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**FACULTY OF SCIENCES**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PURE & APPLIED SCIENCES**  
**JANUARY 2018 EXAMINATION QUESTIONS**

**COURSE CODE: CHM307**

**COURSE TITLE: ATOMIC AND MOLECULAR STRUCTURE AND SYMMETRY**

**CREDIT: 3 UNIT**

**TIME ALLOWED: 3 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE & ANY OTHER FOUR QUESTIONS.**

**QUESTION 1**

- (a). state Hund rule *(3 marks)*
- (b)(i). Explain the molecular orbital theory. *(6 marks)*
- (ii). Briefly explain the concept of Homo and Lumo in molecular orbital. *(4 marks)*
- (c). Define Quantum Chemistry *(1 marks)*
- (d). the hydrogen molecule has two electrons ( $e_1$  and  $e_2$ ) and two nuclei (A and B).
  - (i). Draw the coordinate in the hydrogen molecule *(2 marks)*
  - (ii). List the possible interactions among the species. *(6 marks)*

**QUESTION 2**

- (a). Explain the following: (i). Bond length, (ii). Bond energy (iii). Bond dissociation energy of water.

*(7 marks)*

- (b). An electron travels with the speed of  $3 \times 10^{-6} \text{ ms}^{-1}$ , what is the minimum uncertainty in its atomic radius. Calculate same for a 0.03 kg ball travelling a speed of  $25 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  assuming that the uncertainty in position of the ball is equal to the wave length 600nm. *(5 marks)*

**QUESTION 3**

- (a). Discuss the principle of rotational spectroscopy. *(6 marks)*

(b)(i). Write the classes of molecules base on their rotational behavior. (2 marks)

(ii). What is a Symmetric tops? (4 marks)

#### **Question 4**

(a). Explain the possible conditions that would cause electrons to jump from one energy level to another. (2 marks)

(ii). What is an electron shell. (3 marks)

(iv). What is a subshell. (2 marks)

(v). state the Pauli Exclusion Principle. (5 marks)

#### **QUESTION 5**

(a). analyze the shortcomings of Aufbau Principle. (6 marks)

(b). Define the heat capacity of a substance C. (6 marks)

#### **QUESTION 6**

(a). explain the valence bond theory. (4 marks)

(b). what is spin-spin coupling? (4 marks)

(c). write on JJ coupling. (4 marks)