

Biogen Specific Teaching Material

Basic Principles of Process Control Systems and Automation –
Measurement of Variables Critical to Controlling Processes – pH





Questions & Answers

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2. Explain the difference between 'in-situ' (in-line), off-line, and on-line measuring bioprocessing parameters.

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2. (Sample answer:) The in-line uses sensors within the vessel or flow lines that give rapid measurements in real-time. The off-line measurements are direct, manual, but slower and more labour-intensive. The on-line method is a good compromise between in-line and off-line measuring.

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3. Which system offers a rapid, real-time measurement of pH, through sensors?

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3. in-situ, or in-line, measurement system with sensors offers a rapid, real-time measurement of pH.

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4. Which system of pH measurement may fall short in sensitivity, in terms of range and durability?

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5. Which pH monitoring system automatically withdraws and analyses a sample?

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6. The control of pH is based on the comparison of which aspects?

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7. Which section of the device, assists in metering out the acid and the alkali?

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7. Peristaltic pumps made of silicone assist in metering out the acid and the alkali.

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8. Why is an adjustment of the pH "set point" made?

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8. An adjustment of the pH "set point" is made to prevent an overdose of the titration solution, or titrant.

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9. pH measurements should be accurate within how many pH units?

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9. pH measurements should be accurate within give or take
0.02 pH units.

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10. What valuable data do the dynamics of pH values' changes provide?

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10. The dynamics of pH values' changes provide valuable data on the process kinetics.

Thank you for your attention!

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