



## **Industrial Drilling Products Workshop - Water Well Applications**

### **COURSE REVIEW**

The following is designed to reinforce the subject matter presented to you in this course.

1. Samples for sand content should be taken:  
☐ a. from the tank  
☐ b. at the pump suction  
☐ c. from the flow line  
☐ d. b & c
2. The correct order of addition for mixing drilling fluid additives is:  
☐ a. bentonite, surfactants, polymers  
☐ b. soda ash, polymers, bentonite, surfactants  
☐ c. surfactants, bentonite, soda ash, polymers  
☐ d. soda ash, bentonite, polymers, surfactants
3. The primary function of EZ-MUD® GOLD is:  
☐ a. shale & clay stabilization  
☐ b. thinner/dispersant  
☐ c. filtration control  
☐ d. viscosifier
4. Increase in drilled solids causes:  
☐ a. smoother looking mud  
☐ b. faster drilling rate  
☐ c. thicker filter cake  
☐ d. extended equipment life
5. The primary function of QUIK-TROL® GOLD LV is:  
☐ a. thinner/dispersant  
☐ b. viscosifier  
☐ c. filtration control  
☐ d. shale/clay stabilizer
6. The density of fresh water is:  
☐ a. 6.7 lb./gal  
☐ b. 8.34 lb./gal  
☐ c. 8.0 lb./gal
7. When testing drilling fluids, the Marsh Funnel is used to:  
☐ a. determine the filtration rate  
☐ b. determine solids content  
☐ c. determine viscosity  
☐ d. determine gel strengths

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8. The Marsh Funnel viscosity of fresh water is:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a. 24 sec/qt  
\_\_\_\_\_ b. 26 sec/qt  
\_\_\_\_\_ c. 32 sec/qt
9. The desired pH of drilling muds is normally:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a. acidic  
\_\_\_\_\_ b. slightly alkaline, 8.5 – 9.5  
\_\_\_\_\_ c. neutral  
\_\_\_\_\_ d. about the same as Coca-Cola®
10. The mud balance is used to:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a. determine the carrying capacity of a drilling fluid  
\_\_\_\_\_ b. measure the mud density  
\_\_\_\_\_ c. determine thick or thin fluids  
\_\_\_\_\_ d. hammer small nails
11. Hard make-up water can be treated to increase the yield (viscosity building property) of clay by:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a. pre-treating the water with soda ash  
\_\_\_\_\_ b. pre-treating the water with lime  
\_\_\_\_\_ c. pre-treating the water with salt  
\_\_\_\_\_ d. pre-treating the water with vinegar
12. Key factor(s) in the control of drilling fluid properties for water well applications during the drilling phase and the efficiency of the completion phase is the:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a. thinner used in the mud  
\_\_\_\_\_ b. degree and consistency of filtration control during the drilling phase  
\_\_\_\_\_ c. non-reactive solids content in the mud  
\_\_\_\_\_ d. b & c
13. QUIK-GEL® is added to drilling fluids to:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a. increase viscosity and establish a thin, low permeable filter cake  
\_\_\_\_\_ b. reduce filtration rate and increase the carrying capacity of the fluid  
\_\_\_\_\_ c. control seepage/loss of circulation to formation  
\_\_\_\_\_ d. all of the above
14. When placing an annular seal in the vadose zone (unsaturated section of the geology) the bentonite sealing material that is best suited for this environment is:  
\_\_\_\_\_ a. inhibited pumpable grouts  
\_\_\_\_\_ b. dispersed pumpable grouts  
\_\_\_\_\_ c. pumpable grouts with a solids content of 30% by weight  
\_\_\_\_\_ d. HOLEPLUG® bentonite chips

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15. High water loss/filtration rate from a drilling fluid:

- ☐ a. is of no major importance
- ☐ b. can result in more difficult well completion and extended development time
- ☐ c. results in a thick filter cake developed on exposed permeable formations
- ☐ d. b & c

16. Under ideal conditions, drilling rate will be greater with:

- ☐ a. high mud weight
- ☐ b. low mud weight
- ☐ c. medium mud weight

17. Contamination of a bentonite-based drilling fluid with gypsum (calcium) results in:

- ☐ a. reduced viscosity and pump pressure
- ☐ b. increased viscosity, increased pump pressure and flocculation of the bentonite present in the fluid
- ☐ c. hard mud
- ☐ d. lowered filtration rate

18. To minimize chances of lost circulation one should:

- ☐ a. use maximum mud weight and viscosity and run and pull pipe at high speeds
- ☐ b. use minimum mud weight and viscosity and run and pull pipe at slow speeds
- ☐ c. begin rotating the drill string only after bringing pump online
- ☐ d. crank up the pump rate to out pump the losses

19. To reduce the funnel viscosity of a mud, one could:

- ☐ a. add EZ-MUD®
- ☐ b. add QUIK-TROL® GOLD
- ☐ c. add a thinner/dispersant such as AQUA-CLEAR® PFD
- ☐ d. add QUIK-GEL®

20. If no weighting material has been added, which of the following muds would be expected to deposit the thicker wall cake?

| Fluid Properties               | Mud A | Mud B | Mud C |
|--------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|
| Density, lb./gal               | 8.6   | 9.8   | 8.5   |
| Marsh Funnel Viscosity, sec/qt | 35    | 30    | 40    |
| Filtrate, ml/30 min            | 18    | 18    | 18    |

- ☐ a. Mud A
- ☐ b. Mud B
- ☐ c. Mud C