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Section B

Waste Water Engineering
Final Assignment.

Question No 1

Waste Water Treatment!

Wastewater treatment consists of applying known technology to improve or upgrade the quality of water or wastewater.

⇒ Wastewater treatment involves collecting the wastewater in a centralized or decentralized location (Wastewater treatment plant) and subjecting the wastewater to various treatment processes.

⇒ Important of Wastewater Treatment

— The principal objective of wastewater treatment is generally to allow human and industrial effluents to be disposed of without causing danger to human health or unacceptable damage to the natural environment.

— Wastewater if properly treated, is an important resource and can be used for various purposes including irrigation, lawn watering, car washing, flushing toilets and

and landscaping etc.

Wastewater treatment can also generate biogas as final product which is a potential source of energy.

We prefer Rectangular tanks because rectangular clarifiers typically require less land than circular clarifiers for a similar surface area. The reduction becomes even more significant in a multiple-unit design, where common concrete walls are used between rectangular basins. The resulting land availability is a major advantage for treatment plant layout. Construction cost is also reduced as a result of the common concrete walls. The even flow distribution configuration for rectangular clarifiers requires simpler and less expensive pipe work layout and pumping requirement as compared to circular clarifiers where the pipes require a more complicated layout pattern and perhaps a separate pumping station, as well.

Question No 2.

AEROBIC WASTE WATER TREATMENT:-

- * Aerobic processes use bacteria that require oxygen, so air is circulated throughout the treatment tank.
- * These aerobic bacteria then break down the waste within the wastewater.
- * Some systems utilize a pretreatment stage prior to the main treatment to reduce the chance of clogging the system.
- * Electricity is required for system operation.

ANEROBIC WASTE WATER TREATMENT:-

- * Anaerobic bacteria transform organic matter in the wastewater into biogas that contains large amounts of methane gas & carbon dioxide.
- * Energy-efficient process.
- * Often used to treat industrial wastewater that contains high levels of organic matter in warm temperatures.

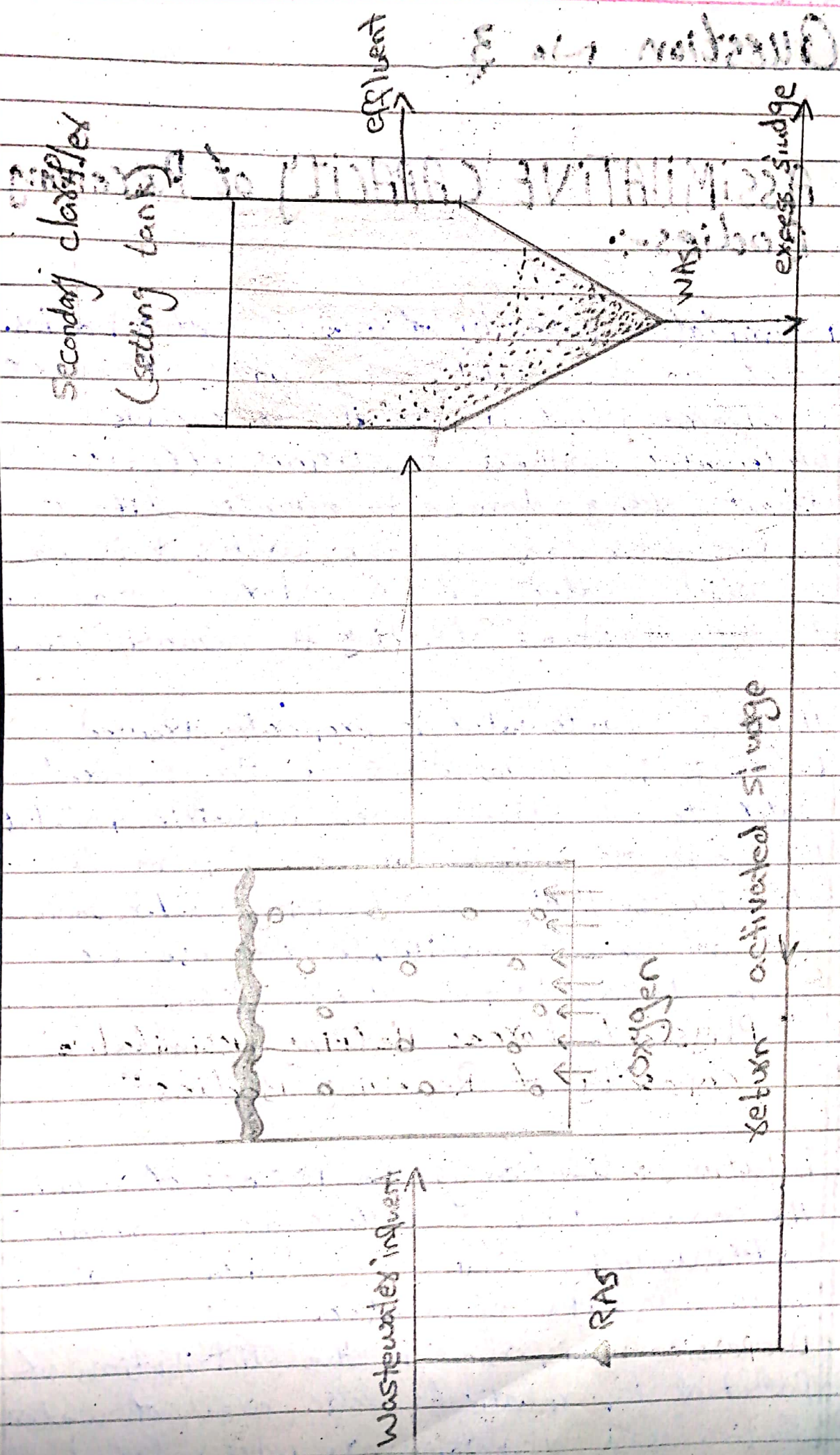
It can be used as a pretreatment prior to aerobic municipal wastewater treatment.

ACTIVATED SLUDGE PROCESS

- Process for treating sewage or industrial waste water, using aeration and biological force composed of bacteria & protozoa.
- It is biological process that can be used for oxidizing carbonaceous biological matter, oxidizing nitrogenous matter (NH_3 & N_2), removing nutrients (N & P).
- Aeration methods - diffused aeration, surface aerators (Cores) and pure oxygen aeration.

PROCESS:-

- Pre-treatment stage to remove large solids and other undesirable substance.
- Aeration stage, where aerobic bacteria digest biological wastes -
- settling stage allows undigested solids, settle forms a sludge that must be periodically removed from the system -
- Disinfecting stage, where chlorine or similar disinfectant is mixed with water, to produce an antiseptic output.



Question No 3

ASSIMILATIVE CAPACITY of Receiving Bodies:-

⇒ Assimilative capacity of receiving water bodies, refers to the ability of a body of water to cleanse itself, its capacity to receive wastewaters without deleterious effects and without causing damage to aquatic life or humans who consume the water. It is level to which water body or nature controls the toxicity without affecting the aquatic life.

⇒ Although wastewater is properly treated before it is disposed of to the natural water streams still it has impurities/pollutants the need to removed or make them less effective so that the receiving water bodies may not become unsuitable for use or cause damage to the aquatic life.

"Physical Forces Helping Assimilative Capacity of Receiving Bodies"

- 1) Dilution:- dilution is the process of reducing the concentration of pollutants in receiving water, usually simply by mixing with more quantity of water.
- 2) Dispersion:- dispersion is the distribution of pollutants in relatively large area of water. Dilution and dispersion are inter-related.
- 3) Sunlight:- sunlight facilitates biological

decomposition of pollutants and kills pathogens by ultraviolet radiation (UV)

⇒ Temperature → Temperature plays an important role in assimilative capacity of receiving water. Increase in temperature will increase the biological decomposition of organics and thus assimilative capacity will improve. Increase in temperature also causes to increase the dilution process and thus increase the assimilative capacity.

⇒ Depth of flowing water :-

Assimilative capacity is indirectly related to the depth of receiving water bodies. Increase in depth causes to decrease dissolved oxygen in the water and thus it reduces the purification process. Also the effects of UV radiation from sunlight which helps to kill the pathogens, decreases with increase in depth.

Question No 4

Sludge refers to the residual, semi-solid material left from municipal wastewater or industrial wastewater treatment process. Sustainable sludge handling/Managing may be defined as a socially acceptable, cost-effective method that meets the requirement of efficient recycling of resources while ensuring that harmful substances are not transferred to humans or the environment i.e water, air or soil.

Advantages of sludge handling/ Managing in wastewater engineering

As wastewater engineering is directly related to environment sludge management is approach towards a better environment.

Residual wastes from hospitals, research facilities and other industries can be hazardous to our health and the environment. These harmful element may require thermal treatment to control the spread of diseases or toxins. sewage sludge incineration reduce volume (up to 90%) and weight (up to 75%) and breaks down dangerous substance such as pathogens and toxic chemicals. Flue gases from exhaust pipes must be handled properly by utilizing a complex treatment system to prevent hazardous emissions and ash from

contaminating the environment.

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Due to excess of new problems in sludge management every year new techniques and professional/experts are emerges in waste water engineering industry to face the challenge and finding the solution.

Question No 5:-

EIA:-

is environmental study comprising collection of data, prediction of qualitative and quantitative impacts, comparison of alternative, evaluation of preventive, mitigation and compensatory measures, formulation of environmental management and arrangements and framing of recommendation as such other components as may be prescribed.

Pakistan Environmental Protection Act, 1997
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A formal process to predict the environment activities and to plan appropriate measures to eliminate or reduce adverse effects and to enhance positive effects.

The following consideration should keep in mind while conducting EIA for the newly proposed waste water treatment plant.

Environmental Damage should be minimum such as do not effect water body greenery and energy consumption which

effect the environment should be maximum and water life should be protected. Ensure that Development is according to:

National Quality standards (NEQs)

The project should not conflict with Govt.

Policies:

International obligations should be strictly followed.

Most treatment plants have primary treatment (physical removal of floatable and settleable solids) and secondary treatment.

(the biological removal of dissolved solids.)

Some other treatment plants have tertiary treatment option. The purpose of tertiary treatment is to provide a final treatment stage to raise the effluent quality before it is discharged to the receiving environment (sea, river, lake, ground, etc)

More than one treatment process may be used at any treatment plant.