

Continuing Education Test

in

*Incremental Investment & Incremental Return*

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**1. Incremental Investment Introduction**

What should the selection of house insulation be based on? Please circle your answer.

1. a. Color Maps    b. Zone Tables    c. Optimized Cost    d. Friends' Recommendation

## **2. Calculus**

What does the Calculus of incremental investment & incremental return seek to find?

2. a. Maximum point   b. Minimum point   c. Tangent point   d. Point of inflection

## **3. Example 10-4**

What can a larger copper conductor carry? Please circle your answer.

3. a. More current   b. More water   c. More phone calls   d. More furlongs

A larger copper conductor will? Please circle your answer.

4. a. Cost more   b. Eat more   c. Be hard to hang or pull   d. Be made of steel

## **4. Example 10-4 and Problem 10-6**

Are electricity prices the same throughout the United States? Please circle your answer.

5. a. Yes   b. No

Has the price of copper remained stable over the past few years? Please circle your answer.

6. a. Yes   b. No

## **5. Wire Spreadsheet**

What is the size of a copper conductor under various "*stated conditions*" ? The basic load is defined as a 10-horsepower electric motor operating at 208 volt 3-phase, which is located 200-feet from the motor control center (MCC).

What is the size of a copper conductor per NEC?

7. Please circle your answer. a. #10   b. #6   c. #4   d. #2   e. #1   f. 1/0

What is the size of a copper conductor per NEC and 3% VD?

8. Please circle your answer. a. #10   b. #6   c. #4   d. #2   e. #1   f. 1/0

What is the size of a copper conductor per NEC and 2% VD?

9. Please circle your answer. a. #10   b. #6   c. #4   d. #2   e. #1   f. 1/0

What is the size of a copper conductor per NEC, 2% VD, \$4 Cu, \$0.05/k/Wh electricity?

10. Please circle your answer. a. #10   b. #6   c. #4   d. #2   e. #1   f. 1/0

What is the size of a copper conductor per NEC, 2% VD, \$2 Cu, \$0.15/k/Wh electricity?

11. Please circle your answer. a. #10   b. #6   c. #4   d. #2   e. #1   f. 1/0

- What is the size of a copper conductor carrying 50 amps for a school operating 2,000 hours per year with \$0.15/k/Wh electricity, copper costing \$3.00 per pound and a 20-year project life?
12. Please circle your answer. a. #10 b. #6 c. #4 d. #2 e. #1 f. 1/0

- What is the size of a copper conductor carrying 50 amps for a Phosphate Plant operating 8,760 hours per year with \$0.15/k/Wh electricity, copper costing \$3.00 per pound and a 20-year project life?
13. Please circle your answer. a. #2 b. #1 c. 1/0 d. 00 e. 000 f. 0000

### **6. Residential Air Conditioning**

- How many air conditioner units does your home have? Please circle your answer.
14. a. one b. two c. three d. four e. five

- What is the tonnage of each air conditioner unit? Please circle your answer.
15. a. one b. two c. three d. four e. five

- What is your typical summer monthly electric bill? Please circle your answer.
16. a. \$100 b. \$200 c. \$300 d. \$400 e. \$500 f. \$600

- What EER or SEER rating does your air conditioner unit have? Please circle your answer.
17. a. 8 b. 10 c. 12 d. 14 e. 16

### **7. Chillers**

- The first year's electrical cost of operating a chiller can sometimes equal half the purchase value of the chiller. Please circle your answer.
18. a. True b. False

### **8. Chiller Calculus**

- What is the first year's electrical operating cost of a 1,000 ton chiller with an operating efficiency of 1.0 kW/ton running at full load for 5,000 hours with a purchased electrical cost of \$0.10/kWh? Please circle your answer.
19. a. \$50,000 b. \$500,000 c. \$250,000 d. \$1,000,000 e. \$49.95

- A single 1,000 ton chiller is to be purchased at a cost of \$1,000 per ton. An 8% loan over 20-years can be obtained which yields a capital recovery factor ( $A/P, i, n$ ) of 0.10185. What is the annual loan payment? Please circle your answer.
20. a. \$1,000 b. \$10,100 c. \$101,850 d. \$1,000,000 e. \$49.95

### **9. Optimized Pumping**

Moms are the original inventor of? Please circle your answer.

21. a. Jobs    b. Chores    c. Win-Win phrase    d. Cake    e. Wash up for dinner

22. Optimized sizing of a pipe must include consideration of? Please circle your answer.

- a. Domestic pipe    b. Economic Analysis    c. Shovels    d. Sod    e. Paint

The capital (first cost) of pipe must be converted to? Please circle your answer.

23. a. Yen    b. Annual cost    c. Gold    d. Diamonds    e. Rubies

Can annual operating cost be directly compared with present value, capital cost, or first cost?  
Please circle your answer.

24. a. Yes    b. No

Does the cost of pumping horsepower play a significant role in pipeline ownership  
and operation? Please circle your answer.

25. a. Yes    b. No

### **10 Pipe Insulation**

What is the thickness of pipe insulation in inches? Your guess.

26. (Circle answer).    0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

What is the thickness of pipe insulation in inches? With 8760 hour, \$19/mmBtu, 500°F

27. (Circle answer).    0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

What is the thickness of pipe insulation in inches? With 2000 hours

28. (Circle answer).    0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

What is the thickness of pipe insulation in inches? With 8760 hours, \$7/mmBtu

29. (Circle answer).    0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

What is the thickness of pipe insulation in inches? With 2000 hours, \$23/mmBtu, 115°F

30. (Circle answer).    0    1    2    3    4    5    6    7    8    9    10

**Lets now consider pipe insulation as a function of fuel cost.**

What is the thickness of pipe insulation in inches? With 6000 hours, \$2.5/mmBtu, 400°F  
31. (Circle answer). 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What is the thickness of pipe insulation in inches? With 6000 hours, \$19/mmBtu, 400°F  
32. (Circle answer). 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

What is the thickness of pipe insulation in inches? With 6000 hours, \$43/mmBtu, 400°F  
33. (Circle answer). 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

**11 Planes, Trains, and Automobiles**

I am now aware of the impact of energy prices because of the price fluctuations that affect the economy.

34. (Circle answer). a. Yes b. No

The IRS mileage reimbursement rate includes a lot more then just gasoline cost.

35. (Circle answer). a. True b. False

A Hummer (given to me) is still more expensive than buying a new car with payments.

36. (Circle answer). a. True b. False

The life cycle operational cost of a cooling tower can easily exceed the purchase cost.

37. (Circle answer). a. True b. False

A variable frequency drive can pay for itself within three years.

38. (Circle answer). a. True b. False

Alternative fuel / energy projects can be cost effective without subsidies.

39. (Circle answer). a. True b. False

Boiler heat rate is (circle answer)

40. a. kW b. kWh c. mm Btu d. Btu/kWh e. inches / mile

