Arch 464 ECS Final Exam Spring 2013

40 Multiple Choice Questions – Select the **best** answer for each one.

New Questions



- 1. Hydraulic fracturing (fracking) can extract
 - A. coal
 - B. petroleum
 - C. gasoline
 - D. none of the above
- 2. Currently the U.S. energy use
 - A. totals about 100 quads
 - B. is about 43% efficient
 - C. wastes more than the total produced in 1960
 - D. all of the above
- 3. Bio-fuels cannot be made from
 - A. corn
 - B. elephant grass
 - C. algae
 - D. none of the above

4. The combustion fuel in the U.S. that currently makes a significant contribution to greenhouse gas build-up, which causes global climate change, is

- A. coal B. natural gas
- C. petroleum
- D. all of the above

- 5. The energy source with highest potential availability worldwide is
 - A. hydro power
 - B. nuclear power
 - C. solar power
 - D. conservation

6. The most cost-effective means of reducing greenhouse gas emissions is

- A. conservation
- B. converting to wind power
- C. converting to solar power
- D. converting to nuclear power
- 7. Solar thermal can be used to
 - A. generate electricity at a large scale
 - B. provide domestic hot water
 - C. provide hydronic space heating
 - D. all of the above
- 8. Sound travels fastest in
 - A. air
 - B. water
 - C. aluminum
 - D. the same speed in all of the above
- 9. In a free field, each time you double the distance from a point source of sound,
 - A. intensity is halved
 - B. intensity is reduced by 3dB
 - C. intensity is reduced by 6dB
 - D. none of the above



"BETTER NOT, RUFF. THAT'S A PAY TOILET."

- 10. A project that demonstrates an effective use of a massive sound barrier is
 - A. Predock's New Mexico Heart Institute
 - B. Koolhaas' IIT Campus Center
 - C. Paley Park in NYC
 - D. all of the above

11. Acoustically absorptive panels hung vertically in a space have the advantage of

- A. absorbing sound in two surfaces
- B. exposing thermally massive ceilings
- C. providing more surface area than ceiling-mounted panels
- D. adding decorative architectural detail to the ceiling

12. An indoor space that is acoustically most like an outdoor space has

- A. an acoustic goal of silence
- B. an acoustic goal of quiet
- C. no acoustic goal
- D. none of the above
- 13. Acoustically reflective concave walls
 - A. focus sound
 - B. can create a whisper gallery
 - C. create the creep phenomenon
 - D. all of the above

14. Which of the following strategies can be used effectively for site and room noise mitigation?

- A. acoustic zoning B. sound barriers C. acoustic masking D. all of the above
- 15. To calculate the reverberation time of a theater, you need to calculate
 - A. total absorption of the theater
 - B. noise reduction in the theater
 - C. total sound intensity in the theater
 - D. all of the above

16. Impulse response diagrams give a visual indication of

- A. reverberation time
- B. smoothness of sound decay
- C. gaps in the arrival of reflected sound
- D. all of the above

17. Wide halls like Amsterdam's Concertgebouw have one major weakness,

- A. they're more suitable for voice than musical performance
- B. prime seats in the center of the hall have the poorest acoustics
- C. they require electronic sound enhancement systems
- D. all of the above



18. Surround halls compensate for the lack of reflective side walls by

A. providing diffusely reflective tier facades

B. using reflective concave clouds in the ceiling

C. providing resonance chambers beneath the audience

D. all of the above

19. Arup's auralization technique allows designers to

A. hear a simulated performance in their unbuilt work

B. compare acoustic quality of historic halls

C. evaluate the effectiveness of noise reduction strategies in reverberant spaces

D. all of the above

20. Ray tracing has been used effectively in

A. early graphic models of acoustic spaces

B. laser pointer testing of physical models of acoustic spaces

C. Ecotect computer-based acoustic simulations

D. all of the above

Review Questions

21. When is the Kalwall glazing on the west end of the Kibbie Dome a potential glare problem?

A. never

B. late afternoon on a sunny day

C. when illuminated by light from the east-facing Kalwall facade

D. on cloudy days

22. An 8 candela light source will provide the same illumination at 4 feet as a 2 candela source at

A.1 foot

B. 2 feet

C. 4 feet

D. no distance, it's always brighter than the 2 candela source

23. Roof monitors with south facing glazing can effectively provide diffuse daylighting

A. all year

B. only in the summer

C. only in the winter

D. if well-designed louvers or baffles are used

24. The hand calculation method for predicting daylight levels that doesn't require drawings of room geometry is

A. the Graphic Daylight Design Method

B. the LBL nomograph

C. the BRS protractor method

D. all of the above do

25. A major advantage of computer models over hand calculation methods for daylight prediction is

- A. more accuracy
- B. simultaneous modeling of daylight and energy use
- C. display of light distribution in space
- D. all of the above

26. The daylighted artificial sky being built in AAS third floor will be useful in daylighting model testing because it

- A. reproduces the illumination of a cloudy sky
- B. models the distribution of light for a standard cloudy sky
- C. reproduce the light quality of a cloudy sky
- D. has a skylight that simulates direct sun

27. LED lamps that are replacements for CFL lamps currently have

- A. much greater efficacy
- B. about the same efficacy
- C. lower efficacy
- D. much lower efficacy

28. The least efficient type of fixture is

- A. direct
- B. direct/indirect
- C. indirect
- D. daylight

29. If the point source method determines that a source A, 12 feet away, will contribute 32fc to a surface and a source B, 24 feet away, will contribute 16fc, you are confident that

A. source A is brighter

- B. the surface receives at least 48fc
- C. the surface receives no more than 48fc
- D. exactly 48fc illuminate the surface

30. The newest version of living machines feature

- A. the use of aquatic animals
- B. "tidal action" for treatment
- C. a protective greenhouse
- D. all of the above



- 31. The biological waste water treatment system nearest to Moscow, ID, is
 - A. Moscow Waste Water Treatment Plant
 - B. in the San Francisco PUD building lobby
 - C. at IslandWood on Bainbridge Island, WA
 - D. in the UI Water Center in Boise, ID

32. A fixture that eliminates all black water from a residential building's waste stream is

- A. a waterless urinal
- B. a composting toilet
- C. an incinerating toilet
- D. none of the above

33. Usually the effluent from the Moscow Waste Water Treatment Plant enters Paradise Creek cleaner than the water in the creek because

- A. MWWT plant is super effective
- B. the agricultural lands pollute the creek
- C. urban Moscow pollutes the creek
- D. B & C above

34. Refuse found in UI campus dumpsters demonstrates that we

- A. mostly recyclable materials
- B. mostly compostable materials
- C. mostly trash that must go to the landfill
- D. close to equal parts of trash, recyclables, and compostables



- 35. A score of zero on the SBSE revision of Malcolm Wells checklist indicates
 - A. a seriously degenerative building
 - B. a building without environmental merit
 - C. a sustainable building
 - D. a regenerative building

36. The spaghetti charts for U.S. energy production and use show that since 1960

- A. energy efficiency has increased dramatically
- B. energy efficiency has decreased dramatically
- C. energy efficiency has never been above 50%
- D. total energy use doubles every decade

37. The greatest financial benefit of a green building is

- A. water savings
- B. energy savings
- C. enhanced worker productivity
- D. public goodwill

38. In order to mitigate global warming, buildings must be designed to

- A. greatly reduce carbon emissions
- B. be sustainable
- C. be self-sufficient
- D. be LEED Platinum
- 39. A building with a low life cycle cost may have
 - A. the lowest first cost
 - B. the lowest maintenance and operating costs
 - C. alternative energy systems that payback over a relatively short period
 - D. any of the above
- 40. European regulations now require that public buildings
 - A. generate 10% of their own energy
 - B. comply to the Kyoto Accord
 - C. display an energy performance certificate
 - D. none of the above

Catch some rays, catch some Zzzzzzzzs! Hope you enjoyed the sweet loo illustrated final. Come back with new energy next fall!