



# TECHNICAL UNIVERSITY OF MOMBASA

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FACULTY OF APPLIED AND HEALTH SCIENCES

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**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:**

**DIPLOMA IN ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY**

**ACH 2303 : Instrumental Methods of Analysis II (paper 2)**

**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 Choose No questions. Attempt Choose instruction.

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

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## **Question ONE**

- a) Define the following terms as employed in Instrumental methods of analysis;
- I. Absorption (2 marks)
  - II. Emission (2 marks)
  - III. Allowed transition (2 marks)
  - IV. Forbidden transition (2 marks)
- b) State the three components of a molecular energy state (3 marks)
- c) The Absorption spectra of an atom is line spectra. Using atomic energy-level diagram explain this occurrence (8 marks)
- d) Differentiate between phosphorescence and fluorescence (4 marks)
- e) State the four quantum numbers which define the electronic energy levels and atomic orbitals of an atom (4 marks)
- f) List any three processes by which atoms, ions, and molecules can be excited to one or more higher energy levels (3 marks)

## **QUESTION TWO**

- a) Describe the principle of a flame photometer (3 marks)
- b) Draw a well labeled diagram of a flame photometer (12 marks)

### **QUESTION THREE**

- a) Draw a well labeled block diagram of a single-beam atomic absorption spectrometer. **(9 marks)**
- b) Explain how source modulation is achieved in atomic absorption measurements **(6 marks)**

### **QUESTION FOUR**

- b) Explain why the symmetrical stretch of CO<sub>2</sub> is inactive in IR **(5 marks)**
- a) Discuss the applications of IR spectroscopy **(10 marks)**

### **QUESTION FIVE**

- a) Discuss how solid samples are handled in IR spectroscopy **(6 marks)**
- a) Draw a well labeled block diagram of a general IR instrument. **(9 marks)**