



## GARISSA UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY EXAMINATION **2017/2018** ACADEMIC YEAR **TWO**  
**FIRST** SEMESTER EXAMINATION

SCHOOL BIOLOGICAL AND PHYSICAL SCIENCES

FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF EDUCATION (ARTS)

COURSE CODE: CHE 201e

COURSE TITLE: CHEMICAL ANALYSIS AND STRUCTURE DETERMINATION

EXAMINATION DURATION: 3 HOURS

**DATE: 07/12/17**

**TIME: 09.00-12.00 PM**

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### INSTRUCTION TO CANDIDATES

- The examination has SIX (6) questions
- Question ONE (1) is COMPULSORY
- Choose any other THREE (3) questions from the remaining FIVE (5) questions
- Use sketch diagrams to illustrate your answer whenever necessary
- Do not carry mobile phones or any other written materials in examination room
- Do not write on this paper

This paper consists of SIX (6) printed pages

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### QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY)

- (a) Define the following Analytical Chemistry terms of Analysis **[8 marks]**
- i. Adjusted retention time ( $t_r'$ ):
  - ii. Spectrophotometry
  - iii. Fluorescence and Phosphorescence
  - iv. Resolution in chromatography
- (b) Give 2 practical application each of the following techniques of analysis: **[8 marks]**
- i. Potentiometry
  - ii. Voltammetry
  - iii. GC-MS
  - iv. NMR
- (c) A  $5.00 \times 10^{-4}$  M solution of an analyte is placed in a sample cell that has a cell path of 1.00 cm. When measured at a wavelength of 490 nm, what is the absorbance if analyte's molar absorptivity at this wavelength is  $676 \text{ cm}^{-1} \text{ M}^{-1}$ ? **[3 marks]**
- (d) State 6 points that should be considered when choosing an instrument for any measurement or analysis? **[6 marks]**

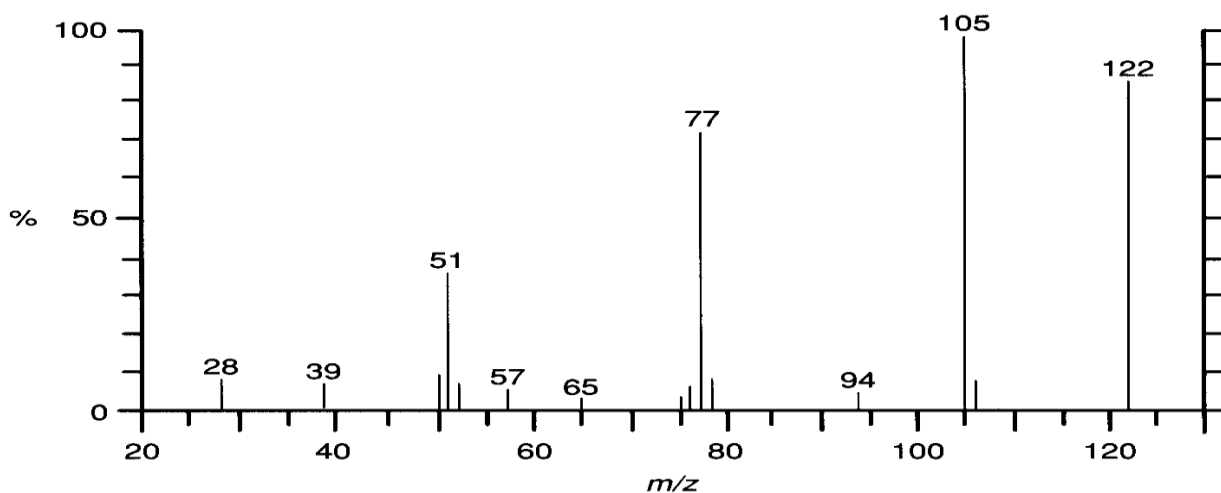
### QUESTION TWO

- (a) Name three different interphases of analytical techniques of chemical analysis **[3 marks]**
- (b) Name three most commonly Calibration methods in an analytical analysis **[3 marks]**
- (c) Why are electrochemical methods of analysis preferred more as compared to other techniques like spectroscopic and chromatography **[1 mark]**
- (e) Name 4 electro-analytical techniques of Chemical analysis **[2 marks]**
- (f) Name the 3 different ionization modes in mass spectrometry and illustrate with examples of each **[6 marks]**

### QUESTION THREE

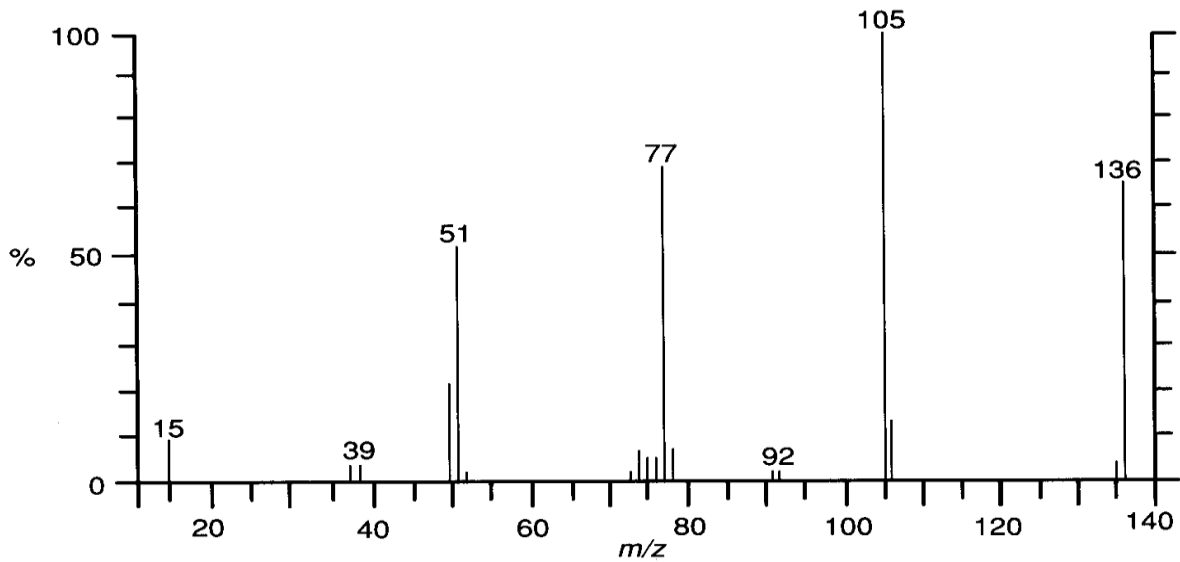
- (a) Look at the mass spectra of benzoic acid ( $\text{C}_6\text{H}_5\text{COOH}$ )(Figure 1) and identify the ions responsible for the major peaks **[8 marks]**





**Figure 1**

(b) Look at the mass spectra of methyl benzoate ( $C_6H_5COOCH_3$ ) (Figure 2) and identify the ions responsible for the major peaks. **[7 marks]**



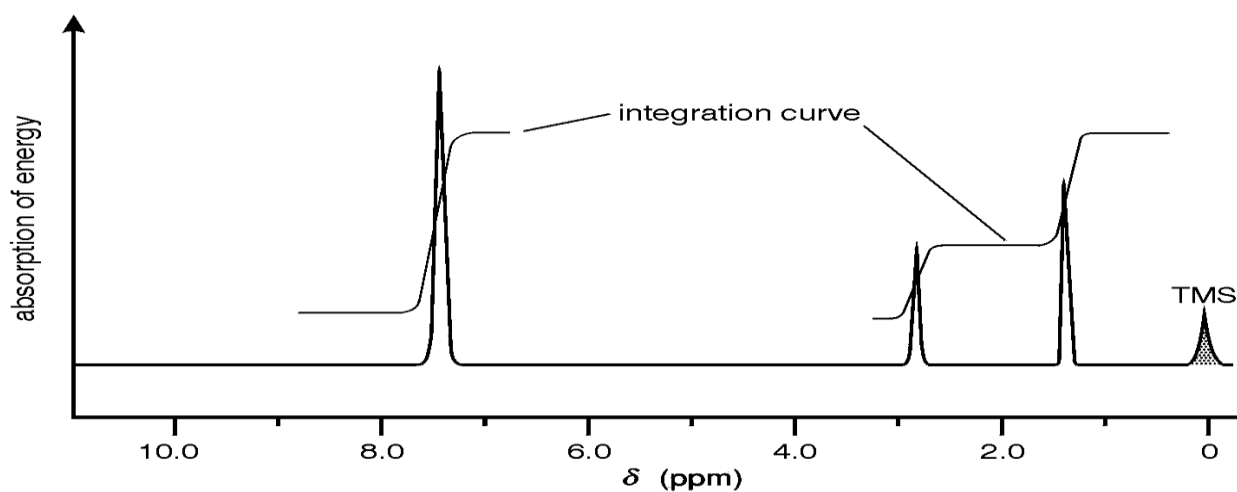
**Figure 2**



**QUESTION FOUR**

Using the below low-resolution NMR spectra and information given, suggest a possible structure for each substance. Figure 3 shows the  $^1\text{H}$  NMR spectrum of a hydrocarbon **[15 marks]**

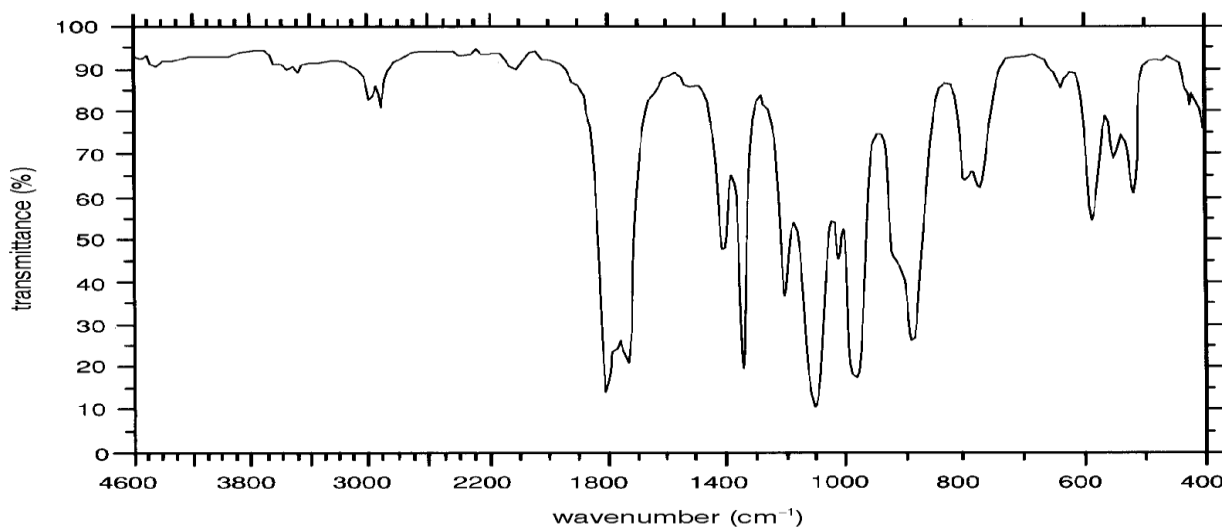
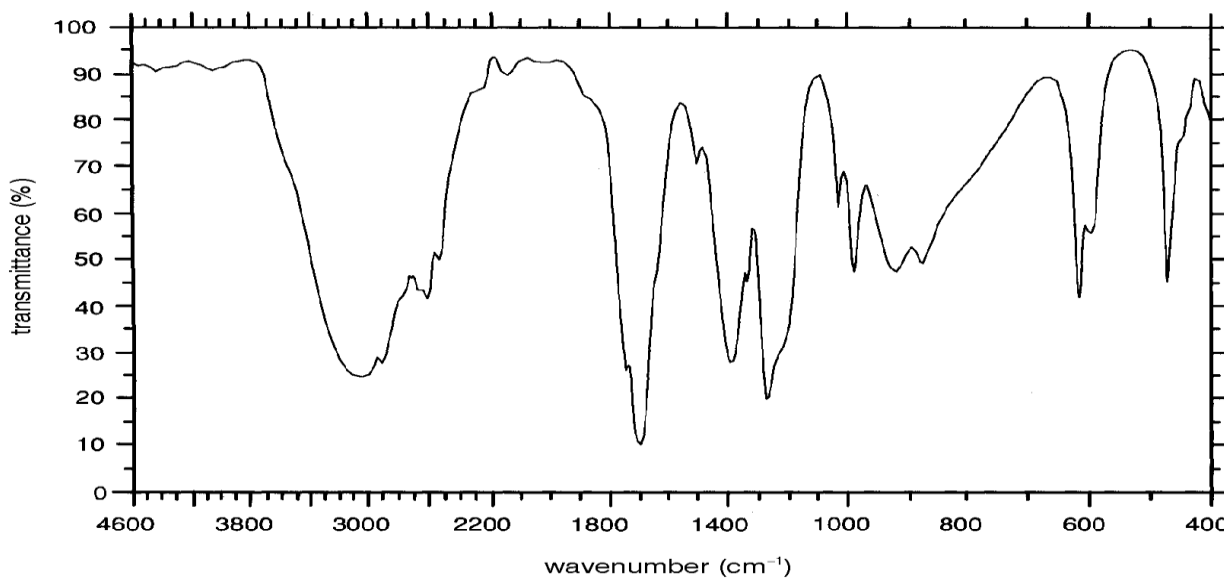
Chemical shift	Integral	Ratio
7.4 $\delta$	23 mm	5
2.8 $\delta$	9 mm	2
1.4 $\delta$	14 mm	3



**Figure 3**

**QUESTION FIVE**

The spectra below are IR of ethanoic acid,  $\text{CH}_3\text{COOH}$  (Figure-4), and ethanoic anhydride,  $(\text{CH}_3\text{CO})_2\text{O}$  (Figure-5). Draw the full structural formulas for both compounds and then determine, giving reasons, which spectrum is due to which compound. **[15 marks]**

**Figure 4****Figure 5**

**QUESTION SIX**

(a) The following data were obtained for four compounds separated on a 20-m capillary column.

<b>Compound</b>	<b>T<sub>r</sub>(min)</b>	<b>W (min)</b>
<b>A</b>	8.04	0.15
<b>B</b>	8.26	0.15
<b>C</b>	8.43	0.16

- i. Calculate the number of theoretical plates for each compound and the average number of theoretical plates for the column. **[3 marks]**
  - ii. Calculate the average height of a theoretical plate. **[3 marks]**
- (b) State 3 factors that affect Height Equivalent of a Theoretical Plate (H) **[3 marks]**
- (c) With schematic diagram differentiate between a single beam spectrophotometer and double beam spectrophotometer **[6 marks]**

