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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION FOR:

BACHELOR OF TECHNOLOGY IN APPLIED CHEMISTRY (BTAC) BTAC 2024S

ACH4202: ANALYTICAL CHEMISTRY I

SPECIAL SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATION

**SERIES: JULY 2025**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**DATE: 20 Jul 2025**

**Instructions to Candidates**

You should have the following for this examination

-Answer Booklet, examination pass and student ID

This paper consists of FIVE Question(s). Attempt question ONE (Compulsory) and any other TWO questions.

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

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**QUESTION ONE**

- a) With the help of a well labelled diagram illustrate a common example of signal modulation process. (4 marks)
- b) Differentiate between aliasing and anti-aliasing filter as used in the context of analytical chemistry (4 marks)
- c) Define the following terms as used in explaining noise in analytical instrumentation:
  - i. Shot noise (4 marks)
  - ii. Flicker noise (4 marks)
  - iii. Signal to noise ratio (4 marks)
- d) Differentiate how ground shielding and boxcar averaging is applied in noise reduction in analytical instrumentation. (6 marks)

- e) Differentiate between passive and electromechanical basic components in Fourier transform for analytical instrumentation. (4marks)

## QUESTION TWO

- a) Discuss the principle of Reverse flow injection analysis outlining three major advantages that supports this concept. (12marks)
- b) Discuss the purpose and the damage signs of the following basic components.
- i. Potentiometers (2 marks)
  - ii. Transformers (2 marks)
  - iii. Variable capacitor (2 marks)
  - iv. Switches (2 marks)

## QUESTION THREE

- a) With the aid of a schematic diagram, discuss the data acquisition system involved in the conversion of analogue signal to digital information (8 marks)
- b) Differentiate between the following terms as used in analytical instrumentation;
- i. P-type semiconductors and semiconductor diode (4 marks)
  - ii. Reverse biased and forward biased diode (4 marks)
  - iii. Static and dynamic resistance (4 marks)

## QUESTION FOUR

- a) Discuss the four main functions of an interface in simple computer systems. (12 marks)
- b) Differentiate the following terms used in determining analytical signal:
- i. Noise and dark noise (4 marks)
  - ii. Sampling and Nyquist sampling rate (4 marks)

## QUESTION FIVE

- a) Differentiate between continuous flow injection and segmented flow injection analysis. (12 marks)
- b) Discuss the working principles of Relays and their functions as optoelectronic devices. (8 marks)