

## Quiz 2

### Chemistry 3BB3; Winter 2005

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2. In order to solve the Hydrogen atom, we used the solution of the following exactly solvable system
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  - (c) rigid rotor
  - (d) Hückel Hamiltonian

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3. If I use this analogy to explain the motion of electrons and nuclei, which of the following sets gives the truest analogy. (Recall the notation  $X:Y :: A:B = X$  is to  $Y$  and  $A$  is to  $B$ )
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Match the following operators to their mathematical definition and their “meaning” by filling in the table at the bottom of the page.

**Meanings:**

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|---|--|
| (a) nuclear-electron attraction energy operator | (d) nuclear kinetic energy operator    |
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$V_{ne}$	iii	a