



**Test yourself**

**SECTION SEVEN**

## Introduction

The questions are laid out under the headings of each section. The answers are at the back of this section, with occasional comments and references.

Questions in *italics* are a repeat of the examples found in each section. Try them, and if you have a problem, look in the appropriate section and see how it should be done.

Use these values:

Density of fresh water 1 kg/L 1 t/m<sup>3</sup> 10 lbs/gal 62.5 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>

Density of sea water 1.03 kg/L 1.03 t/m<sup>3</sup> 10.3 lbs/gal 64.38 lbs/ft<sup>3</sup>

Divers gas consumption 35 L/min 1.25 ft<sup>3</sup>/min

Divers gas consumption from a bail out bottle in an emergency;  
40 L/min 1.5 ft<sup>3</sup>/min

Metabolic oxygen consumption in chambers  
0.7 m<sup>3</sup>/day or 0.5 L/min per diver  
25 ft<sup>3</sup>/day or 0.018 ft<sup>3</sup>/min per diver

## The questions

- 1 What is the absolute pressure at a depth of 254 msw?
- 2 What is the absolute pressure at a depth of 254 fsw?

(If you can't do these questions, stop here!)

## How long have you got?

- 3 A diver is working at 120 msw for 4 hours. What volume of gas will he use?
- 4 A diver is working at 100 fsw for 30 minutes. What volume of gas will he use?
- 5 Two divers are working out of the bell at 75 msw. What volume of gas will they use in 4 hours?

*quad will be changed over at 500 psi)*

- 19 A diver is working at 380 fsw. He's breathing from a quad which contains 22,500 ft<sup>3</sup> of gas at a pressure of 3000 psi. The quad will be changed over at 450 psi. How long could the diver work for?
- 20 A quad contains 5400 ft<sup>3</sup> at a pressure of 2800 psi. It can be used until the pressure drops to 400 psi. What volume of gas is available to the diver?
- 21 An LP compressor supplies 30 ft<sup>3</sup>/min at 300 psi. The diver plans to work at 100 fsw. Is the air supply sufficient?
- 22 A lightweight LP compressor delivers 250 l/min at a pressure of 15 bar. Two divers are planning to work at 30 msw. Is the air supply sufficient?
- 23 Two divers are planning to work at 60 fsw, using an LP compressor. What is the minimum delivery volume and pressure that they require?
- 24 A bail out bottle has a floodable volume of 12 litres. How much time has a diver got if his surface supply fails at 200 msw ?  
The bail out bottle is at a pressure of 180 bar.
- 25 A bail out bottle contains 100 ft<sup>3</sup> at 3500 psi. It's at a pressure of 3000 psi. If the diver's surface supply fails at 500 fsw, how long has he got to get back to the bell?
- 26 After filling to 200 bar, a bail out bottle is at a temperature of 30°C. What will the pressure be when the temperature drops to 4°C?
- 27 After filling to 3500 psi, a bail out bottle is at a temperature of 40°C. What will the pressure be when the temperature drops to 4°C?

### **Breathing the right gas**

- 28 A diver at 250 fsw is breathing a 15% mix. What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> in his mix?
- 29 In a chamber at 80 msw, the oxygen percentage reading is 4.5%. What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> in the chamber?
- 30 A diver at 125 msw is breathing a 4% mix. What is his PPO<sub>2</sub>?

- 31 A diver at 165 msw is breathing a 4% mix. What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> in his mix?
- 32 A diver at 340 fsw is breathing a 6% mix. What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> in his mix?
- 33 A diver at 60 msw is breathing an 18% mix. What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> in his mix?
- 34 What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> in a chamber at 50 fsw if the oxygen percentage is 23%?
- 35 The PPO<sub>2</sub> in a chamber at 108 msw is 400 mb. What is the oxygen percentage?
- 36 The PPO<sub>2</sub> in a chamber at 327 fsw is 0.42 AT. What is the percentage of oxygen in the chamber?
- 37 *During a saturation dive at 600 fsw, the divers require a PPO<sub>2</sub> between 0.5 and 0.7 AT. What is a suitable mix?*
- 38 *If the PPO<sub>2</sub> must lie between 1.2 and 1.6 bar, what is the greatest depth (in msw) at which you could use a 15% mix?*
- 39 During a bounce dive to 80 msw, the divers require a PPO<sub>2</sub> between 1.2 and 1.6 bar. What is a suitable mix?
- 40 During a saturation dive at 208 msw, the divers require a PPO<sub>2</sub> between 550 and 750 mb. What is a suitable mix?
- 41 Assuming that air contains 21% oxygen and 79% nitrogen, what is the PPO<sub>2</sub> and PPN<sub>2</sub> in air at 165 fsw?
- 42 A hydrox mix contains 1% oxygen. How deep could the diver go without exceeding a PPO<sub>2</sub> of 750 mb?
- 43 *A dive is planned to 290 fsw, using a 15% mix. Which USN Partial Pressure Table should be used? (The tables go from a PPH<sub>e</sub> of 60 fsw to 360 fsw in steps of 10 fsw)*
- 44 A dive is planned to 155 fsw, using an 18% mix. Which USN Partial Pressure Table should be used?
- 45 A dive is planned to 170 fsw, using a 20% mix. Which USN Partial Pressure Table should be used?

## Gas mixing

- 46 You want to make 200 bar of 8%, using 4% and 23%. What pressure of each gas do you need?
- 47 You want to make 180 bar of 6%, using 2% and 18%. What pressure of each gas do you need?
- 48 You want to make 3000 psi of 23%, using 12% and 50%. What pressure of each gas do you need?
- 49 You want to make 2500 psi of 12%, using 2% and 18%. What pressure of each gas do you need?
- 50 You have 70 bar of 4% and you want to turn it into 6%, by pumping in 10%. What will the final pressure of the mixture be?
- 51 You have 45 bar of 2% and you want to turn it into 10%, by pumping in 18%. What will the final pressure of the mixture be?
- 52 You have 1800 psi of 1.5% and you want to turn it into 4%, by pumping in 16%. What will the final pressure of the mixture be?
- 53 You have 600 psi of 2% and you want to turn it into 6%, by pumping in 18%. What will the final pressure of the mixture be?
- 54 You have 50 bar of 2%, 40 bar of 4% and you want to mix them together and add 23% to make the mix up to 8%. What will the final pressure be?
- 55 You have 500 psi of 6%, 400 psi of 4% and you want to mix them together and add 16% to make the mix up to 12%. What will the final pressure be?

## Chambers and bells

- 56 You want to pressurise a chamber to 90 msw, using 12% and 2%. The final PPO<sub>2</sub> must be 600 mb. What depth of 12% should you add to start the pressurisation?
- 57 You want to pressurise a chamber to 250 fsw, using 16% and 2%. The final PPO<sub>2</sub> must be 0.5 AT. What depth of 16% should you add to start the pressurisation?

- 58 You want to pressurise a chamber to 500 fsw, using 18% and 1%. The final PPO<sub>2</sub> must be 0.6 AT. What depth of 18% should you add to start the pressurisation?
- 59 You want to pressurise a chamber to 120 msw, using 20% and 1.5%. The final PPO<sub>2</sub> must not exceed 650 mb. What depth of 20% should you add to start the pressurisation?
- 60 A chamber system has a volume of 40 m<sup>3</sup>. What volume of gas would it take to pressurise it to 150 msw?
- 61 A chamber system has a volume of 1200 ft<sup>3</sup>. What volume of gas would it take to pressurise it to 500 fsw?
- 62 A chamber system has a volume of 38 m<sup>3</sup>. What volume of gas would it take to pressurise it to 212 msw?
- 63 A chamber system has a volume of 875 ft<sup>3</sup>. What volume of gas would it take to pressurise it to 355 fsw?
- 64 A chamber system has a volume of 30 m<sup>3</sup>. It is to be pressurised to 90 msw, with 21 msw of 12% and 69 msw of 2%. What volume of each gas would be needed?
- 65 A chamber system has a volume of 1100 ft<sup>3</sup>. It is to be pressurised to 620 fsw, with 39 fsw of 18% and 581 fsw of 1%. What volume of each gas would be needed?
- 66 A chamber system has a volume of 45 m<sup>3</sup>. It is to be pressurised to 197 msw, with 7 msw of 16% and 190 msw of 1.5%. What volume of each gas would be needed?
- 67 A saturation pressurisation is aborted at 70 msw, when the PPO<sub>2</sub> is 400 mb. You have bounce dive tables for 78 msw using a 18% mix, 80 msw using 16% and 82 msw using 16%.

*Choose a suitable bounce table to decompress the divers.*

- 68 A saturation pressurisation is aborted at 95 msw, when the PPO<sub>2</sub> is 450 mb. You have bounce dive tables from 100 msw to 112 msw, all using 12%

*Choose a suitable bounce table to decompress the divers.*

- 69 A saturation pressurisation is aborted at 300 fsw. The PPO<sub>2</sub> is 0.4 AT. Which USN PPH<sub>e</sub> table could you use to decompress the divers? (The tables go from a PPH<sub>e</sub> of 60 fsw to 360 fsw in steps of 10 fsw)
- 70 A saturation pressurisation is aborted at 180 fsw. The PPO<sub>2</sub> is 0.45 AT. Which USN PPH<sub>e</sub> table could you use to decompress the divers? <sup>170</sup>
- 71 A medical lock is 0.8 metres long and 0.3 metres in diameter. the chamber is at 160 msw. How much gas is used when the lock is operated.
- 72 An equipment lock is 4 ft long and 2ft 6 ins in diameter. The chamber is at 510 fsw. How much gas is used when the lock is operated.
- 73 9 divers are in saturation for 5.5 days. How much oxygen will they use in the chamber? (answer in m<sup>3</sup>)
- 74 6 divers are in saturation for 12 days. How much oxygen will they use in the chamber? (answer in ft<sup>3</sup>)
- 75 A decompression from 95 msw takes 2 days, with a PPO<sub>2</sub> of 600 mb. There are two divers in the chamber, and the chamber volume is 10 m<sup>3</sup>. How much oxygen is used?
- 76 A decompression from 180 msw takes 4 days, with a PPO<sub>2</sub> of 600 mb. There are two divers in the chamber, and the chamber volume is 10 m<sup>3</sup>. How much oxygen is used?
- 77 4 divers are in saturation for 8 days at 110 msw, with a PPO<sub>2</sub> of 400 mb. Before starting the decompression, the PPO<sub>2</sub> is raised to 600 mb. The decompression takes 3 days. The chamber volume is 15 m<sup>3</sup>. How much oxygen is used?
- 78 During a saturation, the PPO<sub>2</sub> in the chamber is maintained at 400mb. Before starting decompression, the level is raised to 600 mb. If the chamber volume is 17 m<sup>3</sup>, what volume of oxygen is required raise the PPO<sub>2</sub>?
- 79 6 divers are in saturation at 275 fsw for 10 days with a PPO<sub>2</sub> of 0.4 AT. The PPO<sub>2</sub> is then raised to 0.6 AT for a decompression which lasts 2 days. The chamber volume is 500 ft<sup>3</sup>. How much oxygen is used altogether?

- 80 A chamber is at 145 msw and 28°C. At the start of the shift, the temperature was 32°C. If the life support crew had not added gas to maintain depth, by how much would the depth have decreased?
- 81 A chamber is at 345 fsw and 31°C. The temperature drops to 26°C. If the life support crew took no action, what would the depth decrease by?
- 82 Chamber 1 is at 97 msw, with a PPO<sub>2</sub> of 400 mb. It is blown down to 130 msw, using 2%. What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> at 130 msw?
- 83 A chamber is blown down from 180 fsw to 210 fsw using 4%. If the PPO<sub>2</sub> was 0.4 AT at 180 fsw, what is it at 210 fsw?
- 84 After a serious leak, a chamber is at 50 msw with a PPO<sub>2</sub> of 180 mb. The chamber is blown back to the living depth of 125 msw using 5%. What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> at living depth?
- 85 Chamber 1 is at 320 fsw, with a PPO<sub>2</sub> of 0.4 AT, percentage 3.74% It is bled to 265 fsw. What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> at 265 fsw?
- 86 A chamber is at 186 msw, with an oxygen percentage of 2.1% It is bled to 143 msw. What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> at 143 msw?
- 87 After equalisation, Chamber 1 has a volume of 12 m<sup>3</sup> and a PPO<sub>2</sub> of 480 mb. Chamber 2 has a volume of 8 m<sup>3</sup> and a PPO<sub>2</sub> of 400 mb.
- What is the final PPO<sub>2</sub> when the atmospheres are completely mixed?
- 88 Chamber 1 has a volume of 400 ft<sup>3</sup> and the PPO<sub>2</sub> is 0.45 AT. Chamber 2 has the same volume, but the PPO<sub>2</sub> is 0.38 AT.
- What is the final PPO<sub>2</sub> when the chamber atmospheres are fully mixed?
- 89 Chamber 1 has a volume of 18 m<sup>3</sup> and the PPO<sub>2</sub> is 420 mb  
 Chamber 2 has a volume of 12 m<sup>3</sup> and the PPO<sub>2</sub> is 400 mb  
 Chamber 3 has a volume of 15 m<sup>3</sup> and the PPO<sub>2</sub> is 600 mb
- What is the final PPO<sub>2</sub> when all the chamber atmospheres are fully mixed?
- 90 A chamber and bell are at 185 msw, with a PPO<sub>2</sub> of 400 mb. For the

dive, the bell is separated from the chamber and blown down on 4% to a working depth of 200 msw. What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> in the bell at working depth?

- 91 Divers are being pressurised in a chamber using 2% straight from the surface. The pressurisation is aborted at 70 fsw when the oxygen percentage is 8%. The chamber is bled straight back to surface. What is the PPO<sub>2</sub> on the surface? How do the divers feel about this?
- 92 The bellman uses a chemical sampling tube to take a CO<sub>2</sub> reading in the bell. The scale reading is 1.4%. If the bell is at 400 fsw, give the true percentage of CO<sub>2</sub>, the PPCO<sub>2</sub> and the SEP.
- 93 The bellman uses a chemical sampling tube to take a CO<sub>2</sub> reading in the bell. The scale reading is 2%. If the bell is at 145 msw, give the true percentage of CO<sub>2</sub>, the PPCO<sub>2</sub> and the SEP.

$$\frac{145}{10} + 1 = 15.5 = 0.13$$

$$\frac{2}{10} = 20\text{mb}$$

2% is the scale reading

### Lifting things

- 94 A diving bell displaces 5 m<sup>3</sup> of sea water and weighs 4.8 tonnes. Is the bell positively buoyant?
- 95 Would the bell in Question 90 be positively buoyant in fresh water?
- 96 A diving bell displaces 180 ft<sup>3</sup> of sea water and weighs 5.2 imperial tons (that's 2240 lbs). Is the bell positively buoyant?
- 97 A diving bell displaces 180 ft<sup>3</sup> of sea water and weighs 5.2 US tons (that's 2000 lbs). Is the bell positively buoyant?
- 98 A block of concrete, 1m by 1m by 1m, is lying on the seabed. The density of concrete is 2400 kg/m<sup>3</sup>. How much force is required to lift the block clear of the seabed? (Ignore any suction)
- 99 A welding habitat weighs 25 tonnes in air. It displaces 12 m<sup>3</sup>. What does it weigh in sea water?
- 100 A closed length of pipe weighs 12 imperial tons (2240 lbs) and displaces 140 ft<sup>3</sup>. How many 1 ton lifting bags would you need to lift it clear of the seabed? (Ignore suction)

## The answers

- 1 ~~35.4~~ bar 26.4 bar
- 2 8.69 AT
- 3 109.2 m<sup>3</sup> (See page 4)
- 4 151 ft<sup>3</sup> (See page 4)
- 5 142.8 m<sup>3</sup>
- 6 70.45 ft<sup>3</sup>
- 7 320 m<sup>3</sup> (See page 5)
- 8 192 m<sup>3</sup> (See page 7)
- 9 6 hours 32 minutes (See page 7)
- 10 4 hours 39 minutes (See page 8)
- 11 560 m<sup>3</sup>
- 12 105 m<sup>3</sup> It's only a 12 bottle quad!
- 13 2.15 m<sup>3</sup>
- 14 1 hour 18 minutes
- 15 3480 ft<sup>3</sup>
- 16 4639 ft<sup>3</sup>
- 17 19125 ft<sup>3</sup>
- 18 26 hours 14 minutes (See page 9)
- 19 20 hours 22 minutes
- 20 4629 ft<sup>3</sup>
- 21 Yes. (See page 11)
- 22 No. (See page 12)
- 23 7.04 ft<sup>3</sup> per minute, 12.82 AT
- 24 2.1 minutes (See page 13)
- 25 3.1 minutes
- 26 183 bar (See page 14)
- 27 3097 psi.
- 28 1.287 AT (See page 17)
- 29 405 mb (See page 18)
- 30 540 mb (See page 21)
- 31 700 mb
- 32 0.678 AT
- 33 1.26 bar
- 34 578 mb
- 35 3.39%
- 36 3.85%
- 37 Anything between 2.6% and 3.6% (See page 22)
- 38 96.6 msw (See page 23)
- 39 Anything between 13.3% and 17.78%
- 40 Anything between 2.52% and 3.44%
- 41 1.26 At, 4.74 AT
- 42 740 msw
- 43 The exact value is 274 fsw, so use the 290 fsw table. (See page 24)

- 44 The exact value is 154.6 fsw, so use 170 fsw table.
- 45 The exact value is 162.4 fsw, so use the 180 fsw table.
- 46 158 bar of 4% 42 bar of 23% (See page 30)
- 47 135 bar of 2, 4<sup>45</sup> bar of 18%
- 48 2132 psi of 12%, 868 psi of 50%. Be careful with the 50%!
- 49 938 psi of 2%, 1562 psi of 18%
- 50 105 bar (See page 31)
- 51 90 bar
- 52 2175 psi
- 53 800 psi
- 54 121 bar (See page 33)
- 55 2450 psi
- 56 21 msw (See page 38)
- 57 33 fsw (See page 39)
- 58 42 fsw 46.3 fsw.
- 59 14 msw / ~~10 msw~~
- 60 600 m<sup>3</sup> (See page 42)
- 61 18182 ft<sup>3</sup> (See page 42)
- 62 805.6 m<sup>3</sup>
- 63 9413 ft<sup>3</sup>
- 64 63 m<sup>3</sup> of 12%, 207 m<sup>3</sup> of 2% (See page 43)
- 65 1300 ft<sup>3</sup> of 18%, 19367 ft<sup>3</sup> of 1%
- 66 ~~245~~ m<sup>3</sup> of 16%, 855 m<sup>3</sup> of 1.5%
- 67 Use the 82 msw, 16% table (See page 44)
- 68 Use the 109 msw table
- 69 Use the 330 fsw table (See page 45)
- 70 Use the 210 fsw table -
- 71 0.912 m<sup>3</sup> The answer may vary slightly, depending on the value that you use for  $\pi$ . This answer uses 3.1415927, straight off the calculator. If you use 3.14 you get 0.905 m<sup>3</sup>. (See page 46)
- 72 303.44 ft<sup>3</sup> As above, answers may vary. 3.14 gives 303.3 ft<sup>3</sup>. 303.4<sup>3</sup>
- 73 34.65 m<sup>3</sup> (See page 48)
- 74 1800 ft<sup>3</sup>
- 75 16.6 m<sup>3</sup> (See page 49)
- 76 23.26 m<sup>3</sup>
- 77 56.16 m<sup>3</sup> (See page 50)
- 78 3.4 m<sup>3</sup>
- 79 2570 ft<sup>3</sup> You need 100 ft<sup>3</sup> to make up the PPO2 to 0.6 AT, 1800 ft<sup>3</sup> in total for metabolic use and 670 ft<sup>3</sup> for the decompression
- 80 2.05 msw (See page 53)
- 81 6.2 fsw
- 82 466 mb (See page 55)
- 83 0.436 AT
- 84 555 mb

- 85 0.338 AT (See page 55)
- 86 321 mb
- 87 448 mb (See page 56)
- 88 0.415 AT
- 89 474 mb Just like the others. Find the total volume of oxygen and divide by the total chamber volume.
- 90 460 mb (See page 57)
- 91 0.08 AT ~~0.0106~~
- 92 True percentage 0.08%, PPCO<sub>2</sub> 0.014 AT, SEP 1.4% (See page 59)
- 93 True percentage 0.13%, PPCO<sub>2</sub> 20 mb, SEP 2.0%
- 94 Yes, the upthrust is 5.15 tonnes (See page 66)
- 95 Yes, the upthrust is 5 tonnes
- 96 No, the upthrust is 5.17 imperial tons (See page 66)
- 97 Yes, the upthrust is 5.79 US tons
- 98 1.37 tonnes (See page 67)
- 99 12.64 tonnes
- 100 You need a lift of 7.98 tons, that's 8 lifting bags.