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SCHOOL OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
MARCH/APRIL 2014 EXAMINATION

COURSE CODE: CHM 306

COURSE TITLE: INSTRUMENTAL METHODS OF ANALYSIS

TIME ALLOWED: 2HOURS

INSTRUCTION: ANSWER ANY FOUR QUESTIONS

Question One

- a) Distinguish between the following:
 - i. Electronic spectroscopy and Vibrational spectroscopy. (6 marks)
 - ii. Absorption spectroscopy and Emission spectroscopy . (4marks)
- b) State Beer's and Lambert's law. (7½ marks)

Question Two

- a) i. What is colorimetry . (2½ marks)
 - ii. List the components of a colorimeter. (6 marks)
- b) Explain briefly how the concentration of a coloured solution can be estimated using a colorimeter.(9 marks)

Question Three

- a) i. What are spectrophotometers . (2½ marks)
 - ii. Sketch a simple schematic diagram of a typical spectrophotometer.(5 marks)
 - iii. Explain briefly the function of any one of the components of a spectrophotometer shown/listed in the schematic diagram in (3aii) above.(2 marks)
- b) Differentiate between Flame Emission spectroscopy and Flame Atomic Absorption spectroscopy. (8 marks)

Question Four

- (a) i. Explain briefly what happens when a molecule absorbs Infrared radiation of a specific frequency. (3 marks)
 - ii. List the types of stretching vibration. (2 marks)
- (b) i. What are Group frequencies. (3½ marks)
 - ii. Which range of the infrared radiation does the energy required for the following vibrations fall into
 - a. Bending vibration (3 marks)
 - b. Stretching vibration (3 marks)
 - iii. What information can be obtained from group frequencies. (3 marks)

Question Five

- a) i. What is X- ray spectroscopy. (2 marks)
 - ii. Differentiate between light rays and X- rays. (4 marks)
- b) i. Explain briefly X- ray diffraction. (7½ marks)
 - ii. Explain why atoms are able to produce diffraction patterns. (4 marks)

Question Six

- a) i. Describe briefly the basic principle of Nuclear Magnetic Resonance (NMR) spectroscopy. (7½ marks)
- ii. What factor accounts for the difference in the pattern of NMR spectrum of hydrogens in different organic molecules. (5 marks)
- b) Explain briefly Polarography. (5 marks)