

1. Define and explain the following terms: (25%)

- Sensitivity
- Precision vs. accuracy
- Detection limit
- Internal standard
- Reversed-phase chromatography

2. Describe applications and working principles of the following devices (25%).

- Photomultiplier
- Electron capture detector
- Quadrupole mass spectrometer
- Chemical ionization source
- Inductively coupled plasma

3. Explain: (20%)

- Why do molecular absorption spectra usually appear as band spectra, in contrast to that atomic absorption spectra are line spectra?
- Why are vacuum systems necessary for the operation of mass spectrometers?
- Why are high pressure pumps necessary in high-performance liquid chromatography?
- How is a standard addition method used to measure the concentration of the unknown solution?

4. Calculate: (10%)

- The resolution required to resolve the mass spectral peaks for $^{116}\text{Sn}^+$ and $^{232}\text{Th}^{2+}$. Atomic weights: Sn (115.90219 Da) and Th (232.03800 Da).
- The mass of a benzene molecule.

5. Use an energy diagram to describe how a fluorescence process occurs. Then draw a block diagram to illustrate the components of a fluorescence spectrometer and explain how the instrument works. (10%)

6. A solution containing the complex formed between Bi(III) and thiourea has a molar absorptivity of $9.32 \times 10^3 \text{ L cm}^{-1}$ at 470 nm. (10%)

- What is the absorbance of a $6.24 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$ solution of the complex at 470 nm in a 1.00-cm cell?
- What is the percent transmittance of the solution described in (a)?
- What is the molar concentration of the complex in a solution that has the absorbance described in (a) when measured at 470 nm in a 5.00-cm cell?