Chapter 2

End-of-chapter quiz questions

- 1. For fluids, movement through the process occurs due to . . .
 - a. An elevation drop from upstream to downstream
 - b. A pressure drop from upstream to downstream
 - c. A pressure drop from downstream to upstream
 - d. None of the above
- 2. For fluids, the pressure may be increased
 - a. At strategic points in the process
 - b. Using pumps
 - c. Using Compressors
 - d. All of the above
- 3. For compressible fluids, the pressure may be increased . . .
 - a. Through entrainment
 - b. Using pumps
 - c. Using blowers
 - d. All of the above
- 4. For solids
 - a. Movement is less challenging than for fluids
 - b. Are moved solely using gravity
 - c. Must be physically moved
 - d. Are never pumped
- 5. For solids . . .
 - a. Movement is more challenging than for fluids
 - b. May be moved using a conveyor
 - c. May be moved using gravity
 - d. All of the above
- 6. For solids
 - a. Movement is less challenging than for fluids
 - b. May be moved by fluidization
 - c. Cannot be moved using a gas
 - d. Are never pumped
- 7. In commercial-scale processes heat transfer . . .
 - a. Is most commonly performed indirectly
 - b. Fired heaters are the most common way to heat
 - c. Refrigeration loops are the most common way to cool
 - d. All of the above

- 8. In commercial-scale processes heat transfer . . .
 - a. Is most commonly performed indirectly
 - b. Steam is the most common way to heat
 - c. Water are the most common way to cool
 - d. All of the above
- 9. Electric resistance heating
 - a. Is commonly used in large scale systems
 - b. Is commonly used in small scale systems
 - c. Uses the resistance of the process fluid for heating
 - d. All of the above
- 10. A common separation technique is . . .
 - a. Separation by polarity
 - b. Separation by adsorption
 - c. Separation by leaching
 - d. All of the above
- 11. The following parameters are usually the most important for chemical reactions:
 - a. Concentration of one of the reactants, vapor pressure, temperature
 - b. The ratio of reactants, vapor pressure, presence of a catalyst
 - c. The ratio of reactants, residence time, temperature
 - d. The concentration of one of the reactants, reaction pressure, number of reaction products
- 12. Manipulating the movement of materials in a process
 - a. Can be accomplished using an adjustable throttle
 - b. Can be accomplished in many ways
 - c. Is the same for solids as for fluids
 - d. Is accomplished by adjusting a dependent variable
- 13. Manipulating the movement of materials in a process
 - a. Can be accomplished by changing the opening of a choke point in a pipe
 - b. Can be accomplished by changing the pressure drop of a fluid
 - c. Is accomplished by adjusting an independent variable
 - d. All of the above
- 14. For fluids, the most common independent variable is . . .
 - a. A throttling control valve
 - b. A control valve
 - c. Accomplished by changing the choke point in a pipe
 - d. All of the above

- 15. For fluids, the most common independent variable is . . .
 - a. A change in the speed of a pump or compressor
 - b. A control valve
 - c. The flow rate through a pipe
 - d. All of the above
- 16. The following are independent variables in a process . . .
 - a. Control valve, motor speed, conveyor speed
 - b. Flow rate, temperature, motor speed
 - c. Control valve, electrical current to a motor, electrical current to a conveyor
 - d. Flow rate, pressure drop, temperature
- 17. The following are independent variables in a process . . .
 - a. Flow rate, temperature, motor speed
 - b. Control valve, motor speed, conveyor speed
 - c. Flow rate, pressure drop, temperature
 - d. Control valve, fraction of time electrical current is sent to a heater, electrical current to a conveyor
- 18. The following are independent variables in a process . . .
 - a. Control valve, motor speed, conveyor speed
 - b. Control valve, resistant in the electrical circuit of a motor, fraction of time electrical current is sent to a heater
 - c. Flow rate, pressure drop, temperature
 - d. Flow rate, temperature, motor speed
- 19. Dependent variables . . .
 - a. Are also known as control variables
 - b. Manipulate the process
 - c. Measure the effect of changes from independent variables
 - d. Control the flow rate in a pipe
- 20. Dependent variables . . .
 - a. Are also known as control variables
 - b. Manipulate the process
 - c. Are also known as measurement variables
 - d. All of the above
- 21. Dependent variables
 - a. Are also known as measurement variables
 - b. Include flow rate, pressure, and temperature
 - c. May be coupled to independent variables
 - d. All of the above

- 22. In a well-designed control system
 - a. One dependent variable is coupled with each independent variable
 - b. Dependent variables are selected that are insensitive to independent variable changes
 - c. There are no independent variables, only dependent ones
 - d. There are no dependent variables, only independent ones
- 23. The most common control strategy is . . .
 - a. Fundamental building block control
 - b. Manipulate dependent variables and measure the impact
 - c. Single input/single output feedback control
 - d. Measurement control
- 24. The most common control strategy is . . .
 - a. Feedforward control
 - b. Manipulate dependent variables and measure the impact
 - c. Feedback control
 - d. On/off control
- 25. In feedback control,
 - a. An adjustment is made to an independent variable, then the impact is tested by measuring a dependent variable
 - b. An adjustment is made to a control variable, then the impact is tested by reading a measurement variable
 - c. The measurement of a dependent variable is compared to standard and the difference is used to make an adjustment to a control variable
 - d. All of the above
- 26. The main objective of a liquid knockout drum is . . .
 - a. To minimize the amount of liquid entrained in a gas phase stream
 - b. Minimize the amount of gas that leaves from the bottom outlet of the drum
 - c. Minimize the pressure lost across this unit operation
 - d. Keep the pressure in the vessel below the drum bursting pressure
- 27. Which of the following is Not an objective for a liquid knockout drum:
 - a. Maximize the amount of liquid produced in the drum
 - b. Minimize the amount of liquid entrained in a gas phase stream
 - c. Minimize the pressure lost across this unit operation
 - d. Keep the pressure in the vessel below the drum bursting pressure
- 28. How can we insure that minimal gas flows out of the bottom of a liquid knockout drum?
 - a. Maintain adequate pressure in the vessel
 - b. Minimize the pressure in the vessel

- c. Maintain a liquid level in the drum
- d. None of the above
- 29. If the liquid outlet pressure from a knockout drum is insufficient
 - a. A compressor can be installed on the outlet line
 - b. The pressure in the drum must be raised
 - c. A pump can be installed in the bottoms outlet line
 - d. The control valve can be adjusted to reduce the pressure drop
- 30. The portion of the feedback control loop that determines what adjustment should be made to the independent variable is known as the:
 - a. The dependent variable
 - b. The control valve
 - c. The controller
 - d. The measurement variable
- 31. The desired value used in a control loop . . .
 - a. Is known as the setpoint
 - b. Is known as the standard
 - c. Is the desired value of the measurement variable
 - d. All of the above
- 32. The desired value used in a control loop . . .
 - a. Is known as the adjustment
 - b. Is known as the standard
 - c. Is known as the output
 - d. All of the above
- 33. The desired value used in a control loop . . .
 - a. Is known as the setpoint
 - b. Is known as the output
 - c. Is the desired value of the independent variable
 - d. All of the above
- 34. The desired value used in a control loop . . .
 - a. Is known as the measurement
 - b. Is known as the output
 - c. Is the desired value of the dependent variable
 - d. All of the above
- 35. Measurement error is:
 - a. The difference between the setpoint and the value of the measurement variable

- b. The difference between the standard and the value of the output variable
- c. Calculated by comparing the independent variable to the setpoint
- d. None of the above
- 36. Measurement error is:
 - a. The difference between the setpoint and the value of the measurement variable
 - b. The difference between the standard and the value of the dependent variable
 - c. Used to calculate the controller output
 - d. All of the above
- 37. In a coupled control system . . .
 - a. The actions of one dependent variable have an immediate impact on a separate dependent variable
 - b. The actions of one independent variable have an immediate impact on the dependent variable of a separate independent variable's control loop
 - c. Control loops are stable and handle disturbances well
 - d. The actions of one dependent variable have an immediate impact on the dependent variable of a separate independent variable's control loop
- 38. In decoupled control schemes . . .
 - a. The actions of one dependent variable have an immediate impact on a separate dependent variable
 - b. The actions of one independent variable have an immediate impact on the dependent variable of a separate independent variable's control loop
 - c. Control loops are stable and handle disturbances well
 - d. The actions of one dependent variable have an immediate impact on the dependent variable of a separate independent variable's control loop
- 39. A disturbance variable
 - a. Does not affect the operation of the unit operation being controlled
 - b. Is not included in the feedback control loops associated with the unit operation being controlled
 - c. Is a controlled variable
 - d. Measures upsets in the unit operation due to the control loops employed
- 40. A disturbance variable
 - a. Affects the operation of the unit operation being controlled
 - b. Is not included in the feedback control loops associated with the unit operation being controlled
 - c. Is not a controlled variable
 - d. All of the above

- 41. A disturbance variable
 - a. Does not affect the operation of the unit operation being controlled
 - b. Is included in the feedback control loops associated with the unit operation being controlled
 - c. Is an independent variable
 - d. All of the above
- 41. Feedforward control . . .
 - a. Is also known as open loop control
 - b. Uses the measurement of a dependent variable
 - c. Is the same as feedback control
 - d. Manipulates an independent disturbance variable in the control loop
- 42. Feedforward control . . .
 - a. Is also known as disturbed loop control
 - b. Uses the measurement of an independent variable
 - c. Is the same as feedback control
 - d. Manipulates an independent disturbance variable in the control loop
- 43. Feedforward control . . .
 - a. Is also known as disturbed loop control
 - b. Uses the measurement of a dependent variable
 - c. Manipulates an independent disturbance variable in the control loop
 - d. None of the above
- 44. Feedforward control . . .
 - a. Is used to anticipate changes to a unit operation
 - b. Controls the actions of an independent disturbance variable
 - c. Is also known as disturbance loop control
 - d. None of the above
- 45. Feedforward control . . .
 - a. Is often combined with feedback control
 - b. Generates an error by comparing a disturbance variable to a setpoint
 - c. Generates an error that can be added to the error from a feedback controller
 - d. All of the above
- 46. Feedforward control . . .
 - a. Is used instead of feedback control
 - b. Generates an error by comparing a disturbance variable to a setpoint
 - c. Generates an error that can be added to the error from a feedback controller
 - d. Both b and c
- 47. Feedforward control . . .
 - a. Can be combined with feedback control in two different ways

- b. Generates an error by comparing a measurement variable to a setpoint
- c. Generates an error that can be used as an external setpoint for a feedback controller
- d. Both b and c

48. In a ratio controller . . .

- a. The value of a disturbance variable is added to the value of a measurement variable
- b. The ratio of two measurements is used as the input variable which is then compared to a setpoint in the controller
- c. The ratio of two separate outputs is used to adjust an independent variable such as a control valve
- d. All of the above

49. In a ratio controller . . .

- a. The value of a disturbance variable is divided by the value of a measurement variable
- b. The ratio of two disturbance variables is used as the input variable which is then compared to a setpoint in the controller
- c. The ratio of two separate outputs is used to adjust an independent variable such as a control valve
- d. All of the above
- 50. In a ratio controller . . .
 - a. The value of a disturbance variable is divided by the value of a measurement variable
 - b. The ratio of two separate outputs is used to adjust an independent variable such as a control valve
 - c. The measurement ratio is used as the input variable which is then compared to a setpoint in the controller
 - d. All of the above
- 51. When a level controller is used in a recycle loop . . .
 - a. It can be "de-tuned" to reduce process upsets
 - b. Must be coupled to a flow controller in order to work correctly
 - c. The responsiveness of the level measurement to process upsets causes upsets
 - d. All of the above
- 52. When a level controller is used in a recycle loop . . .
 - a. It will smooth out all process upsets
 - b. Can be coupled to a flow controller in a cascade to insure smooth drum outlet flow with adequate level control
 - c. The responsiveness of the level measurement to process upsets causes upsets
 - d. All of the above
- 53. When a level controller is used in a recycle loop . . .
 - a. It can be "de-tuned" to reduce process upsets
 - b. Can be coupled to a flow controller in a cascade to insure smooth drum outlet flow with adequate level control
 - c. The non-responsiveness of the level measurement helps to smooth out process upsets
 - d. All of the above

- 54. For a cascade control loop to work correctly,
 - a. The response dynamics of the master loop must be faster than those of the slave loop
 - b. The response dynamics of the slave loop must be faster than those of the master loop
 - c. The response dynamics of the master loop must be identical to those of the slave loop
 - d. The response dynamics of the master loop should be around 100 times slower than those of the slave loop
- 55. For a cascade control loop to work correctly,
 - a. The response dynamics of the master loop must be slower than those of the slave loop
 - b. The response dynamics of the slave loop must be slower than those of the master loop
 - c. The response dynamics of the master loop must be identical to those of the slave loop
 - d. The response dynamics of the master loop should be around 100 times faster than those of the slave loop
- 56. For a cascade control loop to work correctly,
 - a. The response dynamics of the master loop must be faster than those of the slave loop
 - b. The response dynamics of the master loop must be identical to those of the slave loop
 - c. The response dynamics of the master loop should be around 10 times slower than those of the slave loop
 - d. It must involve unrelated variables
- 57. For a cascade control loop to work correctly,
 - a. The response dynamics of the master loop must be faster than those of the slave loop
 - b. The response dynamics of the master loop must be identical to those of the slave loop
 - c. The response dynamics of the master loop should be around 10 times faster than those of the slave loop
 - d. It must involve inter-dependent variables
- 58. Feedforward and feedback control loops can be combined by
 - a. Adding the outputs together if the responsiveness of the two loops are similar
 - b. Adding the outputs together if the responsiveness of the feedforward loop is much slower than the responsiveness of the feedback loop
 - c. Cascading the feedforward as a master and the feedback as a slave loop
 - d. Cascading the feedback as the master and feedforward as a slave when the responsiveness of the two loops are similar
- 59. Feedforward and feedback control loops can be combined by
 - a. Adding the outputs together if the responsiveness of the two loops are dissimilar
 - b. Adding the outputs together if the responsiveness of the feedforward loop is much faster than the responsiveness of the feedback loop
 - c. Cascading the feedforward as a master and the feedback as a slave loop
 - d. Cascading the feedback as the master and feedforward as a slave when the responsiveness of the two loops are similar
- 60. Feedforward and feedback control loops can be combined by
 - a. Adding the outputs together if the responsiveness of the two loops are dissimilar

- b. Adding the outputs together if the responsiveness of the feedforward loop is much slower than the responsiveness of the feedback loop
- c. Cascading the feedforward as a slave and the feedback as a master loop when the responsiveness of the feedback loop is much slower than the feedforward loop
- d. Cascading the feedback as the master and feedforward as a slave when the responsiveness of the two loops are similar
- 61. Feedforward and feedback control loops can be combined by
 - a. Adding the outputs together if the responsiveness of the two loops are dissimilar
 - b. Adding the outputs together if the responsiveness of the feedforward loop is much slower than the responsiveness of the feedback loop
 - c. Cascading the feedforward as a master and the feedback as a slave loop
 - d. Cascading the feedback as the master and feedforward as a slave when the responsiveness of the feedforward loop is much faster than the feedback loop
- 62. When both the disturbance variable and the measurement variable are non-responsive . . .
 - a. A third, more responsive, variable related to the measurement variable should be used as the slave
 - b. The outputs from the feedforward and feedback controllers should be added together
 - c. Both a and b
 - d. Neither a or b

63. Most controllers include which of the following alarms:

- a. High
- b. Low
- c. Deviation
- d. All of the above

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- a. High high
- b. Low low
- c. Deviation
- d. All of the above

65. Most controllers include which of the following alarms:

- a. High high
- b. Low
- c. Development
- d. All of the above
- 66. Another term for a control operator is . . .
 - a. Broad operator
 - b. Field operator
 - c. Telephone operator
 - d. Board operator
- 67. As much as possible . . .
 - a. Alarms should be handled by the control operator

- b. Alarms should be handled automatically by the control system
- c. Alarms should be ignored
- d. Alarms should be disabled
- 68. The consequences of a highly upset process can include . . .
 - a. Injury to personnel
 - b. The release of toxic materials
 - c. Damage to equipment
 - d. All of the above
- 69. The consequences of a highly upset process can include . . .
 - a. Loss of jobs for the operators
 - b. The release of flammable materials
 - c. Nothing, the control system can handle any contingency
 - d. None of the above
- 70. The safety automation system . . .
 - a. Is integrated with the process control system
 - b. Is independent of the process control system
 - c. Uses the same measurement devices as the process control system
 - d. Is an option used only in very hazardous processes
- 71. The safety automation system . . .
 - a. Uses separate measurement devices
 - b. Activates when a measurement is far out from normal
 - c. Uses separate controllers/control computers
 - d. All of the above
- 72. The safety automation system . . .
 - a. Is integrated with the process control system
 - b. Uses the same measurement devices as the process control system
 - c. Represents a last resort
 - d. Is an option used only in very hazardous processes
- 73. Manual mode . . .
 - a. Is independent of the process control system
 - b. Uses separate measurement devices from the process control system
 - c. Means the control operator overrides the controller output
 - d. Is an option used only in very hazardous processes
- 74. A high-high alarm . . .
 - a. Is integrated with the process control system
 - b. Is a secondary alarm set above the high level alarm of the process device
 - c. Uses the same measurement devices as the process control system
 - d. Is an option used only in very hazardous processes
- 74. A low-low alarm . . .
 - a. Is integrated with the process control system

- b. Uses the same measurement devices as the process control system
- c. Is a secondary alarm set below the high level alarm of the process device
- d. Is a secondary alarm set below the low level alarm of the process device
- 75. An AFO valve . . .
 - a. Shuts off when the air fails
 - b. Opens when the controller output fails
 - c. Shuts off when the measurement device fails to provide an input to the controller
 - d. None of the above
- 76. An AFC valve . . .
 - a. Shuts off when the air fails
 - b. Opens when the controller output fails
 - c. Shuts off when the measurement device fails to provide an input to the controller
 - d. None of the above
- 77. Sequential processes . . .
 - a. Is another name for continuous processes
 - b. Operate similarly to continuous processes
 - c. Require an entirely different control paradigm compared to continuous processes
 - d. Cannot be embedded within continuous processes
- 78. Sequential processes . . .
 - a. Is another name for continuous processes
 - b. Operate similarly to continuous processes
 - c. Use the same control paradigm as continuous processes
 - d. Can be embedded within continuous processes
- 79. Sequential processes . . .
 - a. Are distinctly different from continuous processes
 - b. Require an entirely different control paradigm compared to continuous processes
 - c. Can be embedded within continuous processes
 - d. All of the above

80. A sequential logic controller . . .

- a. Is software or firmware that can be configured to change multiple valve positions and/or motor conditions simultaneously
- b. Is another name for a feedback controller
- c. Is another name for a cascade controller
- d. None of the above
- 81. A sequential logic controller . . .
 - a. Is software or firmware that can be configured to change a single valve position and/or motor condition for a given sequence step
 - b. Is used to change the process from one set of conditions to another
 - c. Is another name for a cascade controller
 - d. None of the above

- 82. A sequential logic controller . . .
 - a. Is software or firmware that can be configured to change a single valve position and/or motor condition for a given sequence step
 - b. Is another name for a feedback controller
 - c. Changes the process conditions based on one or more termination criteria
 - d. None of the above

83. To properly specify a control scheme for a batch process . . .

- a. You only need to look at the operational steps of the process
- b. You walk through the process step by step and add the measurement and control variables required for each step
- c. You only need to specify open/close valves and start/stop motor actions
- d. None of the above