UNITED STATES NUCLEAR REGULATORY COMMISSION
PRESSURIZED WATER REACTOR GENERIC FUNDAMENTALS EXAMINATION
DECEMBER 2013 — FORM A

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INSTRUCTIONS TO APPLICANT

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		
THERMODYNAMICS	37 - 50		
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.

2. Fill in your individual docket number.

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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

$°C = (5/9)(°F - 32)$

$°F = (9/5)(°C) + 32$

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 describes the function and use of the backseat on a manual valve?

A. Removes pressure from the packing/stuffing box and is typically used to isolate the stuffing box for valve repacking.

B. Removes pressure from the packing/stuffing box and is typically used when needed to isolate packing leakage.

C. Acts as a backup in case the primary seat leaks and is typically used during system isolation for personnel protection.

D. Acts as a backup in case the primary seat leaks and is typically used when needed to prevent the primary seat from leaking excessively.

QUESTION: 2

During a local inspection of a manually operated 12-inch gate valve, the valve stem is observed to extend outward from the valve handwheel by 1 inch. The entire external valve stem is threaded, except for a 1-inch section that becomes smooth just before the valve stem enters the packing gland. Which one of the following describes the position of the gate valve?

A. The valve is fully open or nearly fully open.

B. The valve is fully closed or nearly fully closed.

C. The valve may be in any position because it is a rising stem gate valve.

D. The valve may be in any position because it is a non-rising stem gate valve.

QUESTION: 3

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

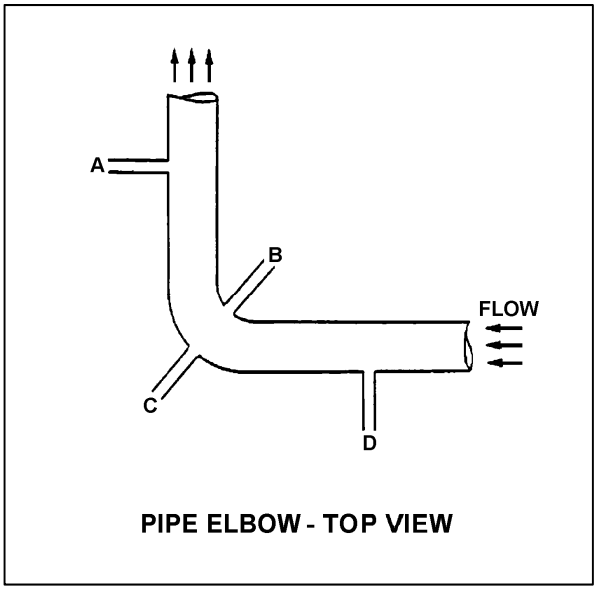
At which one of the following pairs of connection points will the greatest differential pressure be sensed? (Assume a constant pipe diameter and zero head loss in this section of pipe.)

A. Points A and B

B. Points B and C

C. Points C and D

D. Points D and A



PIPE ELBOW - TOP VIEW

QUESTION: 4

Refer to the drawing of a simple thermocouple circuit (see figure below).

The measuring and reference junctions are located inside the reactor containment building while the potentiometer is located in a remote location outside the containment building. Thermocouple temperature indication is initially 500°F.

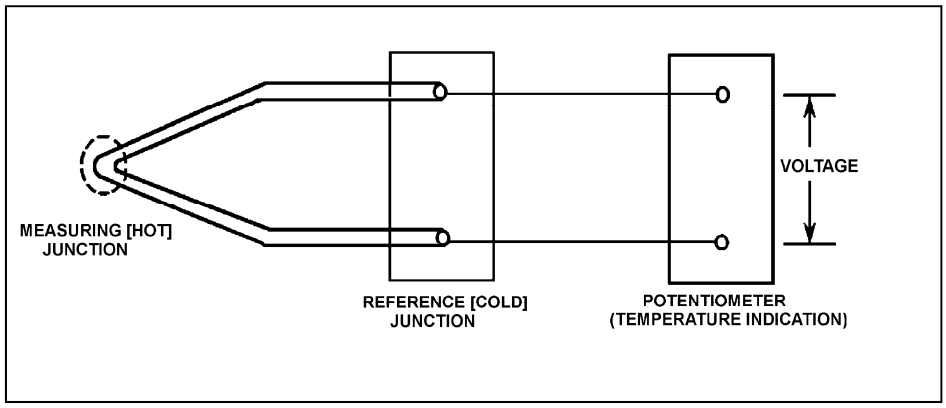
An ambient temperature decrease outside the containment building lowers the temperature of the potentiometer by 10°F, while the measuring and reference junction temperatures remain constant. Thermocouple temperature indication at the lower ambient temperature will be...

A. 490°F.

B. 500°F.

C. 510°F.

D. unpredictable.



QUESTION: 5

A reactor is shut down at 100 cps in the source range when a loss of coolant accident occurs. Assuming the source neutron production rate remains constant, how and why will excore source range detector outputs change as homogeneous core voiding increases from 20 percent to 40 percent?

A. Increases, because more neutron leakage is occurring.

B. Decreases, because less neutron leakage is occurring.

C. Increases, because K_{eff} is increasing.

D. Decreases, because K_{eff} is decreasing.

QUESTION: 6

A beta particle and an alpha particle with equal kinetic energies cause ionization in a gas-filled radiation detector. The detector is operating in the ion chamber region of the gas ionization curve. Which one of the following describes the amplitudes of the detector pulses caused by each type of radiation?

A. The beta particle pulse will be larger in amplitude.

B. The alpha particle pulse will be larger in amplitude.

C. The amplitudes of both pulses will be approximately equal for all detector voltages in the ion chamber region.

D. The amplitudes of both pulses will be approximately equal for all detector voltages in the ion chamber region, as well as all detector voltages outside the ion chamber region.

QUESTION: 7

Refer to the drawing of a temperature alarm circuit (see figure below). The orientation of the bistable symbol indicates the characteristics of the bistable, as is normal for a control circuit diagram.

The bistable turns on to actuate an alarm at a temperature of 130ºF. The bistable has a 5ºF deadband, or neutral zone.

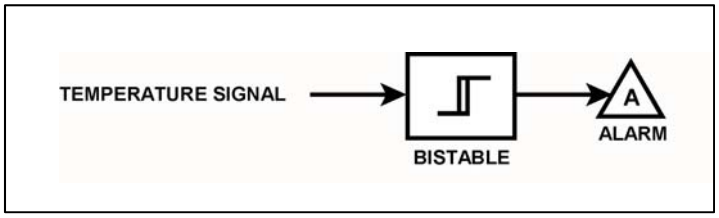
If the current temperature is 150ºF, which one of the following describes the alarm circuit response as temperature slowly decreases to 110ºF?

A. The alarm is currently actuated and will not turn off.

B. The alarm will actuate at 130ºF and will not turn off.

C. The alarm is currently actuated and will turn off at 125ºF.

D. The alarm will actuate at 130ºF and will turn off at 125ºF.



QUESTION: 8

A proportional controller is being used to control the water level in a tank. When the tank water level matches the controller setpoint of 20 feet, the controller output is 50 percent.

Tank water level is currently stable at 25 feet with the controller output at 75 percent.

What is the tank water level proportional band for this controller?

A. 10 to 30 feet

B. 10 to 40 feet

C. 20 to 30 feet

D. 20 to 40 feet

QUESTION: 9

Given:

- A direct-acting proportional pneumatic controller will be used to maintain level in a water storage tank by positioning an air-operated flow control valve in the tank's makeup water supply line.
- The controller's input will vary directly with tank level.

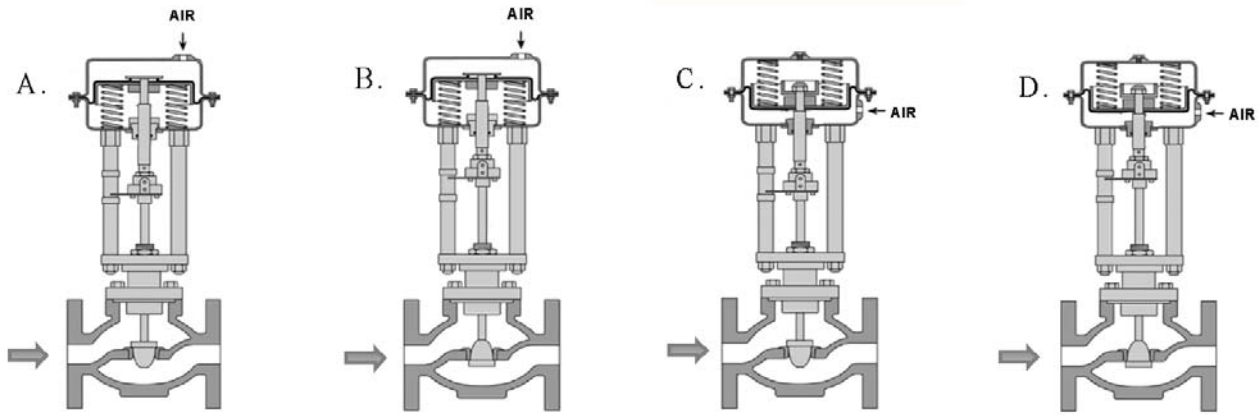
Which pair of flow control valves shown below will be compatible with the controller in the above application?

A. A and B

B. B and C

C. C and D

D. D and A



QUESTION: 10

Refer to the drawing of a centrifugal pump taking suction from a reservoir (see figure below).

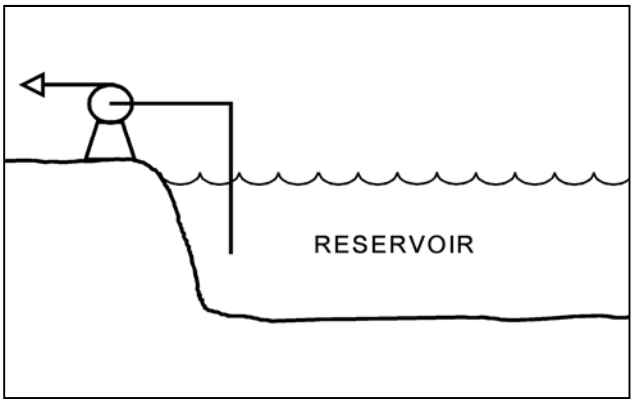
The pump is located on shore, with the eye of the pump 4 feet higher than the reservoir water level. The pump's suction line extends 4 feet below the surface of the reservoir. Which one of the following modifications would decrease the pump's available net positive suction head? (Assume the reservoir is at a uniform temperature and ignore any changes in suction line head loss due to friction.)

A. Raise the pump and suction line by 2 feet.

B. Lower the pump and suction line by 2 feet.

C. Lengthen the suction line to take a suction from 2 feet deeper.

D. Shorten the suction line to take a suction from 2 feet shallower.



QUESTION: 11

A constant-speed radial-flow centrifugal pump motor draws the least current when the pump is...

A. at maximum rated flow conditions.

B. operating on recirculation flow only.

C. accelerating to normal speed during start.

D. at shutoff head with no recirculation flow.

QUESTION: 12

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

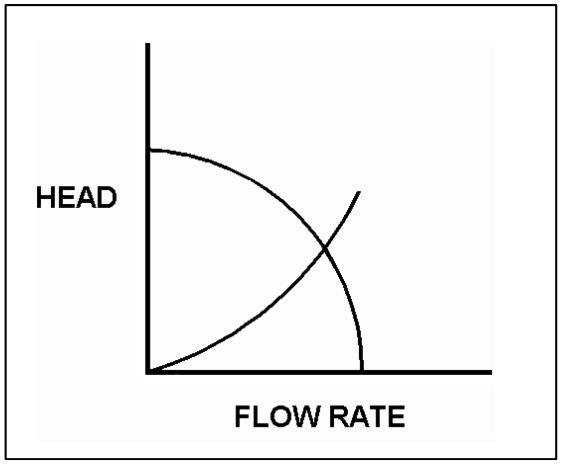
Which one of the following describes the value of head where the two curves cross?

A. The maximum amount of head that the pump can provide.

B. The amount of pump head that is required to avoid cavitation.

C. The amount of pump head that is converted to kinetic energy in the pump.

D. The amount of pump head that is converted to heat and other losses as the water circulates through the system.



QUESTION: 13

Use the following drawing of system and pump operating curves for an operating positive displacement pump with relief valve protection to answer the following question.

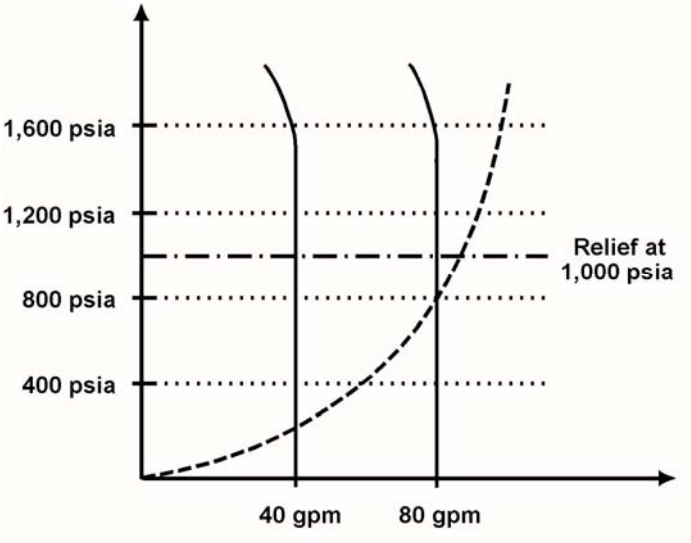
A positive displacement pump is initially supplying water at 40 gpm with a pump discharge pressure of 200 psia. If pump speed is increased until pump flow rate is 80 gpm, what is the new pump discharge pressure?

A. 400 psia

B. 800 psia

C. 1,000 psia

D. 1,600 psia



QUESTION: 14

During a surveillance test, a 4,000 KW diesel generator (DG) and a 1,000 MW main generator (MG) at a nuclear power plant are connected to a power grid.

The following stable generator output conditions initially exist:

Diesel Generator	Main Generator
700 KW	800 MW
200 KVAR (out)	100 MVAR (out)

A malfunction then occurs, causing the voltage regulator for the MG to slowly and continuously decrease the MG field current. If no operator action is taken, the DG output current will _____ until a breaker trip separates the generators.

A. increase continuously

B. decrease continuously

C. initially increase, and then decrease

D. initially decrease, and then increase

QUESTION: 15

A centrifugal pump is driven by a single-speed AC induction motor. Pump flow rate is controlled by a throttled discharge flow control valve.

The following initial pump conditions exist:

Pump motor current = 50 amps
Pump flow rate = 400 gpm

What will the resulting pump motor current be if the flow control valve is repositioned such that pump flow rate increases to 800 gpm?

A. 100 amps

B. 200 amps

C. 400 amps

D. Cannot be determined without additional information.

QUESTION: 16

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

The heat exchanger was initially placed in continuous service 6 months ago. During the 6-month period of operation, mineral deposits have accumulated inside the heat exchanger tubes.

The following parameters are currently stable at their initial values:

- Lube oil mass flow rate
- Lube oil inlet temperature
- Lube oil outlet temperature
- Cooling water inlet temperature

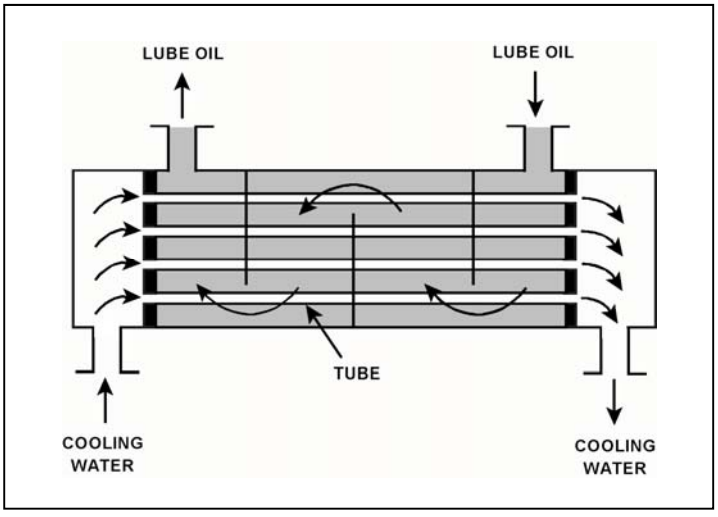
Compared to their initial values, the current cooling water outlet temperature is _____; and the current cooling water mass flow rate is _____.

A. lower; smaller

B. lower; greater

C. higher; greater

D. higher; smaller



QUESTION: 17

A nuclear power plant was initially operating at steady-state 50 percent power with 50 gpm of main condenser cooling water inleakage through a cooling water tube rupture. Power was then increased, and is currently stable at 60 percent.

Assume the size of the cooling water tube rupture does not change, and the main condenser cooling water inlet pressure and inlet temperature do not change.

When compared to the flow rate of main condenser cooling water inleakage at 50 percent power, the flow rate of cooling water inleakage at 60 percent power is _____ because the main condenser pressure at 60 percent power is _____.

A. higher; lower

B. higher; higher

C. lower; lower

D. lower; higher

QUESTION: 18

Which one of the following is an indication of resin exhaustion in a demineralizer?

A. An increase in suspended solids in the effluent.

B. A decrease in the flow rate through the demineralizer.

C. An increase in the conductivity of the effluent.

D. An increase in the differential pressure across the demineralizer.

QUESTION: 19

A nuclear power plant has been operating normally at 100 percent power for one month and with the same reactor coolant boron concentration for the last 24 hours.

Which one of the following changes associated with the in-service reactor coolant demineralizer will reduce the reactor coolant boron concentration in the demineralizer effluent?

A. Increase the temperature of the reactor coolant being processed from 95°F to 105°F.

B. Decrease the temperature of the reactor coolant being processed from 105°F to 95°F.

C. Increase the flow rate of reactor coolant being processed from 75 gpm to 100 gpm.

D. Decrease the flow rate of reactor coolant being processed from 75 gpm to 50 gpm.

QUESTION: 20

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 are shown open/closed according to the standard convention for control circuit drawings.

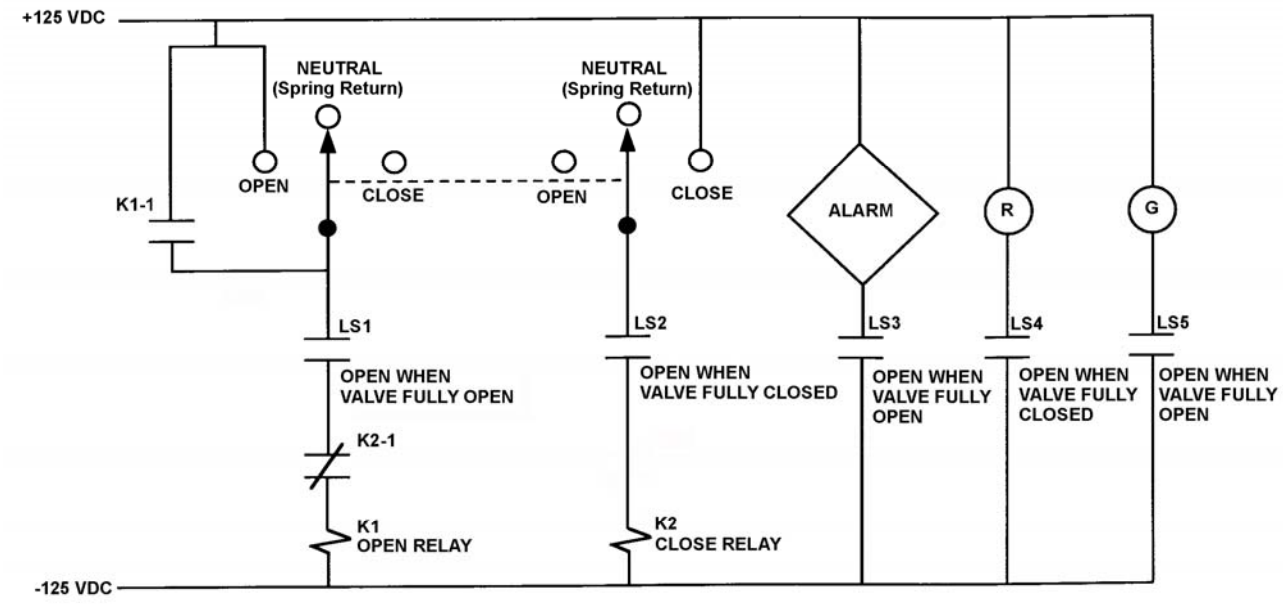
An operator takes the control switch to OPEN momentarily and the valve begins to open. Five seconds later, the operator takes the control switch to CLOSE momentarily and releases the switch. Which one of the following describes the valve response when the control switch is taken to CLOSE momentarily and released?

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: 21

A main generator output breaker is about to be closed to connect the main generator to the power grid via the main transformer. The main transformer voltage and frequency are as follows:

Voltage = 20,000 volts
Frequency = 60.0 Hz

Which combination of main generator voltage and frequency will ensure that the main generator will immediately supply real (MW) and reactive (MVAR) electrical power to the power grid when the main generator output breaker is closed?

A. 19,950 volts; 59.9 Hz

B. 19,950 volts; 60.1 Hz

C. 20,050 volts; 59.9 Hz

D. 20,050 volts; 60.1 Hz

QUESTION: 22

If a main generator output breaker is closed when the generator output voltage is 90 degrees out of phase with the power grid voltage, the main generator will experience a _____ stress; if the breaker remains closed and no additional operator action is taken, the main generator voltage will _____ with the grid voltage.

A minor; remain out of phase

B. minor; become locked into phase

C. potentially damaging; remain out of phase

D. potentially damaging; become locked into phase

QUESTION: 23

In a comparison between a delayed neutron and a prompt neutron produced from the same fission event, the prompt neutron is more likely to...

A. be captured by a Xe-135 nucleus.

B. cause thermal fission of a U-235 nucleus.

C. leak out of the core while slowing down.

D. be captured by a U-238 nucleus at a resonance energy.

QUESTION: 24

With a reactor initially operating at steady-state 75 percent power with manual rod control, the operator dilutes the reactor coolant system boron concentration by 5 ppm. During the dilution, the available shutdown margin will...

A. increase and stabilize at a higher value.

B. increase, then decrease to the original value as coolant temperature changes.

C. decrease and stabilize at a lower value.

D. decrease, then increase to the original value as coolant temperature changes.

QUESTION: 25

Which one of the following neutron reactions yields the highest neutron production rate immediately following a reactor trip from extended power operations during the tenth fuel cycle? (Ignore any contribution from an installed neutron source.)

A. Alpha-neutron reactions

B. Beta-neutron reactions

C. Photo-neutron reactions

D. Spontaneous fission

QUESTION: 26

During a reactor coolant system cooldown, positive reactivity is added to the core if the moderator temperature coefficient is negative. This is partially due to...

A. a decreasing thermal utilization factor.

B. an increasing thermal utilization factor.

C. a decreasing resonance escape probability.

D. an increasing resonance escape probability.

QUESTION: 27

Which one of the following 10 percent power level changes produces the largest amount of negative reactivity from the fuel temperature coefficient? (Assume that each power level change produces the same increase/decrease in fuel temperature.)

A. 30 percent to 40 percent

B. 30 percent to 20 percent

C. 80 percent to 90 percent

D. 80 percent to 70 percent

QUESTION: 28

Which one of the following expresses the relationship between differential rod worth (DRW) and integral rod worth (IRW)?

A. IRW is the slope of the DRW curve.

B. IRW is the inverse of the DRW curve.

C. IRW is the sum of the DRWs between the initial and final control rod positions.

D. IRW is the sum of the DRWs of all control rods at a specific control rod position.

QUESTION: 29

A reactor is operating at steady-state 75 percent power in the middle of a fuel cycle. Which one of the following actions will cause the greatest shift in reactor power distribution toward the top of the core? (Assume control rods remain fully withdrawn.)

A. Decrease reactor power by 25 percent.

B. Decrease reactor coolant boron concentration by 10 ppm.

C. Decrease average reactor coolant temperature by 5°F.

D. Decrease reactor coolant system operating pressure by 15 psia.

QUESTION: 30

A reactor has been operating at full power for several weeks. Xenon-135 is being directly produced as a fission product in approximately _____ percent of all fissions.

A. 100

B. 30

C. 3

D. 0.3

QUESTION: 31

A reactor has been operating at 50 percent power for 12 hours following a one-hour power reduction from steady-state 100 percent power. Which one of the following describes the current xenon-135 concentration?

A. Increasing toward a peak.

B. Decreasing toward an upturn.

C. Increasing toward equilibrium.

D. Decreasing toward equilibrium.

QUESTION: 32

Just prior to a refueling outage, the reactor coolant boron concentration at 100 percent power was 50 ppm. Burnable poisons were installed during the outage. Immediately following the outage, the boron concentration at 100 percent power was 1,000 ppm.

Which one of the following contributes to the need for a much higher 100 percent power reactor coolant boron concentration after the outage?

A. The negative reactivity from burnable poisons after the outage is greater than before the outage.

B. The negative reactivity from fission product poisons after the outage is smaller than before the outage.

C. The positive reactivity from the fuel in the core after the outage is smaller than before the outage.

D. The positive reactivity from a unit withdrawal of a typical control rod after the outage is greater than before the outage.

QUESTION: 33

Refer to the drawing that shows a graph of fission rate versus time (see figure below). Both axes have linear scales.

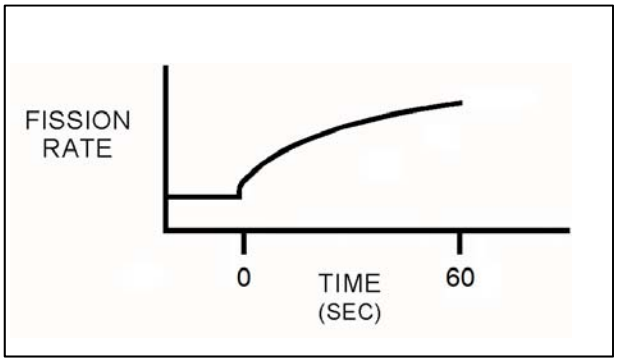
Which one of the following events, initiated at 0 seconds, could cause the reactor response shown on the graph?

A. A step addition of positive reactivity to a reactor that is initially subcritical in the source range and remains subcritical for the duration of the 60-second interval shown.

B. A step addition of positive reactivity to a reactor that is initially critical in the source range and remains below the point of adding heat for the duration of the 60-second interval shown.

C. A continuous addition of positive reactivity at a constant rate to a reactor that is initially subcritical in the source range and remains subcritical for the duration of the 60-second interval shown.

D. A continuous addition of positive reactivity at a constant rate to a reactor that is initially critical in the source range and remains below the point of adding heat for the duration of the 60-second interval shown.



QUESTION: 34

A reactor is shutdown with a K_{eff} of 0.8. The source range count rate is stable at 800 cps. What percentage of the core neutron population is being contributed directly by neutron-induced fission?

A. 10 percent

B. 20 percent

C. 80 percent

D. 100 percent

QUESTION: 35

A reactor is critical below the point of adding heat (POAH). The operator adds enough reactivity to attain a startup rate of 0.5 decades per minute. Which one of the following will decrease <u>first</u> when the reactor reaches the POAH?

A. Pressurizer level

B. Reactor coolant temperature

C. Reactor power

D. Startup rate

QUESTION: 36

A nuclear power plant has been operating at 80 percent power for several weeks when a partial steam line break occurs that releases 2 percent of rated steam flow. Main turbine load and control rod position remain the same.

Assuming no operator or automatic actions, when the plant stabilizes, reactor power will be _____; and average reactor coolant temperature will be _____.

A. higher; higher

B. unchanged; higher

C. higher; lower

D. unchanged; lower

QUESTION: 37

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

A. 2 psig, 20 inches Hg absolute, 8 psia

B. 2 psig, 8 psia, 20 inches Hg absolute

C. 8 psia, 20 inches Hg absolute, 2 psig

D. 8 psia, 2 psig, 20 inches Hg absolute

QUESTION: 38

A reactor trip occurred 10 minutes ago due to a loss of coolant accident. Emergency coolant injection is in progress and pressurizer level is increasing. Current pressurizer conditions are as follows:

Pressurizer liquid temperature = 568°F
Pressurizer vapor temperature = 596°F
Pressurizer pressure = 1,410 psia
Pressurizer level = 60 percent

Given these conditions, the pressurizer liquid is _____; and the pressurizer vapor is _____.

A. saturated; saturated

B. saturated; superheated

C. subcooled; saturated

D. subcooled; superheated

QUESTION: 39

An open vessel contains 2.0 lbm of water at 200ºF and standard atmospheric pressure. Which one of the following will be caused by the addition of 16.0 Btu to the water?

A. The water temperature will increase, and all of the water will boil off.

B. The water temperature will increase, and none of the water will boil off.

C. The water temperature will rise to 212ºF, and some of the water will boil off.

D. The water temperature will rise to 216ºF, and some of the water will boil off.

QUESTION: 40

A nuclear power plant is operating at 80 percent power with 5°F of condensate depression in the main condenser. If the condensate depression increases to 10°F, the steam cycle thermal efficiency will _____; and the condensate pumps will operate _____ cavitation.

A. increase; closer to

B. increase; farther from

C. decrease; closer to

D. decrease; farther from

QUESTION: 41

If the moisture content of the steam supplied to a main turbine increases, turbine work will...
(Assume the total mass flow rate does <u>not</u> change.)

A. decrease, because the enthalpy of the moist steam being supplied to the turbine has decreased.

B. decrease, because moist steam is more likely to leak between turbine stages.

C. increase, because the enthalpy of the moist steam being supplied to the turbine has increased.

D. increase, because moist steam is less likely to leak between turbine stages.

QUESTION: 42

Which one of the following describes the relationship between the main steam mass flow rate leaving a steam generator and the main feedwater mass flow rate entering the same steam generator at steady-state power operation? (Assume no other addition/removal of steam generator inventory.)

A. The mass flow rates will be the same only if downcomer level is constant.

B. The mass flow rates will be the same only if the reactor is operating near rated power.

C. The main steam mass flow rate is smaller than the main feedwater mass flow rate by the amount of moisture removed by the steam generator moisture separators.

D. The main steam mass flow rate is greater than the main feedwater mass flow rate by the amount of moisture removed by the steam generator moisture separators.

QUESTION: 43

In an operating cooling water system with a constant water velocity, if water temperature decreases, system volumetric flow rate (gpm) will...

A. remain the same, because the density of the water has not changed.

B. increase, because the density of the water has increased.

C. remain the same, because the water velocity has not changed.

D. increase, because the viscosity of the water has increased.

QUESTION: 44

A nuclear power plant is operating at 60 percent power. Which one of the following is the primary method of heat transfer from the outer surface of the steam generator tubes to the bulk feedwater?

A. Radiolysis

B. Radiation

C. Convection

D. Conduction

QUESTION: 45

How does the critical heat flux vary from the bottom to the top of a typical fuel assembly during normal 100 percent power operation?

A. Increases continuously.

B. Increases, then decreases.

C. Decreases continuously.

D. Decreases, then increases.

QUESTION: 46

Which one of the following is a function of core bypass flow?

A. Provides mixing of coolant in the reactor vessel head.

B. Provides even coolant flow distribution through the fuel.

C. Ensures natural circulation will be initiated when forced circulation is lost.

D. Ensures core exit thermocouple readings represent average fuel temperatures.

QUESTION: 47

A few minutes ago, a nuclear power plant experienced a loss of offsite power that caused a reactor trip and a loss of all reactor coolant pumps. Natural circulation flow is currently developing in the reactor coolant system (RCS).

Which one of the following operator actions will promote the development of natural circulation in the RCS?

A. Establish and maintain saturation conditions in the RCS.

B. Establish and maintain a steam bubble in the reactor vessel.

C. Establish and maintain steam generator pressure above RCS pressure.

D. Establish and maintain steam generator water level high in the normal operating range.

QUESTION: 48

A nuclear power plant is experiencing natural circulation core cooling following a loss of coolant accident. Which one of the following, when it first occurs, marks the beginning of reflux core cooling? (Assume the steam generators contain U-tubes.)

A. Reactor core steam production results in two-phase coolant entering the hot legs and being delivered to the steam generators.

B. Hot leg steam quality is so high that the steam generators cannot fully condense it, and two-phase coolant is returned to the reactor vessel via the cold legs.

C. Steam condensation in the hot legs is unable to pass completely through the steam generators to enter the cold legs.

D. The steam generators are no longer able to condense any of the steam contained in the hot legs.

QUESTION: 49

If fuel pellet densification occurs in a fuel rod producing a constant power output, the average linear power density in the fuel rod will _____ because pellet densification causes fuel pellets to _____.

A. decrease; swell

B. decrease; shrink

C. increase; swell

D. increase; shrink

QUESTION: 50

Pressurized thermal shock is a condition that can occur following a rapid _____ of the reactor coolant system if system pressure is rapidly _____.

A. cooldown; decreased

B. cooldown; increased

C. heatup; decreased

D. heatup; increased

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

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