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**First Mid-term Exam**  
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**Question One (20%)**

For each statement, circle the most appropriate answer

- (a) True color of water is caused by:
  - a. dissolved solids.
  - b. suspended solids.
  - c. both a and b
- (b) As the hydrogen ion concentration in solution increases, the pH:
  - a. increases
  - b. decreases.
  - c. stays as is.
- (c) Solids left in a porcelain dish after evaporation at 104°C of a measured volume of a filtered water sample, is called:
  - a. suspended solids.
  - b. total solids.
  - c. dissolved solids.
- (d) Conductivity of water can be used as a rough measure of:
  - a. total suspended solids.
  - b. total dissolved solids.
  - c. turbidity
- (e) Alkalinity of natural water results from the presence of:
  - a. nitrates.
  - b. carbon dioxides.
  - c. bicarbonates
- (f) Highly alkaline water often has:
  - a. a low level of dissolved solids.
  - b. a high level of suspended solids.
  - c. a high level of dissolved solids.
- (g) Permanent hardness of water is caused by presence of calcium and magnesium:
  - a. sulfates and chlorides.
  - b. carbonates and bicarbonate.
  - c. bicarbonates and sulfates.
- (h) Discharge of water containing high levels of ammonia nitrogen into water bodies is not desirable because ammonia:
  - a. is toxic to aquatic life.
  - b. lowers the dissolved oxygen concentration.
  - c. both a and b.
- (i) Eutrophication of water bodies is due to the presence of excessive concentrations of:
  - a. iron and manganese.
  - b. nitrogen and phosphorus.
  - c. calcium and magnesium.

**Disinfection of Potable Water Piping system & Tanks**

Location: Kuwait International Airport Terminal 2 - MPW Offices

**Introduction:**

**Disinfectant** is an agent applied to inanimate objects to destroy, neutralize, or inhibit the growth of disease-carrying microorganisms.

**Chemical to be used is** Calcium Hypochlorite 70% active ingredient (Available Chlorine Content) concentration in Granular Form (Disinfectant)

**Formula:** Ca(ClO)<sub>2</sub>

**Description** A white crystalline solid, Ca(OCl)<sub>2</sub>·4H<sub>2</sub>O, used as a bactericide, fungicide, and bleaching agent. Calcium hypochlorite is used for the disinfection of drinking water or swimming pool water.

**International Specification Standard**

**AWWA B200-04** Hypochlorite This standard describes chlorinated lime, calcium hypochlorite, and sodium hypochlorite for use in the treatment of municipal and industrial water supplies.

**ANSI/AWWA Standard C651-92** The current industry practice for the disinfection of potable water distribution lines

**Abbreviations used in Method Statement**

- 1. **pH** which measure of degree of acidity (pH < 7.0) and alkalinity (pH > 7.0). At pH 7.0 water is considered Neutral. pH is recommended to be between 7.2 to 7.6 for chlorine to be effective in achieving disinfection and oxidize bacteria. pH reading is measured by pH meter.
- 2. **Free Chlorine (Cl<sub>2</sub>)** Measured by photometer, is the active part to oxidize bacteria and disinfect water. The unit for measurements of free chlorine is mg/l (Milligram per Liter) or in PPM (Parts Per Million) – chlorine value is measured by photometer.



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**Swimming pool water treatment by ultrafiltration–adsorption process**

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**Abstract**

Disinfection by-products are of great concern in swimming pool water where water treatment generally involves a disinfection step with chlorine. In fact, swimmers can consume a large quantity of organic matter that can lead to the formation of chloramines, chloroform and chloroacetic acids. These compounds can lead to health problems among the staff and pool users, especially babies or little children. The water quality improvement and productivity performance of the hybrid process, ultrafiltration–adsorption, is investigated. An original work, this paper presents results obtained in a real pool system for the first time. An industrial unit was installed in a municipal swimming pool in Marseille (France) and the process was studied for more than 18 months. After a study on water quality according to pool usage (activity and number of swimmers), the influence of transmembrane pressure and filtration time on ultrafiltration performance was evaluated. Optimal ultrafiltration operating conditions were found to be at a transmembrane pressure (TMP) of 0.45 bar and a filtration time (T<sub>f</sub>) of 60 min for the entire range of each water quality parameter studied. The filtration unit enabled water clarification, and the adsorption step limited the concentration of combined chlorine in water to 0.35 ppm, well below the limit given by the French legislation (0.6 ppm). Due to a succession of filtration and backwashes, permeability never decreased below 360 L m<sup>-2</sup> h<sup>-1</sup> bar<sup>-1</sup>. In spite of difficult conditions in terms of frequent pool usage and total chlorine concentration, the membranes have shown promising flexibility in this hybrid process.

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**1. Introduction**

Swimming pool water is governed by strict legislation in France, with the aim of insuring the safety of pool users. Pool water can be rapidly polluted by swimmers, who bring hairs, body fluids, cosmetics, etc. into the pool. Therefore, the water must meet different types of quality criteria including bacteriological, visual and chemical standards. Usually, water treatment includes in-line coagulation followed by sand filtration and enables the removal of suspended solids and a portion of the organic matter. Since swimming pool water can be contaminated by bacteria, viruses, protozoa and fungi, the water must be disinfected prior to use and act as a disinfectant (through the presence of free chlorine), destroying pathogenic micro-organisms as

soon as they are introduced in the water. To limit the increase of contaminant concentration, purges are performed daily and fresh water is introduced at the rate of 50 L per swimmer.

Chlorinated compounds are the chemicals used most often for disinfection (i.e. sodium hypochlorite or gaseous chlorine). Chlorine can be present in several forms in water, each having a different disinfection power. Hypochlorous acid (HOCl) is the active form of chlorine, having the most potent disinfection power. When no stabilization compound is added, HOCl can dissociate in water into the negatively charged hypochlorite ion, OCl<sup>-</sup>, depending on the pH of the water. The sum of HOCl and OCl<sup>-</sup> is defined as free chlorine. Hypochlorite ion is considered as part of the free chlorine because it can react with H<sub>2</sub>O<sup>2</sup> to form hypochlorous acid, which is the active chlorine compound. Active chlorine is subject to strict legislation, and its concentration must be between 0.4 and 1.4 ppm. Furthermore, combined chlorine is the general term used for all the chlorine disinfection by-products resulting from the reaction of

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