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CHEM 322 Exam 3

Complete the following. Clearly mark your answers. YOU MUST SHOW YOUR WORK TO RECEIVE CREDIT.

Warm-up (3 points each).

- 1. In _____, molecules are promoted to metastable virtual states before relaxing to lower energy levels.
- 2. The ______ uses a series of electrodes to "hold" charge in a potential well so that it can accumulate and increase the sensitivity of the detector.
- 3. _____ causes an apparent change in frequency of a photon due to the motion of the emitter either toward or away from the receiver.
- 4. A ______ provides an obstructed path for nebulized sample as it moves toward the flame or plasma.

Complete <u>six</u> of the following. Be clear and concise. Clearly indicate which problem is not to be graded. (15 points each)

5. Compare and contrast the operation of a PMT versus a PDA as a detector in a spectroscopic measurement, as well as any benefits or challenges associated with each device. Why do neither of these devices find much utility in the infrared? Feel free to use well-labeled sketches to clarify your discussion.

6. Why do absorbance spectra in the UV and visible from atomic species tend to exhibit narrower bands than for molecular species? Why do spectra from gas phase molecular analytes tend to have narrower features than spectra for the same species in the condensed phase?

7. Compare the construction and operation of a deuterium lamp with that of a hollow cathode lamp. Why are deuterium lamps more suitable for analysis of molecules while hollow cathode lamps are more suitable for atomic spectroscopy? 8. Describe the effect of the following on a calibration curve for the spectrophotometric determination of caffeine ($\lambda_{max} = 273 \text{ nm}$) using a Beer's law-based method. The spectrum of caffeine is given below.



- a. The solvent is contaminated by an unknown compound that also absorbs at 273 nm.
- b. The bandwidth of the instrument is 5 nm and the monochromator is miscalibrated so that the bandwidth is centered at 285 nm instead of 273 nm.

9. Why are detection limits for most elements lowest for electrothermal atomic absorption spectrophotometry and highest for flame atomic emission spectrometry, with ICP atomic emission in the middle?

10. You have an aqueous sample that likely contains nickel, cadmium and lead at the low ppm level in an unknown matrix and have been tasked to quantify each element. You have at your disposal a flame atomic absorption spectrophotometer with a PMT and an ICP emission spectrometer with a CCD array. Which of the two instruments would be best for this analysis? Clearly justify your decision.

11. Provide a block diagram and description of the major components found in a UV-Vis spectrophotometer. Describe the differences between a "scanning" instrument and "array" instrument. What controls the wavelength resolution for each instrument?

Possibly Useful Information

| $E = \frac{hc}{\lambda} = hv$ | $c = 3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ ms}^{-1}$ |
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| $\eta_1 \sin \theta_1 = \eta_2 \sin \theta_2$ | $R = \frac{\lambda}{\Delta \lambda} = nN$ |
| Planck's Constant = 6.63 x 10-34 Js | c = 3.00 x 108 ms ⁻¹ |
| $\Delta \lambda_{\rm eff} = {\rm wD}^{-1}$ | $n\lambda = d(\sin i + \sin r)$ |
| $D = \frac{dy}{d\lambda} = F\frac{dr}{d\lambda}$ | $\frac{\mathrm{d}r}{\mathrm{d}\lambda} = \frac{\mathrm{n}}{\mathrm{d}\cos\mathrm{r}}$ |
| $T = P/P_0$ | D ⁻¹ = 1/D |
| $A = -\log T = \log(P_0/P) = \varepsilon bc$ | π = 3.14159, pie = delicious! |

