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2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR  
THIRD YEAR MAIN EXAMINATIONS  
FOR THE DEGREE  
OF**

**BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN CHEMISTRY**

**COURSE CODE: SCI 465**

**COURSE TITLE: MATERIAL SCIENCE**

**DATE: 29<sup>TH</sup> APRIL 2022**

**TIME: 12.00PM - 2.00PM**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

TIME: 2 Hours

Answer question ONE and any THREE of the remaining  
Symbols used bear the usual meaning.

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**QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) (30 MARKS)**

- (a). A uniform steel wire of length 4 m and area of cross section  $3.0 \times 10^{-6} m^2$  is extended by 1 mm. Calculate the energy stored in the wire if the elastic limit is not exceeded. (Youngs modulus =  $2.0 \times 10^{11} Pa$ ) (5 marks)
- (b). Consider a unit cell carrying a plane whose intercepts are;  
 $x' = 1.5r$   $y' = 0.5r$   $z' = 0.25r$ , where r is the atomic radius. Obtain the miller indices describing this plane. (8 marks)
- (c). Obtain the Packing Fraction of a face centered structure. (5 marks)
- (d). Show that the cation: anion ratio is equal to 0.732 for a material with body centered cubic structure. (8marks)
- (e). Wood contains a natural polymer based on cellulose molecule. Describe the structure of wood that make it strong and stiff. State the circumstances under which it is weak. (4 marks)

**QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)**

- (a). The lattice constants for KBr and NaCl are respectively 0.66nm and 0.56 nm. Given that  $r_0 = 0.33 \text{ \AA}$  for KBr and  $r_0 = 0.56 \text{ \AA}$  for NaCl, calculate the
- F-center absorption energies (5 marks)
  - F- absorption wavelength (5 marks)

- (b). The energy contribution between two ions in a material is given by  $E_c = \frac{-e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \cdot \alpha$ , show that the total potential energy at  $r = r_0$  is given by;

$$E = \frac{-e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0} \cdot \alpha \left[ 1 - \frac{1}{m} \right], \text{ where } \alpha \text{ is Madelung constant and m is Born exponent.}$$

(10marks)

**QUESTION THREE(20 MARKS)**

- (a). The bulk modulus of a material at absolute zero is;  $K = -v \left( \frac{dP}{dv} \right)$  and the compressibility is  $\beta = \frac{1}{K} = -\frac{1}{v} \left( \frac{dv}{dP} \right)$ . Using the first law of thermodynamics, show that the repulsive component n of the material is  $n = 1 + \frac{72\pi\epsilon_0 r_0^4}{Ae^2\beta}$  (10 marks).
- (b). An example of a solution-hardened material is steel. Using well labeled diagrams, describe how steel is made pointing out the types of solid solution. (10 marks)

**QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)**

- (a). The total energy per Kmol of a crystal is  $(r) = N_A \left[ \frac{B}{r^n} - \frac{Ae^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r} \right]$ . By minimizing this energy, show that;

$$i. \quad B = \frac{Ae^2 r_0^{n-1}}{4\pi\epsilon_0 n} \quad (5\text{marks})$$

- ii. The equilibrium energy per kMol of the crystal is

$$U_0 = - \left[ \frac{Ae^2 N_A}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0} \right] \left[ \frac{n-1}{n} \right] \quad (5 \text{ marks})$$

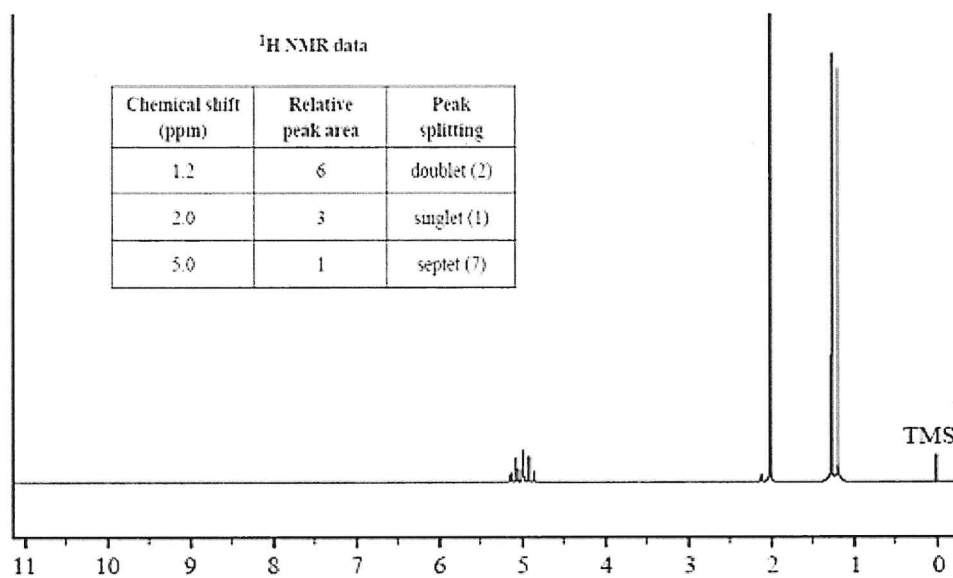
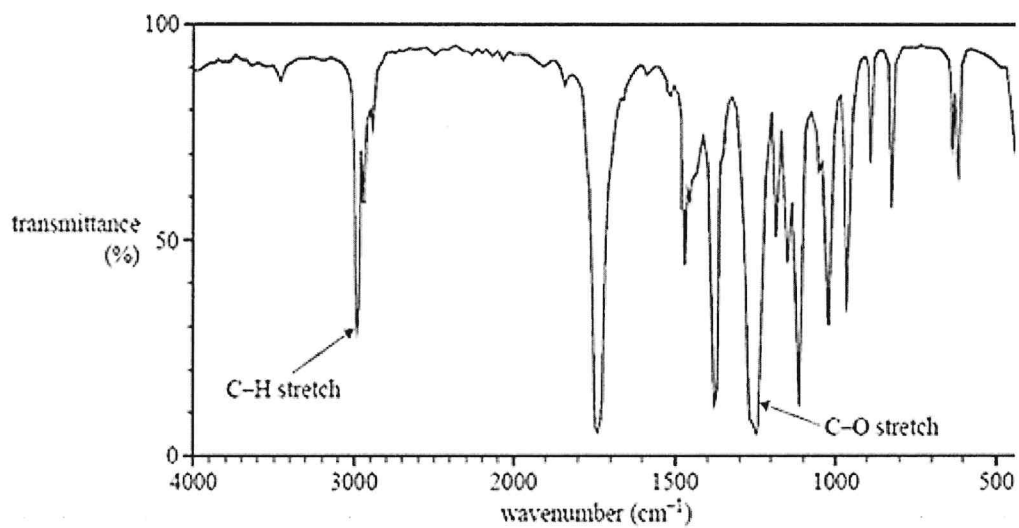
- (a). Using the Born-Lande equation equation, Calculate the lattice energy for sodium chloride for which  $r_0 = 2.81 \text{ \AA}$  and Obtain the molar lattice energy for the same crystal (10marks)

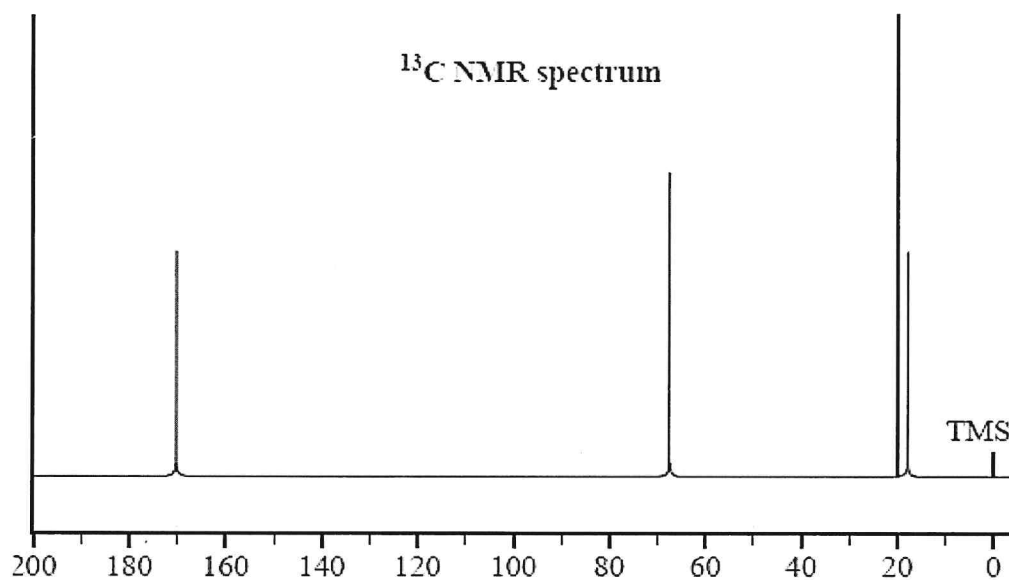
(c) Name four types of ionization methods commonly used in Mass-Spectrometry and classify each as either a “hard” or “soft” ionization method. **(4 marks)**

(d) A small sample of a purified ester mixture was passed through a gas chromatograph (GC) attached to a mass spectrometer. The chromatogram showed two peaks, indicating that the ester mixture contained two different fatty acid methyl esters, A and B. The peak area of each compound and the mass-to-charge ratio of the molecular ion of each compound are shown in the following table. Assume that the charge on each molecular ion is +1.

Methyl ester	Peak area	Mass-to-charge ratio of the molecular ion
A	1000	270
B	2000	298

- i. The mass spectrum of methyl ester A corresponds to that of methyl palmitate,  $\text{CH}_3(\text{CH}_2)_{14}\text{COOCH}_3$ . What are the name and semi-structural formula of methyl ester B? **(2 marks)**
- ii. While cleaning out a laboratory shelf labelled 'Carboxylic acids and esters', a chemist discovers a bottle simply labelled ' $\text{C}_5\text{H}_{10}\text{O}_2$ '. To identify the molecular structure of the contents of the bottle, a sample is submitted for analysis using infrared spectroscopy, and  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectroscopy. The spectra are shown below.





(e) Use the IR spectrum to determine:

- i. determine the various functional groups present in the compound (2 marks)
- ii. whether the molecule is a carboxylic acid or an ester (1 marks)

Provide reasons for your answer.

- (f) Using the information provided in the  $^1\text{H}$  and  $^{13}\text{C}$  NMR spectra, identify the number of different chemical environments for hydrogen and carbon in this molecule (2 marks)
- (g) Draw a structure for this molecule (1 mark)

**Question 4**

**17 marks**

- (a) What are ion selective electrodes? Explain its working principle (4 marks)
- (b) Explain the measurement of PH by potentiometry and discuss the advantages (5 marks)
- (c) Briefly outline the steps involved in an Anodic Stripping Voltammetry (ASV) analysis (5 marks)
- (d) Explain why ASV has the best detection limits of any voltammetric methods available today (3 marks)