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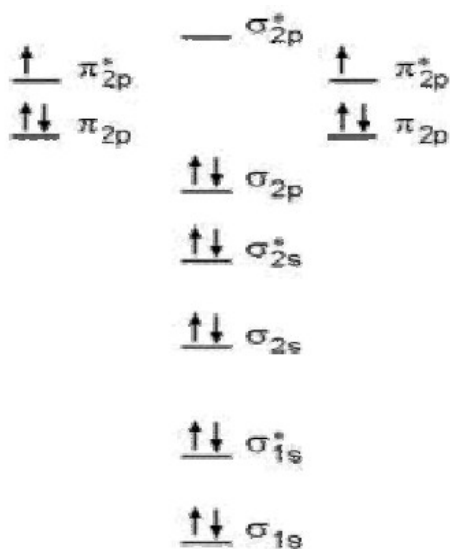
**SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE: CHM307**

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

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER FOUR QUESTIONS  
 TIME : 2½hours

1a)



Given the above molecular orbital diagram, answer the below questions:

- i) Identify the molecule having this molecular orbital diagram?
- ii) Calculate the bond order of this molecule.
- iii) Is the molecule diamagnetic or paramagnetic? State reason for your answer.

- 1b) Suppose  $\hat{A} = d/dx$ ,  $\hat{G} = X$  and  $\psi = x^3$  do the operators commute?  
 1c) Discuss the isotopic effect with reference to HCl.  
 1d) Explain the immediate consequences of symmetry on properties of molecules.  
 (14 MARKS)

- 2a) Define Electronic spectroscopy.  
 2b) Explain the theory of Electronic spectroscopy.  
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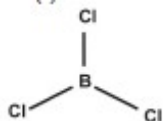
- 3a) Define symmetry elements and symmetry operations.  
 3b) Identify all the symmetry elements in XeF<sub>4</sub>.  
 (14 MARKS)

- 4a) Suppose we rotate an equilateral triangle by half a turn about an axis through a vertex by turning it over.



How many operations of this type are possible?

- 4b) What operations are generated by a C<sub>5</sub> axis?  
 4c) List the symmetry elements of the below molecule.



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- 5) Write equation for the 3D Schrodinger equation and explain each of the terms. (14 MARKS)

- 6a) Explain de Broglie conjecture.  
 6b) Explain Heisenberg's Uncertainty Principle.

- 6c) An electron travels with the speed of  $3 \times 10^6 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . What is the minimum uncertainty in its momentum if we assume that its position is measured within 10 percent of its atomic radius. Do the same calculation for a 0.03kg ball travelling at a speed of  $25 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ . Assume that the uncertainty in position of the ball is equal to the wavelength light of 600nm.

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- 7a) Briefly explain the following terms: (a) Postulates (b) Operator.  
 7b) Explain the usefulness of quantum mechanics.  
 7c) Give the postulates of quantum mechanism.

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