUESTION: 30

A reactor startup is being performed 5 hours after a reactor trip from 100 percent power with equilibrium xenon-135. The reactor is currently at 10 percent power, and is being returned to 100 percent power at 2.0 percent per minute instead of the normal rate of 0.5 percent per minute.

At the faster rate of power increase, the <u>minimum</u> amount of xenon-135 will occur _____ than normal; and the amount of equilibrium xenon-135 at 100 percent power will be _____.

A. sooner; the same

B. sooner; smaller

C. later; the same

D. later; smaller

QUESTION: 31

A nuclear power plant is initially operating at steady-state 100 percent reactor power in the middle of a fuel cycle. The operators then decrease main generator load to 90 percent over a one-hour period while adding boric acid to the reactor coolant system. After the required amount of boric acid is added, reactor power is 90 percent and average reactor coolant temperature is 582°F. All control rods remain fully withdrawn and in manual control.

If no other operator actions are taken, which one of the following describes the average reactor coolant temperature after an additional hour?

A. Lower than 582°F and increasing slowly.

B. Lower than 582°F and decreasing slowly.

C. Higher than 582°F and increasing slowly.

D. Higher than 582°F and decreasing slowly.

QUESTION: 32

Refer to the graph of critical boron concentration versus core burnup for a reactor during its first fuel cycle (see figure below).

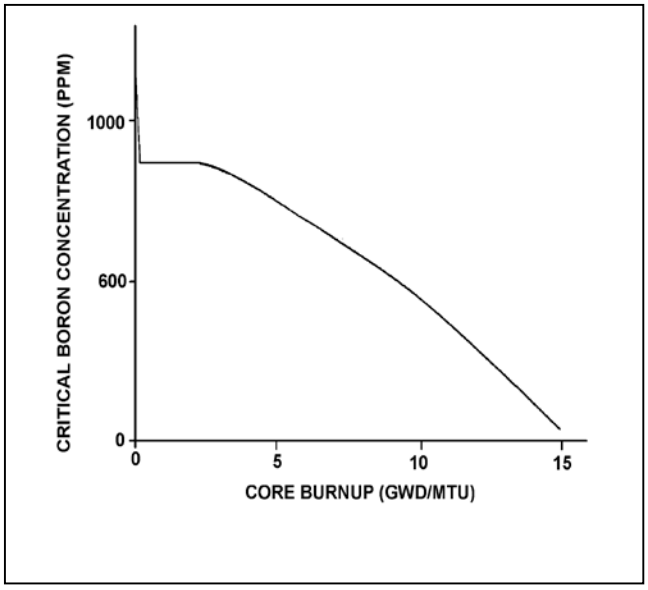
Which one of the following explains why reactor coolant critical boron concentration becomes relatively constant for a period early in the fuel cycle?

A. Fission product poison buildup is being offset by burnable poison burnout and fuel depletion.

B. Fission product poison buildup and fuel depletion are being offset by burnable poison burnout.

C. Fuel depletion is being offset by the buildup of fissionable plutonium and fission product poisons.

D. Fuel depletion and burnable poison burnout and are being offset by the buildup of fission product poisons.



QUESTION: 33

A nuclear power plant was operating at steady-state 100 percent power near the end of a fuel cycle when a reactor trip occurred. Four hours after the trip, reactor coolant temperature is currently being maintained at normal no-load temperature in anticipation of commencing a reactor startup.

At this time, which one of the following will cause the fission rate in the reactor core to decrease?

A. The operator fully withdraws one bank/group of control rods.

B. Reactor coolant temperature decreases by 3°F.

C. Reactor coolant boron concentration decreases by 10 ppm.

D. An additional 2 hours is allowed to pass with no other changes in plant parameters.

QUESTION: 34

At the beginning of a reactor startup, K_{eff} was 0.97 and the stable source range count rate was 40 cps. After several incremental control rod withdrawals, the stable source range count rate was 400 cps. The next incremental control rod withdrawal resulted in a stable source range count rate of 600 cps. What is the current K_{eff}?

A. 0.98

B. 0.988

C. 0.998

D. There is not enough information given to calculate the current K_{eff}.

QUESTION: 35

A reactor is initially stable at the point of adding heat (POAH) with the average reactor coolant temperature at 550°F during a startup. Control rods are manually withdrawn a few inches to increase steam generator steaming rate.

When the reactor stabilizes, reactor power will be _____ the POAH, and average reactor coolant temperature will be _____ 550°F.

A. greater than; equal to

B. greater than; greater than

C. equal to; equal to

D. equal to; greater than

QUESTION: 36

A nuclear power plant is operating at 100 percent power near the end of a fuel cycle with all control systems in manual. The reactor operator inadvertently adds 100 gallons of boric acid (4 percent by weight) to the reactor coolant system (RCS).

Which one of the following will occur as a result of the boric acid addition? (Assume a constant main generator output.)

A. Pressurizer level will decrease and stabilize at a lower value.

B. RCS pressure will increase and stabilize at a higher value.

C. Reactor power will decrease and stabilize at a lower value.

D. Average RCS temperature will increase and stabilize at a higher value.

QUESTION: 37

An enclosed water storage tank is pressurized with nitrogen to prevent air inleakage. Tank pressure is allowed to vary as water level changes. A differential pressure detector is used to measure the tank level.

To achieve the most accurate level measurement, the low pressure side of the detector should sense which one of the following?

A. The pressure at the midline of the tank.

B. The pressure of the gas space at the top of the tank.

C. The pressure of the atmosphere surrounding the tank.

D. The pressure of a column of water external to the tank.

QUESTION: 38

Consider a sealed vessel containing 1,000 lbm of a saturated steam-water mixture at 500°F. The vessel is perfectly insulated with no heat gain or loss occurring.

If a leak near the bottom of the vessel results in a loss of 10 percent of the liquid volume from the vessel, the temperature of the mixture will _____; and the overall quality of the mixture will _____. (Assume the mixture remains saturated.)

A. decrease; increase

B. decrease; decrease

C. remain the same; increase

D. remain the same; decrease

QUESTION: 39

Saturated steam at 240 psia enters an ideal low pressure (LP) turbine and exhausts to a steam condenser at 1.0 psia. Compared to the LP turbine entry conditions, the volumetric flow rate of the steam leaving the LP turbine will be about _____ times larger.

A. 103

B. 132

C. 174

D. 240

QUESTION: 40

A main condenser is operating at 28 inches Hg vacuum with a condensate outlet temperature of 92°F. Which one of the following is the approximate amount of condensate depression?

A. 5°F

B. 9°F

C. 13°F

D. 17°F

QUESTION: 41

To achieve maximum overall nuclear power plant thermal efficiency, feedwater should enter the steam generator (SG) _____ and the pressure difference between the SG and the condenser should be as _____ as possible.

A. close to saturation; small

B. close to saturation; great

C. as subcooled as practical; small

D. as subcooled as practical; great

QUESTION: 42

Cavitation is the formation of vapor bubbles in the _____ of a pump with the subsequent collapse of these bubbles in the pump _____.

A. volute; casing

B. volute; discharge piping

C. impeller; casing

D. impeller; discharge piping

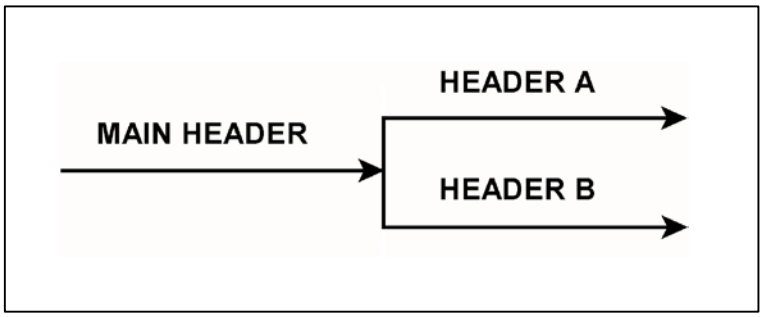
QUESTION: 43

Refer to the drawing of a main water header that splits into two parallel headers (see figure below).

Header A has a 2-inch diameter and header B has a 4-inch diameter. The velocity of the water in both headers is the same.

If the main water header has a flow rate of 500 gpm, what is the approximate flow rate in each of the parallel headers?

	Header A (gpm)	Header B (gpm)
A.	100	400
B.	125	375
C.	167	333
D.	200	300



QUESTION: 44

Which one of the following describes a heat transfer process in which convection is the most significant mode of heat transfer?

A. From the fuel rods to the core barrel during core uncovery.

B. Through the tube walls in a steam generator during normal operation at 100 percent power.

C. From the fuel rods to the steam generators 24 hours after a trip of all reactor coolant pumps.

D. From the fuel pellet centerline to the fuel cladding during normal operation at 100 percent power.

QUESTION: 45

Which one of the following is most likely to result in fuel cladding damage?

A. Operating at 110 percent of reactor vessel design pressure.

B. An inadvertent reactor trip from 100 percent power.

C. Operating at a power level that exceeds the critical heat flux.

D. Operating with saturated nucleate boiling occurring in a fuel assembly.

QUESTION: 46

Which one of the following must be present to assure adequate core cooling following a small loss of coolant accident?

A. Subcooling margin greater than zero.

B. Pressurizer level in the indicating range.

C. Emergency cooling injection flow greater than zero.

D. Pressurizer pressure greater than the safety injection actuation setpoint.

QUESTION: 47

A reactor had been operating at 100 percent power for 3 months when a loss of offsite power occurred, causing a reactor trip and a loss of forced reactor coolant flow. If forced reactor coolant flow is <u>not</u> restored, which one of the following describes the relationship between reactor coolant hot leg and cold leg temperatures one hour after the reactor trip?

A. Hot leg temperature will be greater than cold leg temperature because natural circulation cooling flow occurs in the same direction as forced reactor coolant flow.

B. Hot leg temperature will be less than cold leg temperature because natural circulation cooling flow occurs in the opposite direction as forced reactor coolant flow.

C. Hot leg temperature will be approximately the same as cold leg temperature because <u>only</u> the density of the reactor coolant changes during natural circulation cooling.

D. Hot leg temperature will be approximately the same as cold leg temperature because the reactor does <u>not</u> produce a significant amount of heat one hour after a reactor trip.

QUESTION: 48

A reactor coolant system natural circulation cooldown is in progress with steam release from the steam generator (SG) atmospheric steam relief valves (operated in manual control). Assume feedwater flow rate, SG relief valve position, and core decay heat level remain constant.

If high point voiding interrupts natural circulation, SG steam flow rate will _____ and core exit thermocouple temperatures will _____.

A. increase; increase

B. increase; remain constant

C. decrease; increase

D. decrease; remain constant

QUESTION: 49

A reactor is operating at steady-state conditions in the power range with the following average temperatures in a core plane:

$T_{coolant}$ = 550°F
$T_{fuel\ centerline}$ = 1,680°F

Assume that the fuel rod heat transfer coefficients and reactor coolant temperatures are equal throughout the core plane. If the maximum total peaking factor in the core plane is 2.1, what is the maximum fuel centerline temperature in the core plane?

A. 2,923°F

B. 3,528°F

C. 4,078°F

D. 4,683°F

QUESTION: 50

After several years of operation, the maximum allowable stress to the reactor vessel is more limited by the inner wall than the outer wall because...

A. the inner wall has a smaller surface area than the outer wall.

B. the inner wall experiences more tensile stress than the outer wall.

C. the inner wall operates at a higher temperature than the outer wall.

D. the inner wall experiences more neutron-induced embrittlement than the outer wall.

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

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