

1. Define and explain the following terms. (20%)

- (a) Precision vs. accuracy
- (b) Retention time and adjusted retention time
- (c) Detection limit
- (d) Chemiluminescence

2. Describe applications and working principles of the following devices. (20%)

- (a) Reverse phase chromatography
- (b) Electron capture detector
- (c) Time-of-flight mass analyzer
- (d) Electron impact ionization source

3. Explain: (20%)

- (a) why atomic absorption spectra are line spectra and, on the contrary, molecular absorption spectra are band spectra.
- (b) why HRGC-HRMS is commonly used for the quantitative measurement of trace dioxin levels in biological matrices.
- (c) why selected ion monitoring (SIM) can be used to increase the sensitivity of a mass spectrometer.
- (d) how and why the particle size in a packed HPLC column affects the column efficiency and the pressure required for pumping mobile phase through the column.

4. Describe how the confidence limit (uncertainty) of a measurement can be assessed and reported. Then write down an equation that describes how the measurement uncertainties of three measurements, p , q , and r , propagate into the uncertainty of x , where $x = f(p, q, r)$. (20%)

5. Describe how the following methods can be used in quantification of a benzene metabolite in urinary matrix and the advantages provided by these methods. (20%)

- (a) Internal standard
- (b) Standard addition