



**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS 2014/2015 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**2<sup>nd</sup> YEAR EXAMINATION FOR THE DEGREE OF BSC GENERAL,  
INDUSTRIAL AND B.ED SC**

**COURSE CODE/TITLE: SCH 200: ATOMIC STRUCTURE AND  
BONDING**

**END OF SEMESTER: I**

**DURATION: 3 HOURS**

**DAY/TIME: THURSDAY 8.00 TO 11.00AM    DATE: 18.12.2014 (NL4)**

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**CONSTANT:**

Speed of light =  $3.0 \times 10^8$  m.sec, Planck's constant =  $6.62 \times 10^{-34}$  Js; mass of electron =  $9.1091 \times 10^{-31}$  kg;  $N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23}$  mol<sup>-1</sup>; Rydberg constant =  $2.18 \times 10^{-18}$  J; charge of electron (e) =  $1.60210 \times 10^{-19}$  C; permittivity of vacuum ( $\epsilon_0$ ) =  $8.854185 \times 10^{-12}$  kg M<sup>-3</sup>; nm =  $1.0 \times 10^{-9}$  M,  $\pi = 3.14$ , J = kg m<sup>2</sup>s<sup>-2</sup>, 1pm =  $10^{-12}$ m

**SECTION A (40MKS): ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE (30MKS)**

- a) State short notes on the terms below and briefly state their significance
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| i.   | Zeeman effect            | (2marks) |
| ii.  | Azimuthal quantum number | (2marks) |
| iii. | Magnetic quantum number  | (2marks) |
- b) Assign all the four quantum numbers for the 15 electrons in phosphorous atom (7marks)
- c) State Pauli Exclusion Principle (1mark)
- d) A ball weighs 600g. If it's uncertainty in position is 9 pm, determine the uncertainty in velocity of the cricket ball (5marks)

- e) Calculate the wave length of an electron travelling with one-fifth speed of light (3marks)
- f) Differentiate between electronegativity and electron affinity (1mark)
- g) Estimate the electronegativity of S according to Pauling given that the bond dissociation energies ( $\text{kJmol}^{-1}$ ) for; S-S, S-F and F-F are 264, 496 and 155 kJ/mol respectively, if the electronegativity of F is 4.1 (3marks)
- h) According to de Broglie, permitted  $\lambda$  is given by;  $\lambda = 2a/n$ . using this equation and other relationships show that  $E = h^2n^2/8ma^2$  (7marks)
- i) Cyanate ion ( $\text{NCO}^-$ ), has three possible Lewis structures.
- Draw these three Lewis structures, and assign formal charges to the atoms in each structure.
  - Which Lewis structure is the preferred one? (5marks)
- j) Differentiate between radial node and radial probability (2marks)

## SECTION B 30 MARKS: ANSWER TWO QUESTIONS

### QUESTION TWO (15 MARKS)

- (a) Write a note on physical significance for each of the terms below, as used in explaining Schrodinger wave equation
- $\Psi$  (1mark)
  - $\Psi^2$  (1mark)
- (b) The wave function (z – direction) of a particle in a box is given by;  $\Psi_z = B \sin (n\pi z/L)$ , where B and L represents a number and length respectively. Using this equation and the Schrodinger equation show that:  $E = n^2 h^2 / 8mL^2$  (7marks)
- c) State one similarity between a Lewis base and a ligand (1mark)
- d) Using valence bond theory explain why the complex  $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]^{3+}$  is paramagnetic, calculate the Bohr Magneton (BM) value for the complex and predict its geometry. (5marks)

### QUESTION THREEE (15MARKS)

- a) Determine the total number of orbitals and their designation for the principal quantum number  $n = 4$  (3marks)
- b) An electron in a one – dimensional box requires a wave – length of 8080 nm to excite the electron from the  $n = 2$  to  $n = 3$  energy level. Calculate the length of the box in nm (6marks)
- c) The particle  $\text{N}_2^{2+}$  can be prepared by bombarding the  $\text{N}_2$  molecules with fast moving electrons. Using molecular orbital diagram predict;
- Draw a molecular diagram for the ion, hence write the electronic configuration of the ion (4marks)
  - Calculate the bond order of the ion  $\text{N}_2^{2+}$  (2marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (15MARKS)**

- a) Define Lattice energy (1marks)
- b) Explain using examples the difference between atomic orbital and a shell (2marks)
- c) Calculate the energy difference in ( $\text{Jmol}^{-1}$ ) for an electron at an energy state 4 and 6 that is confined to a box whose length is 0.6nm (4marks)
- d) Draw a fully-labelled Born-Haber cycle for the formation of MgO and use the data given below to calculate a value for the enthalpy of lattice formation of this oxide. (8 marks)

<u>Process</u>	<u><math>\Delta H^\ominus/\text{kJ mol}^{-1}</math></u>
$\text{Mg(s)} + \frac{1}{2} \text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{MgO(s)}$	-602
$\text{Mg(s)} \rightarrow \text{Mg(g)}$	+148
$\text{Mg(g)} \rightarrow \text{Mg}^+(\text{g}) + \text{e}^-$	+738
$\text{Mg}^+(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{Mg}^{2+}(\text{g}) + \text{e}^-$	+1451
$\text{O}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{O(g)}$	+498
$\text{O(g)} + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{O}^-(\text{g})$	-141
$\text{O}^-(\text{g}) + \text{e}^- \rightarrow \text{O}^{2-}(\text{g})$	+798