



KIBABII UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS
2019/2020 ACADEMIC YEAR

SECOND YEAR SECOND SEMESTER
MAIN EXAMINATIONS

FOR THE DEGREE OF BED (SCIENCE)

COURSE CODE: SCH 411

COURSE TITLE: QUANTUM CHEMISTRY

DURATION: 3 HOURS

DATE: 10TH NOVEMBER, 2020

TIME: 2:00PM-5:00PM

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

- Answer **QUESTION ONE** (Compulsory) and any other two (2) Questions.
- Indicate **answered questions** on the front cover.
- Start every question on a new page and make sure question's number is written on each page.

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Useful Information

$$R = 8.314 \text{ JK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1} \text{ or } 0.08206 \text{ L atmK}^{-1} \text{ mol}^{-1}$$

$$1 \text{ atm} = 1.01325 \text{ bar} = 760 \text{ torr} = 1.01325 \times 10^5 \text{ Pa} = 760 \text{ mmHg}$$

$$e = 1.60217662 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$$

$$1 \text{ J} = 1 \text{ CV} = 1 \text{ Kg m}^2 \text{ s}^{-2}$$

$$h = 6.626 \times 10^{-34} \text{ Js}$$

$$N_A = 6.022 \times 10^{23} / \text{molecules}$$

QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) Define the following terms as used in quantum chemistry [8 marks]
- Wave-function
 - Photo electric effect
 - Wave-particle duality
 - Black body
- b) Calculate the minimum uncertainty in the velocity of an electron if the uncertainty in its position is 100pm [5 marks]
- c) Calculate the wavelength of the line with $n=5$ in the Balmer series of the spectrum of atomic hydrogen. [5 marks]
- d) What is the ground state energy for an electron that is confined to a potential well with a width of 0.2 nm? [5 marks]
- e) What is the de-Broglie wavelength of an electron that has been accelerated through a potential difference of 100v. [5 marks]
- f) State two basic principle of classical mechanic [2 marks]

QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Derive the Schrödinger's Wave Equation as used in quantum chemistry [10marks]
- b) State significance of the Schrödinger's Wave Equation [6marks]
- c) Explain the meaning of Ψ^2 and Ψ [4marks]

QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Show that $m \frac{d^2 X}{dt^2} + kX = 0$ also applies to mass m_1 connected to mass m_2 by a spring exhibiting harmonic motion [6 marks]
- b) Normalize the molecular orbital $\Psi = N(A-B)$ state the meaning of the overlap integral S in this probability of this wave function. [6 marks]
- c) What is the Ritzs combination principle [4marks]

- d) Calculate the ionization energy E_i for hydrogen like atom of H, He^+ , Li^{2+}
And Be^{3+} whose $E_i = 13.606 \text{ eV}$ [4marks]

QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a). Explain the five postulates of quantum mechanics [10 marks]

b). What are the reduced mass and moment of inertia of HCl? The equilibrium internuclear distance R_e is 127.5 pm. What are the values of L , L_z and E for the state with $j=1$? Atomic masses of some of $\text{H} = 1.007825 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ kg mol}^{-1}$ and $\text{Cl}^{35} = 34.96885 \cdot 10^{-3} \text{ kg mol}^{-1}$ and

$$h = 1.054 \cdot 10^{-34} \quad [10 \text{ marks}]$$

QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

- 5a). State three modes of motion [3 marks]

b). Discuss the two main origins of zero-point energies for both particle in a box and the harmonic oscillators. Why can't $n \neq 0$ while $v=0$ for a particle in a box and for a harmonic oscillator respectively. [3marks]

c). Calculate the most probable radius r at which an electron will be found when it occupies a 1s orbital of a hydrogen atom of atomic number Z and tabulate values for 1 e^- species from Hydrogen to Neon [6marks]

d) Show that e^{-ax} is an *Eigen* function of the operator d/dx and find corresponding *Eigen* value. Also show that e^{-ax^2} is non an *Eigen* function of the same operator. [5marks]

e). Draw the schematic diagram for the lowest energy molecular or orbital of Homo-nuclear diatomic molecules [3marks]

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