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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:**

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ACH 4302 : ANALYTICAL INSTRUMENTATION II PAPER 1

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

**SERIES:** DECEMBER 2016

**TIME:** 2 HOURS

**DATE:** Pick Date Dec 2016

**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

*-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Answer question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

**Do not write on the question paper.**

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**Question ONE**

- a. Define the following terms
  - i. Spectroscopy (1mark)
  - ii. Mass to charge ratio (1 mark)
- b. Differentiate between
  - i. Stationary phase and mobile phase (2 marks)
  - ii. single beam and double beam instrument. (2 marks)
  - iii. Isocratic and gradient elution (2 marks)
- c. State 4 limitations of beers law. (4 marks)
- d. Use a diagram to represent a double beam instrument (5 marks)
- e. state an advantage and disadvantage of flame atomizers used in AAS (2 marks)
- f. A solution containing Bi(III) has a molar absorptivity of  $9.32 \times 10^3 \text{ l/mol/cm}$  at 470nm.
  - i. Calculate the absorbance at a concentration of  $4.5 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M}$  and 1cm path length (2 marks)
  - ii. calculate %T of this solution (2 marks)
- g. Describe using a diagram the working of a thermal conductivity detector (4 marks)
- h. State 3 advantages of the FTIR spectrophotometer over dispersive instruments (3 marks)

**Question TWO**

- Using a diagram describe paper chromatography (5 marks)
- In a chromatographic analysis of lemon oil a peak for limonene has a retention time of 8.36 min with a baseline width of 0.96 min. g-Terpinene elutes at 9.54 min, with a baseline width of 0.64 min. What is the resolution between the two peaks? (3 marks)
- State what controls temperature in a GC (1 mark)
- Draw the schematic diagram of a gas chromatography and explain the different parts (8 marks)
- State 3 factors to consider when selecting a stationary phase (3 marks)

### Question THREE

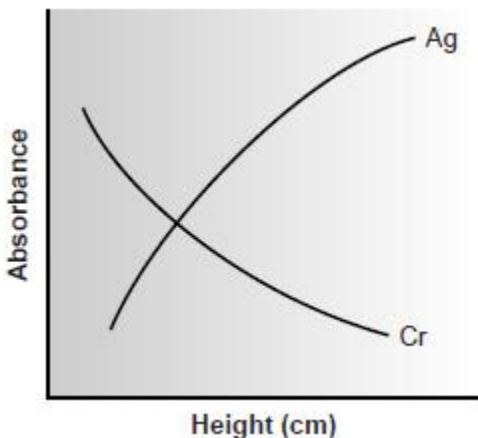
- Differentiate between standard and blank samples. (2 marks)
- The determination of Fe in an industrial waste stream was carried out by the o-phenanthroline method. Using the data shown in the following table, determine the concentration of Fe in the waste stream. (6 marks)

ppm Fe	Absorbance
0.00	0.000
1	0.183
2	0.364
3	0.546
4	0.727
unknown	0.269

- What is Mass Spectrometry? (1 marks)
- State 3 advantages of Mass spectrometry. (3 marks)
- State 2 differences between mass spectrometers and optical instruments (4 marks)
- Name any 4 ion sources used in mass spectrometry (4 marks)

### Question FOUR

- The absorbance profile for Ag and Cr shown below was obtained using flame atomic absorption spectrometer. Explain the observations (4 marks)



- b. In a hydrogen flame the atomic absorption signal for iron was found to decrease in the presence of large concentrations of sulphate ions
- Suggest an explanation for this observation (2 marks)
  - Suggest 3 possible methods that can be used for overcoming the potential interference of sulphate in a quantitative determination of iron. (3 marks)
  - Define releasing agent (2 mark)
- c. Describe the following methods of sample preparation in IR spectrometry
- Mull Technique (3 marks)
  - Potassium Bromide Disc Technique (3 marks)
- d. Name 3 detectors used in IR (3 marks)

### Question FIVE

- a) Define the following terms
- Chemical shift (1 mark)
  - Spin spin splitting (1 mark)
  - Coupling constant (1 mark)
- b) For the following compound determine the multiplicity for each band and relative area (6 marks)  
 $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$
- c) Draw the NMR spectra for  $\text{CH}_3\text{CH}_2\text{OCH}_3$  (3 marks)
- d) Name the basic components of NMR Spectrometry? (5 marks)
- e) State the limitations of NMR Spectrometer. (3 marks)