

أسئلة و اجوبة

في

التحليل الطيفي

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فيما يلي أسئلة و أجوبة في طرق التحليل الطيفي في المجالين المرئي و الفوق بنفسجي . على الطالب أن يحاول الاجابة على الاسئلة قبل الذهاب الى الأجوبة حتى يختبر معلوماته حيث يوجد في نهاية أسئلة كل موضوع إجابة لتلك الأسئلة . و للراغبين في زيادة معلومات حول هذا الموضوع مراجعة العنوان :

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## **QUESTIONS ABOUT ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATION :**

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Which of the following wavelengths of light would have the highest radiant energy?

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In regard to electromagnetic waves of radiant energy, the distance that a periodic wave propagates in one period of the distance between wave crests is referred to as:

- A. Wavelength
- B. Modulation
- C. Amplitude
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Arrange the following types of EM radiation in order of increasing frequency:

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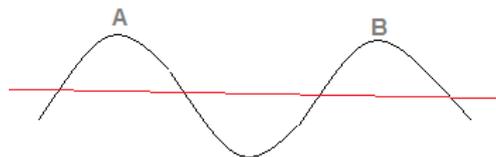
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On the electromagnetic spectrum, the waves with the highest frequencies have the smallest

- speeds
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$$\nu = c/\lambda = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s} / 400 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 7,5 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$$

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Give an example of the use of each type of EM radiation, i.e. gamma rays, X-rays, ultraviolet light, visible light, infrared, microwave and radio waves.

#### **Answer :**

**Gamma rays:** Gamma Rays cause and treat cancers . Doctors use gamma-ray imaging to see inside your body

**X-rays:** Searching baggage at the airport

**ultra-violet** Used for sterilization . produces vitamin D

**Visible light:** by which humans can see .

**infrared:** Used for night-vision goggles, objects emit infrared radiation because they are warm and can therefore be detected at night using infrared goggles.

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The speed of light is  $c = 3 \times 10^8$  m·s<sup>-1</sup> .

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We are given the wavelength of yellow light and are asked to find the frequency of the light. We can use:

$$v=c/\lambda$$

to calculate the frequency.

We need to convert the given wavelength to m. We note that  $1 \text{ nm}=1 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$  Therefore the wavelength in metres is  $597 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m}$ .

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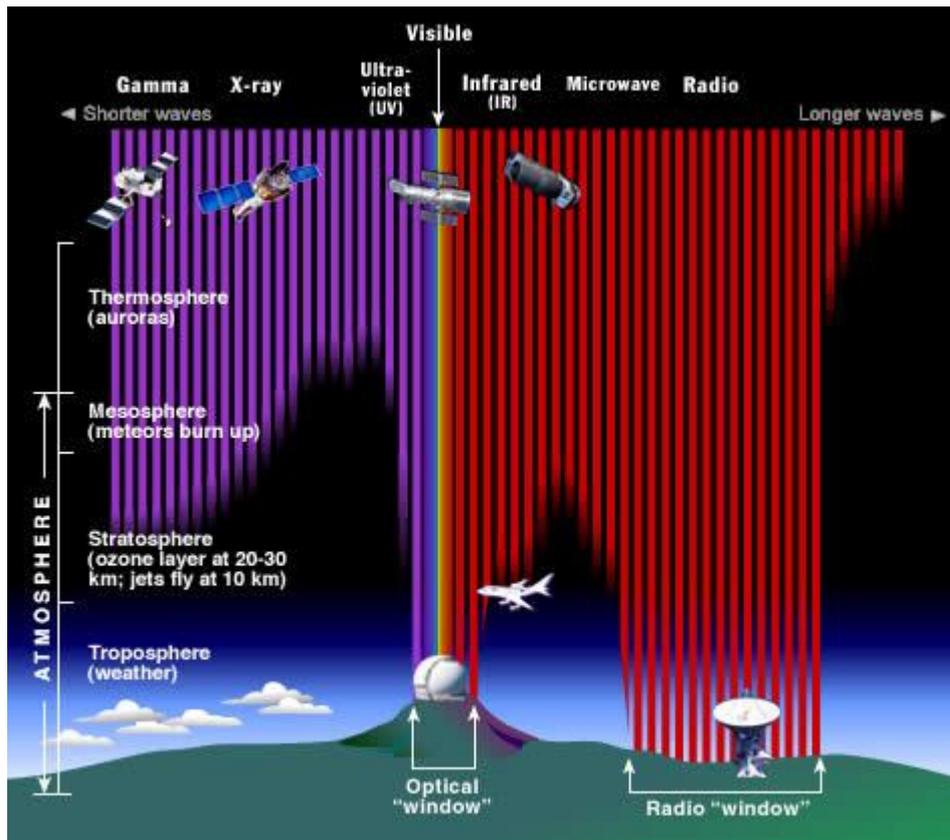
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The Earth's atmosphere stops most types of electromagnetic radiation from space from reaching Earth's surface. This illustration shows how far into the atmosphere different parts of the EM spectrum can go before being absorbed. Only portions of radio and visible light reach the surface.

### **Question 15.**

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it is not all dangerous. Something like green light or radio waves do not affect you. As you move towards shorter wavelengths such as X-rays and Gamma rays, more damage can be done to your cells. Remember that too much of anything is bad for you. Even simple visible light can blind you when it's bright enough. Never look directly at any bright light source.

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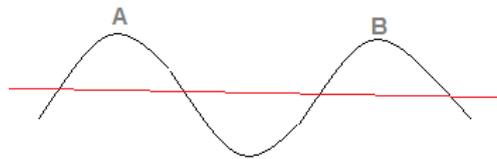
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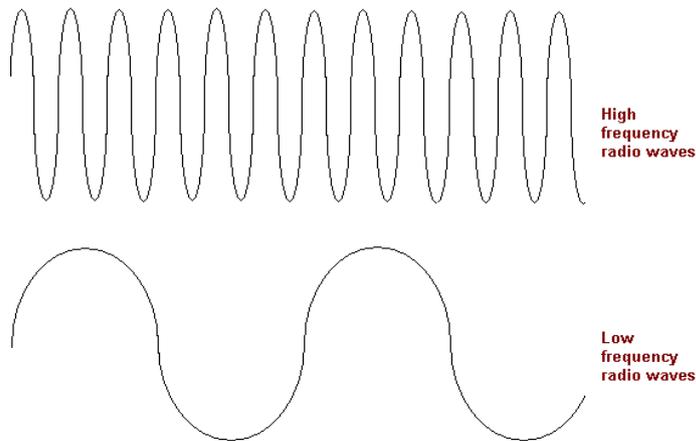
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Frequency describes the number of waves that pass a fixed place in a given amount of time.



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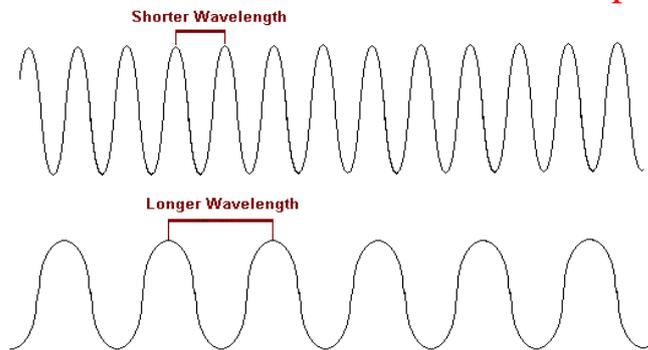
$$F \propto 1/\lambda$$

**Question 26.**

What is wavelength?

## Answer :

The distance between two identical points



The difference in wavelength is the way we separate different kinds of electromagnetic energy apart.

### Question 27.

An FM radio station broadcasts at a frequency of 87.5 MHz.  
What is the wavelength of the station in meters?

### Answer :

$$\lambda = \frac{3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}}{87.5 \times 10^6 \text{ Hz}} = 3.43 \text{ m}$$

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**Answer:**

$$E=hf$$

$$E=6.626 \times 10^{-34} \cdot 3 \times 10^8$$

$$E=2 \times 10^{-25} \text{ Joule}$$

**Question 33.**

What is the energy of a photon of light with a wavelength of 532 nm and one with a frequency of 13 KHz and which has the longer wavelength?

**Answer:**

For the photon with  $\lambda=532\text{nm}$  :

$$E=hf = hc/\lambda$$

$$E=(6.6 \times 10^{-34})(3 \times 10^8 \text{ m.s}^{-1}) / 532 \times 10^{-9} \text{ m} = 3.7 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

For the photon with  $\nu=13\text{KHz}$  :

$$E=hf=(6.6 \times 10^{-34})(13 \times 10^3 \text{ Hz})=8.6 \times 10^{-30} \text{ J}$$

$$\lambda=c/\nu=3 \times 10^8 / 13 \times 10^3 = 2.3 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}$$

So the photon with a frequency of 13KHz has a longer wavelength.

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**Answer:**

- 1) radio waves: radio, television broadcasts
- 2) infrared: night vision.
- 3) Gamma rays: used to kill the bacteria and to sterilise medical equipment
- 4) X-rays: used to image bone structures

### **Question 35.**

Explain why we need to protect ourselves from ultraviolet radiation from the Sun.

#### **Answer:**

It causes sunburn and skin cancer.

### **Question 36.**

List some advantages and disadvantages of using X-rays?

#### **Answer:**

Advantages: It can be used to look inside humans, to look at broken bones,

Disadvantages: Prolonged exposure to x-rays can lead to cell damage and cancer.

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Explain why some types of electromagnetic radiation are more penetrating than others?

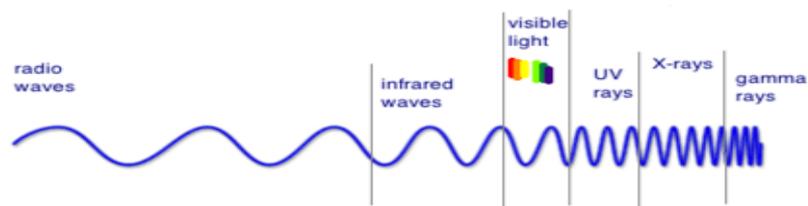
#### **Answer:**

Usually, radiation with higher energy levels (higher frequency - shorter wavelengths) have greater penetrating ability than radiation with lower energy. This makes the higher frequency radiation (ultraviolet, x-ray and gamma ray) radiation more penetrating than the lower frequency radiation (microwaves, radio waves, infrared)

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Your skin feels warm, you emit infrared radiation

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## **QUESTIONS ABOUT THE INTERACTION OF ELECTROMAGNETIC RADIATIONS WITH MATTER**

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- type of matter .
- type of instrument .
- type of radiation .
- concentration of matter.
- nature of interaction of radiation with matter .

**Question 3.** Match the following :

<b>1- absorption</b>	<b>..... nephelometry</b>
<b>2- emission.</b>	<b>..... measuring the transmitted radiation.</b>
<b>3- scattering.</b>	<b>..... can be induced by flame , electricity or radiation</b>

**Question 4.** Match the following :

<b>Type of Radiation</b>	<b>Type of Transition</b>
<b>1- Microwaves</b>	<b>..... nuclear</b>
<b>2- radio waves</b>	<b>..... inner electron</b>
<b>3- UV / vis</b>	<b>..... outer electron</b>
<b>4- X-rays</b>	<b>..... molecular vibrations</b>
<b>5- <math>\gamma</math>-rays</b>	<b>..... molecular rotations,</b>
<b>6- IR</b>	<b>..... nuclear spin flips</b>

**Question 5.** Match the followings :

1- Absorption of EMR .	Contains only electronic transitions .....
2- Atomic spectrum .	Contains electronic , vibrational and rotational transitions.....
3- Molecular spectrum .	Electrons go from lower energy state to higher energy state.....
4- emission of EMR .	Electrons return from higher energy state to lower energy state.....

**Question 6.** What is the main difference between molecular spectrum (ms) and atomic spectrum (as) ? select the correct answer :

A- (ms) involves electronic , vibrational and rotational transitions and consists of bands while( as) involves only electronic transitions and consists of lines .

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C- (as) involves electronic , vibrational and rotational transitions and consists of lines while (ms) involves only electronic transitions and consists of bands .

**Question 7.** Bonding ( outer ) electrons interact with what type of electromagnetic radiation ?

**Question 8.** What is the difference between a continuum , a

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**Question 9.** An atom drops from 7.64 eV to 5.98 eV. What is the frequency of the photon emitted by the atom ?

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- c. 250 nm
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- b. 2.15 eV
- c. 1.40 eV
- d. 2.43 eV

**Question 12.** When a beam of UV/Visible radiation is directed into a matter what will happen to the matter?

**Question 13.** When a beam of UV/Visible radiation is absorbed by a matter what will happen to the matter ?

**Question 14.** What are the following Abbreviations stand for : AAS , AES and ICP ?

**Question 15.** What is the difference between absorption and emission ?

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4- emission of EMR .	Electrons return from higher energy state to lower energy state.... <b>4</b> .....

**Question 6.** What is the main difference between molecular spectrum (ms) and atomic spectrum (as) ? select the correct answer :

A- (ms) involves electronic , vibrational and rotational transitions and consists of bands while( as) involves only electronic transitions and consists of lines .

B- (as) involves electronic , vibrational and rotational transitions and consists of bands while (ms) involves only electronic transitions and consists of lines .

C- (as) involves electronic , vibrational and rotational transitions and consists of lines while (ms) involves only electronic transitions and consists of bands .

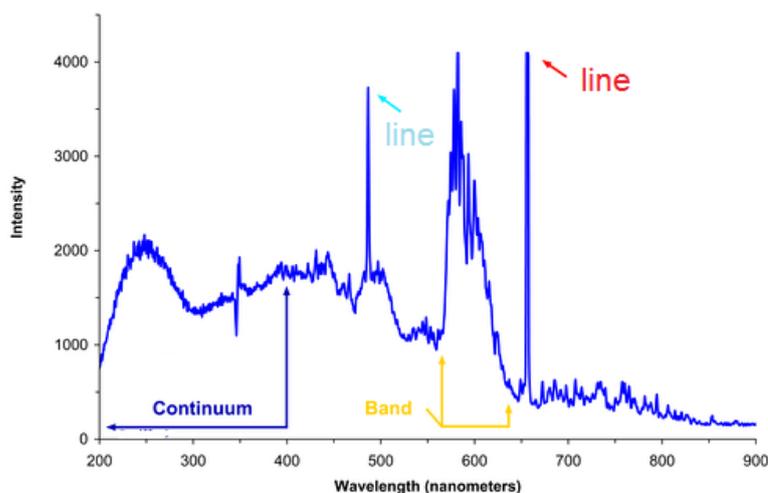
**Question 7.** Bonding ( outer ) electrons interact with what type of electromagnetic radiation ?

**Answer :**

Ultraviolet and visible .

**Question 8.** What is the difference between a continuum , a band and a line spectrum?

**Answer :**



**Question 9.** An atom drops from 7.64 eV to 5.98 eV. What is the frequency of the photon emitted by the atom ?

$$E_{(J)} = E_{(eV)} \times 1.60 \cdot 10^{-19} ,$$

$$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}$$

- a.  $5.86 \times 10^{-14} \text{ Hz}$
- b.  $2.50 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$
- c.  $2.66 \times 10^{19} \text{ Hz}$
- d.  $4.00 \times 10^{14} \text{ Hz}$

$$\Delta E = 6.64 - 5.98 = 1.66 \text{ eV} = 1.66 \times 1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 2.656 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$$

$$E = h\nu$$

$$2.656 \times 10^{-19} = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} \times \nu$$

$$\nu = 400603318250377 \text{ Hz}$$

**Question 10.** An atom drops from 8.62 eV to 7.05 eV. What is the wavelength of the photon emitted by the atom?

$$E_{(\text{J})} = E_{(\text{eV})} \times 1.60 \cdot 10^{-19},$$

$$h = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s}, c = 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/s}$$

- a. 1270 nm
- b. 796 nm
- c. 250 nm
- d. 496 nm

$$\Delta E = 8.62 - 7.05 = 1.57 \text{ eV} = 1.57 \times 1.60 \cdot 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 2.5 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$E = h \times c / \lambda$$

$$2.5 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = 6.63 \times 10^{-34} \text{ J}\cdot\text{s} \times 3 \times 10^{10} \text{ cm/s} / \lambda$$

$$\lambda = 0.00007956 \text{ cm} = 0.00007956 \text{ cm} / 10^{-7} = 796 \text{ nm}$$

**Question.11.** An atom drops from 8.45 eV to 6.02 eV. What is the energy of the photon emitted by the atom?

- a. 14.47 eV
- b. 2.15 eV
- c. 1.40 eV
- d. 2.43 eV

**Question 12.** When a beam of uv/visible radiation is directed into a matter what will happen to the incident radiation ?

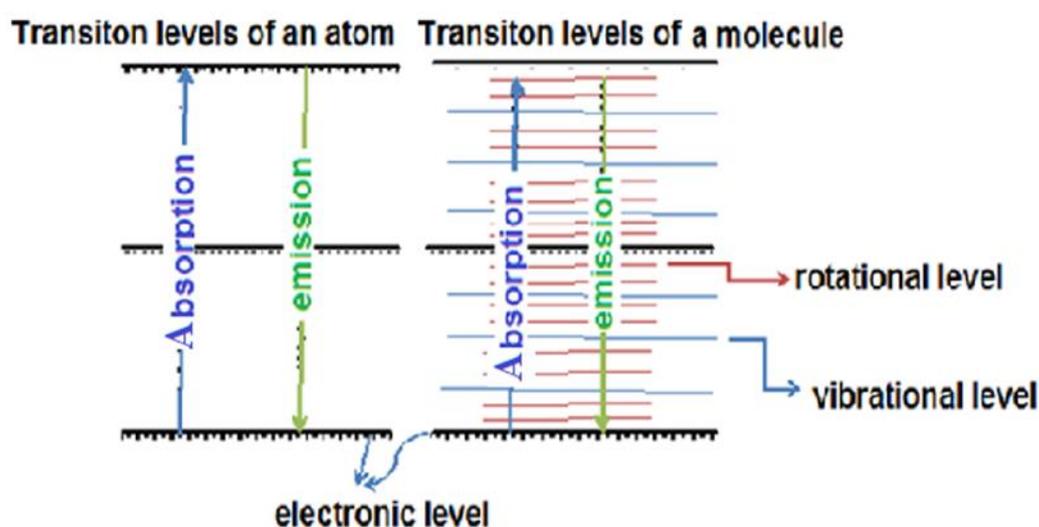
**Answer :**

the incident radiation will be either absorbed , reflected , scattered , transmitted or the absorbed radiation may be emitted .

**Question 13.** When a beam of uv/visible radiation is absorbed by a matter what will happen to the matter ?

**Answer :**

If the matter contains atoms , the absorbed radiation will cause only electronic transitions but if it contains molecules the absorbed radiation will cause electronic transitions as well as vibrational and rotational transitions .



**Question 14.** What are the following Abbreviations stand for :  
AAS , AES and ICP-AES ?

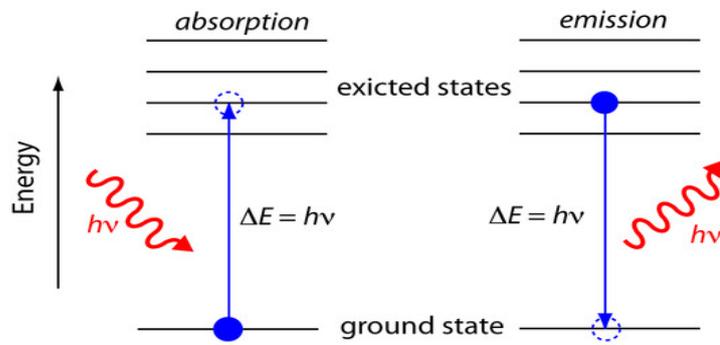
AAS : Atomic Absorption Spectrometry.

AES : Atomic Emission Spectrometry .

ICP-AES : Inductively Coupled Plasma Atomic Emission Spectroscopy

**Question 15.** What is the difference between absorption and emission?

**Answer :**



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Single beam spectrophotometer is inconvenient because the sample and blank must be placed alternately in the light path ,while in double beam they can be measured automatically at the same time . Therefore , small changes . in P or in detector response have no effect in double beam but may have great effect with single beam.

In double beam we can make automatic scanning and continuous recording of spectrum which we cannot with single beam .

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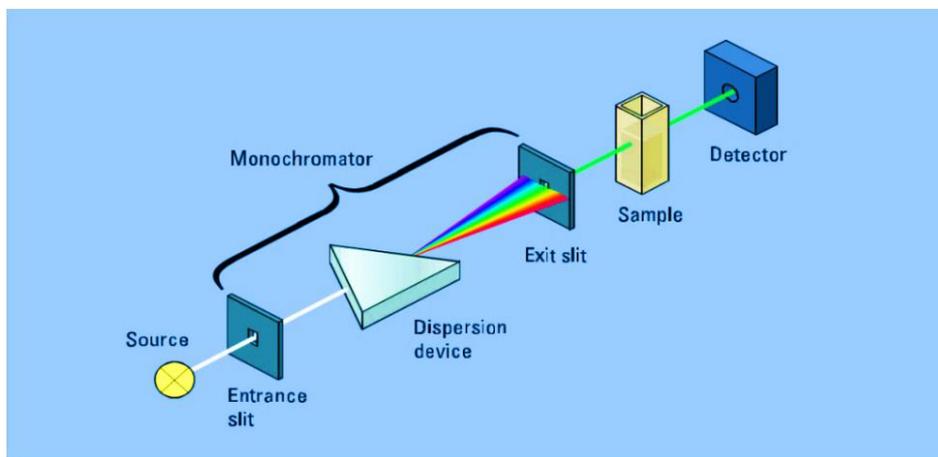
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Solution :  $\lambda = (350 + 354) / 2 = 352$

$R = \text{wavelength} / \Delta \text{wavelength} = \lambda / \Delta \lambda = 352 \text{ nm} / 4 \text{ nm} = 88$

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Answer :

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$\Delta \lambda = 589.5 - 589.0 = 0.5$

$R = 589.25 / 0.5 = 1178.5$

$R = Nn , 1178.5 = N$

The required length =  $1178.5 / 500 = 2.357 \text{ cm}$

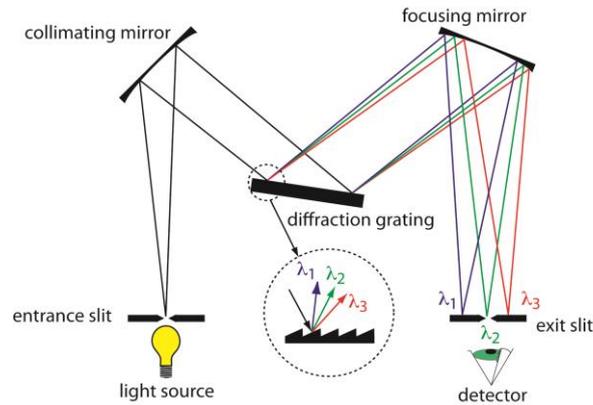
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Answer :

$$n \lambda = d (\sin \theta_i + \sin \theta_r )$$

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**Question 6.**

A 0.001 M solution of substance D had an absorbance of 0.80 at 630 nm in a 1.00 cm cuvette, and an absorbance of 0.05 at 420 nm. A 0.004 M solution of substance E had absorbances of 0.01 and 0.60 at 630 and 420 nm, respectively. A mixture of X and Y had absorbances of 0.60 and 0.40 at 630 and 420 nm, respectively. Calculate the concentration of X and Y in the mixture ?

**Question 7.**

Bonding electrons interact with what types of electromagnetic radiation?

**Question 8.**

Explain how a photomultiplier tube works ?

**Question 9.**

Match the following :

chromophore	transition
1- C-C	..... $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
2- C = C or C $\equiv$ C	..... $\pi \rightarrow \pi^* + n \rightarrow \pi^*$
3- C = O	..... $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^*$
4- C - X	..... $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$

**Question 10.**

You have the following data for the analysis of an analyte concentration by AAS . Show how to apply the standard addition method for finding the analyte concentration ?When you prefer standard addition method over standard calibration ?

No.	Sample added ml	Standard added ml	Concentration of standard $\mu\text{g/ml}$	Last concentration $\mu\text{g/ml}$	Response
1	10	0	150	?	3.06
2		5		?	4.56
3		10		?	6.06
4		15		?	7.56
5		20		?	9.06

$V_L = 50 \text{ ml}$

**Question 11.**

What is the effect of aromaticity on the absorption of a compound ?

**Question 12.**

What are the advantages of spectrophotometric titration over conventional titration ?

**Question 13.**

How to determine non-absorbing analyte using UV/Visible region ?

**Question 14.**

Absorbance (A) of a solution may be converted to percent transmittance (%T) using the formula?

- A.  $1 + \text{Log } \%T$
- B.  $2 + \text{Log } \%T$
- C.  $1 - \text{Log } \%T$
- D.  $2 - \text{Log } \%T$

**Question 15.**

The nanometer is used as a measure of?

- A. Absorbance
- B. % transmittance
- C. Intensity of radiant energy
- D. Wavelength of radiant energy

**Question 16.**

Light is passed through a solution with a light path of 2 cm and the absorbance is recorded as 0.40. If light is passed through the same solution at the same wavelength and the light path is reduced to 1 cm, the absorbance should be:

- A. 0.80
- B. 0.40
- C. 0.20
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**Question 17.**

A component of a spectrophotometer that isolates radiant energy of a specific wavelength and excludes that of other wavelengths is called a or an .....

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**Question 18.**

An absorbance spectrum may be used to:

- A. Find the wavelength of maximum absorbance
- B. Select a wavelength best suited for measuring a compound
- C. Identify an unknown compound by comparing its absorption spectra to that of a known compound
- D. All of the above

### **Question 19.**

A blank absorbance reading is used to:

- A. Compensate for variations in reagent interferences and its absorbance is subtracted from the absorbance of the net reaction with sample
- B. Compensate for variations in reagent and sample interferences and its absorbance is subtracted from the absorbance of the net reaction with sample
- C. Compensate for variations in sample interferences and its absorbance is subtracted from the absorbance of the net reaction with sample
- D. Compensate for variations in reagent interferences and light source variation and its absorbance is subtracted from the absorbance of the net reaction with sample

### **Question 20.**

Monochromatic light is defined as

- A. The measurement of the intensity of light at selected wavelengths
- B. Emission of light by molecules in an excited state produced by a chemical reaction or the absorption ionizing radiation
- C. Electromagnetic radiation of one wavelength or extremely narrow wavelengths
- D. Measurement of scattered light by suspended particles

### **Question 21.**

What units of measurement are traditionally applied to wavelength in the visible portion of the electromagnetic spectrum?

- A. Millimeters (mm)
- B. Centimeters (cm)
- C. Micrometers (um)
- D. Nanometers (nm)

### **Question 22.**

Method requiring the measurement of absorbance in the UV region of the electromagnetic spectrum require that the sample cuvette be made of:

- A. Glass
- B. Plastic
- C. Quartz

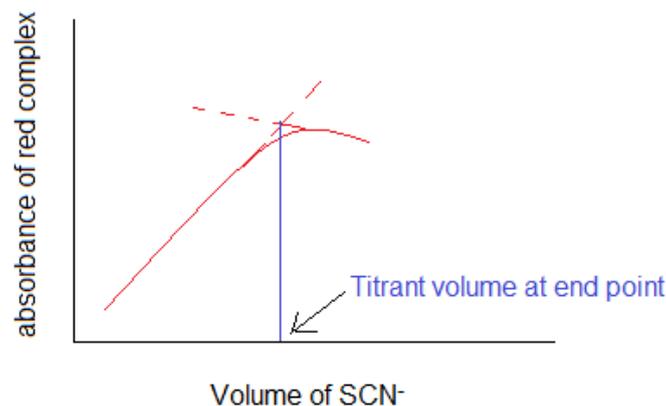
### **Question 23.**

Analytical sensitivity is related to:

- A. Lowest concentration of analyte that can be detected and accurately quantitated
- B. The minimum cross reactivity with other analytes with similar structures
- C. Highest concentration of analyte that can be detected and accurately quantitated
- D. The highest cross reactivity with other analytes with similar structure .

### **Question 24.**

spectrophotometric titration of  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$  with  $\text{SCN}^-$  solution to make the red  $\text{FeSCN}$  complex would give what titration curve?



### **Question 25.**

Why such a photometric titration be more accurate than relying on Beer's law to make the concentration estimate? Select all that apply:

- a. Matrix effects are unimportant in photometric titration.
- b. Photometric titration uses an internal standard.
- c. Beer's law is always obeyed in photometric titrations.
- d. Beer's law need not be obeyed in photometric titrations.
- e. Photometric titration relies on titrant volume and titrant concentration which can be measured accurately.
- f. Photometric titration relies on absolute absorbance which can be measured exactly.
- g. Photometric titration does not require sample preparation.

### **Question 26.**

Name some factors causing deviation from Beer's law ?

- High concentration .
- Using polychromatic radiation .
- Stray radiation .
- Dissociation and reaction of the analyte .
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### **Question 27.**

An analyte at concentration of  $5.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M gives an absorbance of 0.50 at a specific wavelength and a cell path length of 1.00 cm . What is the molar absorptivity ?

- a. 100 M.cm
- b.  $100 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$
- c.  $100 \text{ M.cm}^{-1}$
- d.  $200 \text{ L.mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

### **Question 28 .**

The percent transmittance ( %T ) is the percentage of light :

- a. absorbed by the sample .

- b. not absorbed by the sample .
- c. reflected by the sample .
- d. emitted by the sample .

**Question 29 .**

You are analyzing compound X using molecular absorption spectrometry . A standard containing 50  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  of X gives a %T of 15.9 . The %T of the blank is 97.2 . What is the concentration (  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  ) of a sample of X that gives a %T of 47.8 ?

- a. 128  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  , b. 20.4  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  , c. 150  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  , d. 19.6  $\mu\text{g/ml}$

**Question 30 .**

State a reason for measuring at  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ?  
To increase the sensitivity .

**Question 31 .**

List 3 specific examples of chromophoric groups:

- a) .....
- b) .....
- c) .....

**Question 32 .**

Using molecular orbital terminology name the type of molecular transitions occurring during excitation in:

- a) double and triple bonds .....
- b) single bond .....
- c) non bonded electrons .....

### Question 33.

A mixture containing cobalt and nickel was dissolved, complexed with 2,3-quinoxalinedi-thiol, and measured spectrophotometrically. At 510 nm, the reading from the Spectronic 21 was 36.1%T, while at 656 nm the reading was 34.4%T. All measurements were in a 1.00 cm cell.

Molar absorptivities for the complexes are as follows:

	$\epsilon_{\text{Co}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{Ni}}$
510 nm	36,400	5,520
656 nm	1,240	17,500

Calculate the concentration of cobalt and nickel in the solution.

### Question 34.

Given the following spectrophotometric data:

Calculate the concentration in ppm of solutions with %T = 68.7 ?

ppm	%T
3.00	73.62
6.00	53.21
9.00	38.90
12.0	28.77
15.0	21.33
?	Analyte
	68.7

### Question 35.

What is the molar absorptivity of a compound if a  $4.4 \times 10^{-5}$  molar solution has an absorbance of 0.105 when the path length is 1.0 cm?

- (a)  $4.2 \times 10^{-5}$     (b)  $1.0 \times 10^8$     (c)  $2.4 \times 10^3$     (d)  $4.62 \times 10^{-6}$

### Question 36.

The % transmittance of a sample is measured to be 34%. What will the absorbance be if the concentration is doubled?

- (a) 0.94    (b) 0.68    (c) 0.23    (d) 0.17

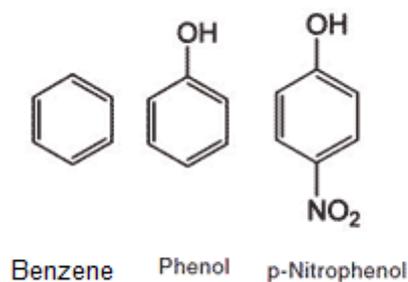
### Question 37.

Which transition has the smallest and which has the largest molar absorptivity?

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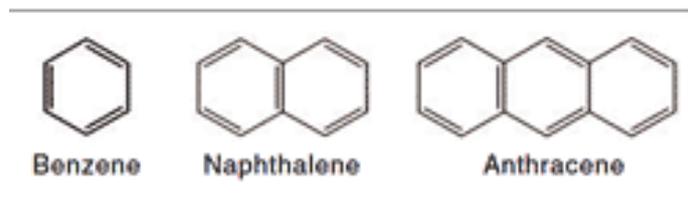
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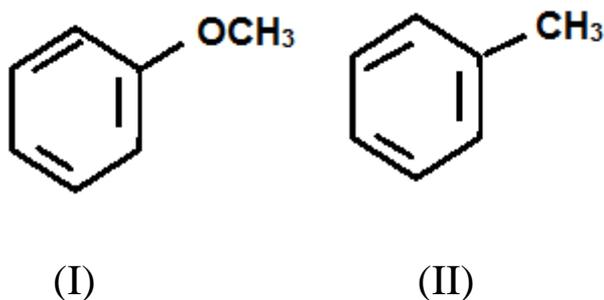
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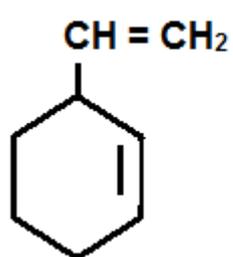
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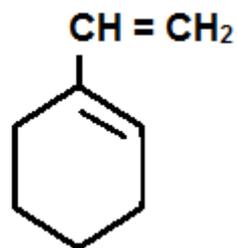


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(I)



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$$A = \epsilon bc, \quad 0.87 - 0.03 = \epsilon \times 1 \times 5.2 \times 10^{-5}, \quad \epsilon = 16153.8$$

$$c = A / \epsilon \cdot b, \quad c = (0.67 - 0.03) / 16153.8 = 4 \times 10^{-5} \text{ M}$$

### **Question 6.**

A 0.001 M solution of substance D had an absorbance of 0.80 at 630 nm in a 1.00 cm cuvette, and an absorbance of 0.05 at 420 nm. A 0.004 M solution of substance E had absorbances of 0.01 and 0.60 at 630 and 420 nm, respectively. A mixture of X and Y had absorbances of 0.60 and 0.40 at 630 and 420 nm, respectively. Calculate the concentration of X and Y in the mixture ?

### **Answer :**

Standards :

$$\text{At 420 nm : } \epsilon_D = 0.05 / 0.001 = 50, \quad \epsilon_E = 0.60 / 0.004 = 150$$

$$\text{At 630 nm : } \epsilon_D = 0.80 / 0.001 = 800, \quad \epsilon_E = 0.01 / 0.004 = 2.5$$

Mixture :

$$\text{At 420 nm : } 0.40 = 50 \times C_D + 150 \times C_E$$

$$\text{At 630 nm : } 0.60 = 800 C_D + 2.5 \times C_E$$

Solving these two equations gives :

$$C_D = 7.52 \times 10^{-3} \text{ M} = 0.00752 \text{ M}$$

$$C_E = 1.6 \times 10^{-4} \text{ M} = 0.00016 \text{ M}$$

### Question 7.

Bonding electrons interact with what types of electromagnetic radiation?

Ultraviolet and Visible

### Question 8.

Explain how a photomultiplier tube works ?

#### Answer :

- The cathode releases an  $e^-$  when illuminated.
- The  $e^-$  then goes to the dynode and is multiplied. Every time the  $e^-$  (or electrons) hit another dynode, they are multiplied again. There are ten dynodes in total.
- All of the electrons will go to the anode. There will be about  $10^6$  to  $10^7$   $e^-$  when they reach the anode.
- Fast response time
- Sensitivity is limited by dark current.

### Question 9.

Match the following :

chromophore	transition
1- C-C	....2.... $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$
2- C = C or C $\equiv$ C	...3..... $\pi \rightarrow \pi^* + n \rightarrow \pi^*$
3- C = O	...1..... $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^*$
4- C - X	...4..... $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$

### Question 10.

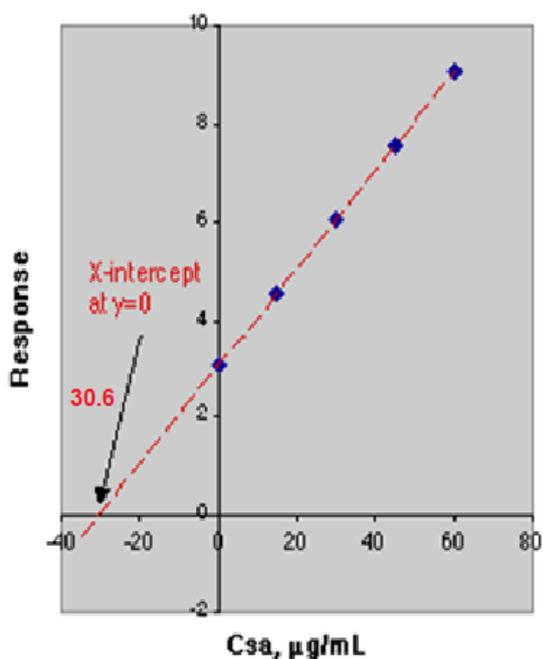
You have the following data for the analysis of an analyte concentration by AAS . Show how to apply the standard addition method for finding the analyte concentration ?When you prefer standard addition method over standard calibration ?

No.	Sample added ml	Standard added ml	Concentration of standard $\mu\text{g/ml}$	Last concentration $\mu\text{g/ml}$	Response
1	10	0	150	?	3.06
2		5		?	4.56
3		10		?	6.06
4		15		?	7.56
5		20		?	9.06

$V_L = 50 \text{ ml}$

**Answer :**

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2		5		$(5 \times 150) / 50 = 15$	4.56
3		10		$(10 \times 150) / 50 = 30$	6.06
4		15		$(15 \times 150) / 50 = 45$	7.56
5		20		$(20 \times 150) / 50 = 60$	9.06



In many cases the intensity of the signal of the analyte is affected by the composition of the matrix, by the temperature and other factors. One of the methods to overcome these problems is the method of standard additions. Two conditions have to be fulfilled for successful application of the method:

- (a) the calibration graph must be linear,
- (b) the calibration curve of the analyte passes through the origin.

### **Question 11.**

What is the effect of aromaticity on the absorption of a compound ?

#### **Answer :**

If we assume a molar absorptivity of about  $10,000 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  for each double bond, we expect the sum of the three double bonds in benzene to be just above  $30,000 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  (at 185 nm) but actually the value is about  $60,000 \text{ L mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$  due to increased delocalization as a result of aromaticity.

### **Question 12.**

What are the advantages of spectrophotometric titration over conventional titration ?

#### **Answer :**

##### Advantages of Photometric Titrations

1. Usually, photometric titrations are more accurate than visual titrations.
2. Photometric titrations are faster than visual titrations as only few points at the beginning and end of the titration is necessary. Extrapolation of the straight lines will intersect at the end point.

3. Titration reactions that are slow at the end point can not be performed by visual titrations but are well suited for spectrophotometric titrations.

**Question 13.**

How to determine non-absorbing analyte using UV/Visible region ?

**Answer :**

Non absorbing species can be determined by reaction with a suitable reagent to produce an absorbing compound as the case of metal ions when complexed to ligands

**Question 14.**

Absorbance (A) of a solution may be converted to percent transmittance (%T) using the formula?

- A.  $1 + \text{Log } \%T$
- B.  $2 + \text{Log } \%T$
- C.  $1 - \text{Log } \%T$
- D.  $2 - \text{Log } \%T$

**Question 15.**

The nanometer is used as a measure of?

- A. Absorbance
- B. % transmittance
- C. Intensity of radiant energy
- D. Wavelength of radiant energy

**Question 16.**

Light is passed through a solution with a light path of 2 cm and the absorbance is recorded as 0.40. If light is passed through the

same solution at the same wavelength and the light path is reduced to 1 cm, the absorbance should be:

- A. 0.80
- B. 0.40
- C. 0.20
- D. 0.10

**Answer :**

$$0.40 = \epsilon \times 2 \times C \quad (1)$$

$$A = \epsilon \times 1 \times C \quad (2)$$

Dividing ( 1 ) by ( 2 ) and cancelation give :  $A = 0.20$

**Question 17.**

A component of a spectrophotometer that isolates radiant energy of a specific wavelength and excludes that of other wavelengths is called a or an .....

- A. Fluorometer
- B. Incandescent lamp
- C. Monochromator
- D. Photomultiplier tube

**Question 18.**

An absorbance spectrum may be used to:

- A. Find the wavelength of maximum absorbance
- B. Select a wavelength best suited for measuring a compound
- C. Identify an unknown compound by comparing its absorption spectra to that of a known compound
- D. All of the above

**Question 19.**

A blank absorbance reading is used to:

- A. Compensate for variations in reagent interferences and its absorbance is subtracted from the absorbance of the net

- reaction with sample
- B. Compensate for variations in reagent and sample interferences and its absorbance is subtracted from the absorbance of the net reaction with sample
  - C. Compensate for variations in sample interferences and its absorbance is subtracted from the absorbance of the net reaction with sample
  - D. Compensate for variations in reagent interferences and light source variation and its absorbance is subtracted from the absorbance of the net reaction with sample

### **Question 20.**

Monochromatic light is defined as

- A. The measurement of the intensity of light at selected wavelengths
- B. Emission of light by molecules in an excited state produced by a chemical reaction or the absorption ionizing radiation
- C. Electromagnetic radiation of one wavelength or extremely narrow wavelengths
- D. Measurement of scattered light by suspended particles

### **Question 21.**

What units of measurement are traditionally applied to wavelength in the visible portion of the electromagnetic spectrum?

- A. Millimeters (mm)
- B. Centimeters (cm)
- C. Micrometers (um)
- D. Nanometers (nm)

### **Question 22.**

Method requiring the measurement of absorbance in the UV region of the electromagnetic spectrum require that the sample cuvette be made of:

- A. Glass
- B. Plastic
- C. Quartz

### Question 23.

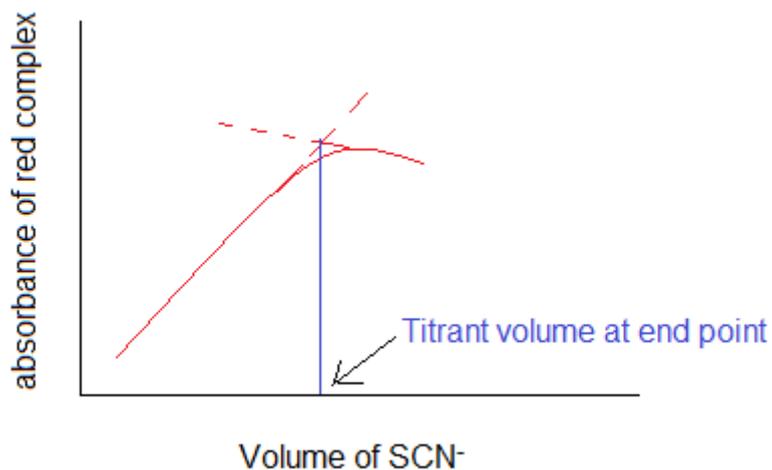
Analytical sensitivity is related to:

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- B. The minimum cross reactivity with other analytes with similar structures
- C. Highest concentration of analyte that can be detected and accurately quantitated
- D. The highest cross reactivity with other analytes with similar structure .

### Question 24.

spectrophotometric titration of  $\text{Fe}^{+3}$  with  $\text{SCN}^-$  solution to make the red  $\text{FeSCN}$  complex would give what titration curve?

**Answer :**



### **Question 25.**

Why such a photometric titration be more accurate than relying on Beer's law to make the concentration estimate? Select all that apply:

- a. Matrix effects are unimportant in photometric titration.**
- b. Photometric titration uses an internal standard.
- c. Beer's law is always obeyed in photometric titrations.
- d. Beer's law need not be obeyed in photometric titrations.**
- e. Photometric titration relies on titrant volume and titrant concentration which can be measured accurately.**
- f. Photometric titration relies on absolute absorbance which can be measured exactly.
- g. Photometric titration does not require sample preparation.

### **Question 26.**

Name some factors causing deviation from Beer's law ?

#### **Answer :**

- High concentration .
- Using polychromatic radiation .
- Stray radiation .
- Dissociation and reaction of the analyte .

### **Question 27.**

An analyte at concentration of  $5.0 \times 10^{-3}$  M gives an absorbance of 0.50 at a specific wavelength and a cell path length of 1.00 cm . What is the molar absorptivity ?

- a. 100 M.cm
- b.  $100 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$**
- c.  $100 \text{ M.cm}^{-1}$
- d.  $200 \text{ L.mol}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$

### **Question 28 .**

The percent transmittance ( %T ) is the percentage of light :

- a. absorbed by the sample .
- b. not absorbed by the sample .**

- c. reflected by the sample .
- d. emitted by the sample .

**Question 29 .**

You are analyzing compound X using molecular absorption spectrometry . A standard containing 50  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  of X gives a %T of 15.9 . The %T of the blank is 97.2 . What is the concentration (  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  ) of a sample of X that gives a %T of 47.8 ?

- a. 128  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  , b. 20.4  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  , c. 150  $\mu\text{g/ml}$  , d. 19.6  $\mu\text{g/ml}$

**Question 30 .**

State a reason for measuring at  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ?

To increase the sensitivity .

**Question 31 .**

List 3 specific examples of chromophoric groups in the UV/Vis region :

- a) .....C = C.....
- b) .....C  $\equiv$  C.....
- c) .....C = O.....

**Question 32 .**

Using molecular orbital terminology name the type of molecular transitions occurring during excitation in:

- a) double and triple bonds ..... $\pi$   $\rightarrow$   $\pi^*$  .....
- b) single bond .....  $\sigma$   $\rightarrow$   $\sigma^*$  .....
- c) non bonded electrons  $n \rightarrow \sigma^*$ .....and.....  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$

### Question 33.

A mixture containing cobalt and nickel was dissolved, complexed with 2,3-quinoxalinedi-thiol, and measured spectrophotometrically. At 510 nm, the reading from the Spectronic 21 was 36.1%T, while at 656 nm the reading was 34.4%T. All measurements were in a 1.00 cm cell.

Molar absorptivities for the complexes are as follows:

	$\epsilon_{\text{Co}}$	$\epsilon_{\text{Ni}}$
510 nm	36,400	5,520
656 nm	1,240	17,500

Calculate the concentration of cobalt and nickel in the solution.

See answer of question 6

### Question 34.

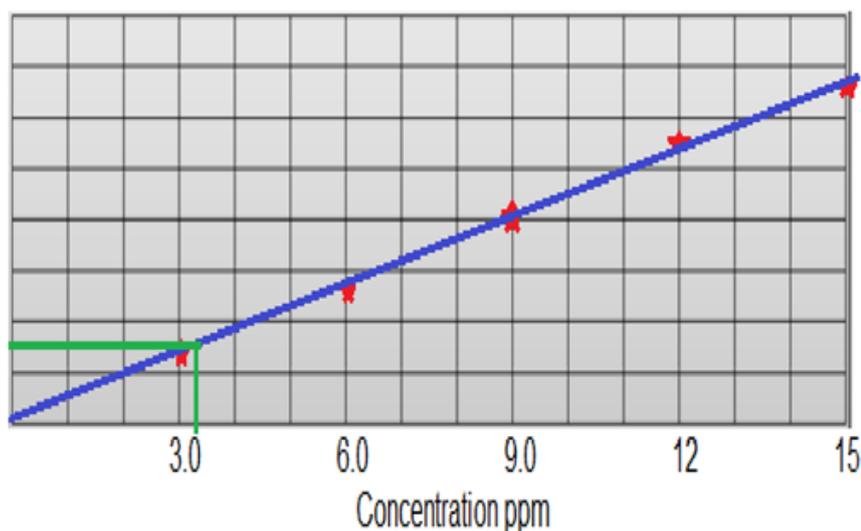
Given the following spectrophotometric data:

Calculate the concentration in ppm of solutions with %T = 68.7 ?

ppm	%T
3.00	73.62
6.00	53.21
9.00	38.90
12.0	28.77
15.0	21.33
?	Analyte
	68.7

Answer :

ppm	%T	A
3.00	73.62	0.133
6.00	53.21	0.274
9.00	38.90	0.410
12.0	28.77	0.541
15.0	21.33	0.671
3.33	Analyte 68.7	0.163



### Question 35.

What is the molar absorptivity of a compound if a  $4.4 \times 10^{-5}$  molar solution has an absorbance of 0.105 when the path length is 1.0 cm?

- (a)  $4.2 \times 10^{-5}$     (b)  $1.0 \times 10^8$     (c)  $2.4 \times 10^3$     (d)  $4.62 \times 10^{-6}$

$$\epsilon = 0.105 / 4.4 \times 10^{-5} = 2.4 \times 10^3 \text{ M}^{-1} \text{ cm}^{-1}$$

### Question 36.

The % transmittance of a sample is measured to be 34%. What will the absorbance be if the concentration is doubled?

- (a) 0.94    (b) 0.68    (c) 0.23    (d) 0.17

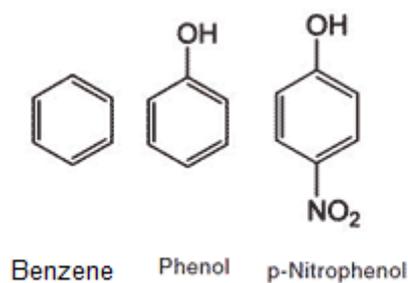
### Question 37.

Which transition has the smallest and which has the largest molar absorptivity?

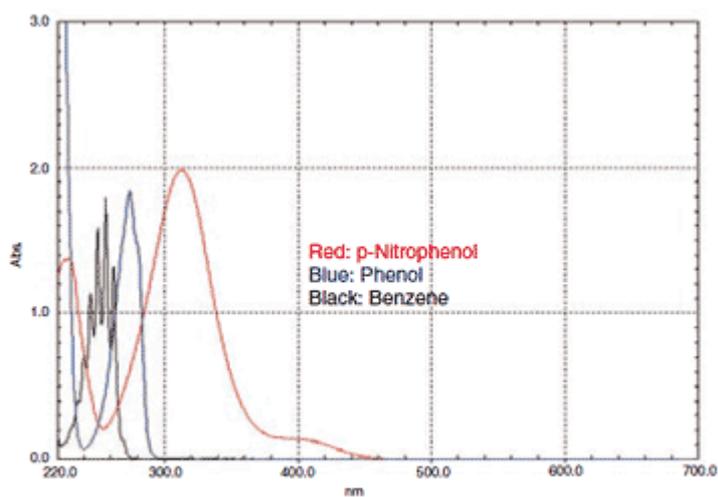
(a)  $\pi \rightarrow \pi^*$  highest (b)  $\sigma \rightarrow \sigma^*$  lowest (c)  $n \rightarrow \pi^*$  (d)  $\sigma \rightarrow \pi^*$

### Question 38.

Compare the following compounds regarding  $\lambda_{\max}$  ?



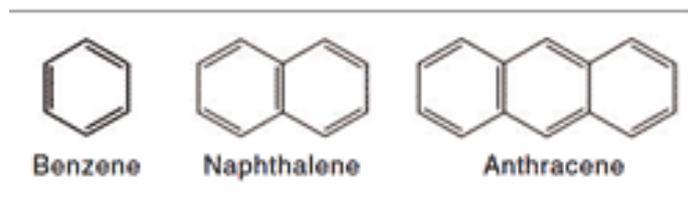
### Answer :



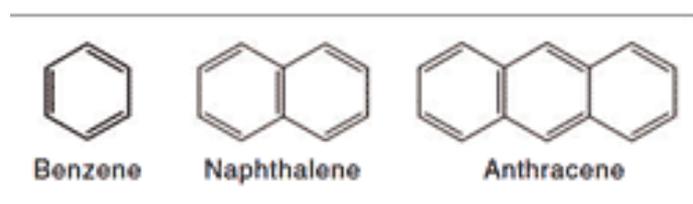
Absorption Spectra of Benzene, Phenol, and p-Nitrophenol

### Question 39.

Compare the following compounds regarding  $\lambda_{\max}$  and molar absorptivity  $\epsilon$  ?



**Answer :**



→  $\epsilon$

→  $\lambda_{\max}$

Because of increasing double bonds , conjugation and benzene rings .

### **Question 40.**

Compare (I) with (II) and (III) regarding  $\lambda_{\max}$  and gmolar absorptivity  $\epsilon$  ?

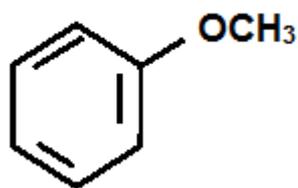
- ( I )  $\text{CH}_3 - \text{CH} = \text{CH} - \text{CH}_3$
- (II)  $\text{CH}_3 - \text{CH} = \text{CH} - \text{CH} = \text{CH}_2$
- (III)  $\text{CH}_3 - \text{CH} = \text{CH} - \text{CH}_2 - \text{CH} = \text{CH}_2$

**Answer :**

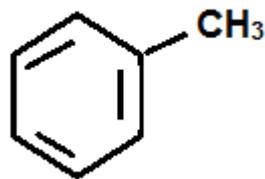
$\lambda_{\max}$  of (II) is longer than (I) due to increase in double bonds and also  $\epsilon$  increases in (II) due to conjugation while (III) has larger  $\epsilon$  than (I) but both have similar  $\lambda_{\max}$  because there is no conjugation .

### **Question 41.**

Compare the following compounds regarding  $\lambda_{\max}$  and molar absorptivity  $\epsilon$  ?



(I)



(II)

**Answer :**

(I) has a longer wavelength because it contains free non-bonding electrons .

**Question 42.**

Compare the following compounds regarding  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  and molar absorptivity  $\epsilon$  ?

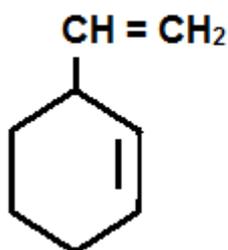
a)  $\text{CH}_2 = \text{CHCO}_2\text{H}$  ,      b)  $\text{CH}_3 - \text{CH}_2\text{CO}_2\text{H}$

**Answer :**

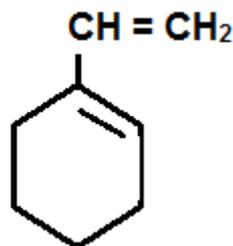
a) has longer wavelength and larger  $\epsilon$  because it contains one more double bond .

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Compare the following compounds regarding  $\lambda_{\text{max}}$  ?



(I)



(II)

**Answer :**

(II) has longer wavelength than (I) due to conjugation .

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Which ones describe general properties of the emitted light ?

- The emitted light usually has a longer wavelength, and therefore lower energy, than the absorbed radiation.
- Fluorescence occurs when an orbital electron of a molecule or atom relaxes to its ground state by emitting a photon of light after being excited to a higher quantum state by some type of energy.
- In a phosphorescence, excitation of electrons to a higher state is accompanied with the change of a spin state. Relaxation is a slow process since it involves energy state transitions "forbidden" in quantum mechanics.
- All of the above statements .

**Question 18.**

Draw a block diagram of a spectrofluorometer ?

**Question 19.**

What is the difference between a singlet and a triplet state?

### **Question 20.**

In fluorescence spectroscopy :

- The emitted photon has (longer , shorter , equal ) wavelength than the absorbed photon .
- The emitted photon has (lower , higher , equal ) energy than the absorbed photon.
- the absorbed photon is in the (X-ray, UV-Vis, IR, microwave, ) region .

### **Question 21.**

Which lamp is commonly used in fluorescence?

- (a) hollow cathode                      (b) D<sub>2</sub>                      (c) H<sub>2</sub>  
(d) xenon lamp .

### **Question 22.**

Which molecule is most likely to have the largest fluorescence quantum yield?

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What is the difference between photoluminescence and chemiluminescence ?

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What is the difference between excitation spectrum and fluorescence spectrum ? Which one of the two resembles the absorption spectrum ?

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When quantum efficiency  $\Phi$  is high , the sensitivity of fluorescence is high . True or false ?

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Why  $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$  is longer than  $\lambda_{\text{em}}$  ?

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Make a sketch showing fluorescence , absorption and phosphorescence on a single spectrum ?

**Question 28.**

Which is emitted at longer wavelength , fluorescence or phosphorescence ? Why ?

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Does fluorescence intensity of a compound depend on :

- 1- the molar absorptivity  $\epsilon$  at  $\lambda_{\text{ex}}$ .
- 2- the quantum efficiency  $\phi$ .
- 3- the intensity of the radiation used for excitation  $P^0$  ( source radiation ) .
- 4 - Fluorescence depend on all the mentioned factors 1-3

**Question 30.**

Give examples to prove that fluorescence is favored in molecules that possess rigid structure ?

**Question 31 .**

List factors affecting fluorescence intensity ?

**Question 32 .**

If the analyte does not exhibit fluorescence how it can be determined by fluorometry ?

**Question 33 .**

Quenching:

- A. Causes nonlinearity of a reaction response that occurs when the absorbance of a solution increases to greater than 2% of the exciting light
- B. Involves fluorophores with small stokes shifts that have overlapping excitation and emission spectra and are susceptible to loss of detection because of background light

scatter

- C. Is related to the interaction of a fluorophore with a solvent or with a solute dissolved in the solvent that might result in a loss of fluorescence owing to energy transfer

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2. Fluorescence has a dark background and will show up better if there is a slight change than absorption will.

Fluorescence is more selective because the compounds that fluoresce less than those absorb.

b) larger linear concentration range .

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**Phosphorescence:** excitation by absorption of photon, long-lived excited state (triplet), emission of photon.

These two types are called photoluminescence where molecules are excited by absorption of electromagnetic radiation

**Chemiluminescence:** no excitation source – chemical reaction energy to excite molecule which emit radiation .

#### **Question 4.**

Compare fluorescence spectroscopy to UV / Vis molecular absorption spectroscopy?

#### **Answer :**

The advantages of fluorescence spectroscopy over UV / Vis molecular absorption spectroscopy are :

- More sensitive .
- More selective .
- Has a wider linear range .

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- heavy atom effect (decreases)
- electron donating substituent - increase
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- $n-\pi^*$  generally no good

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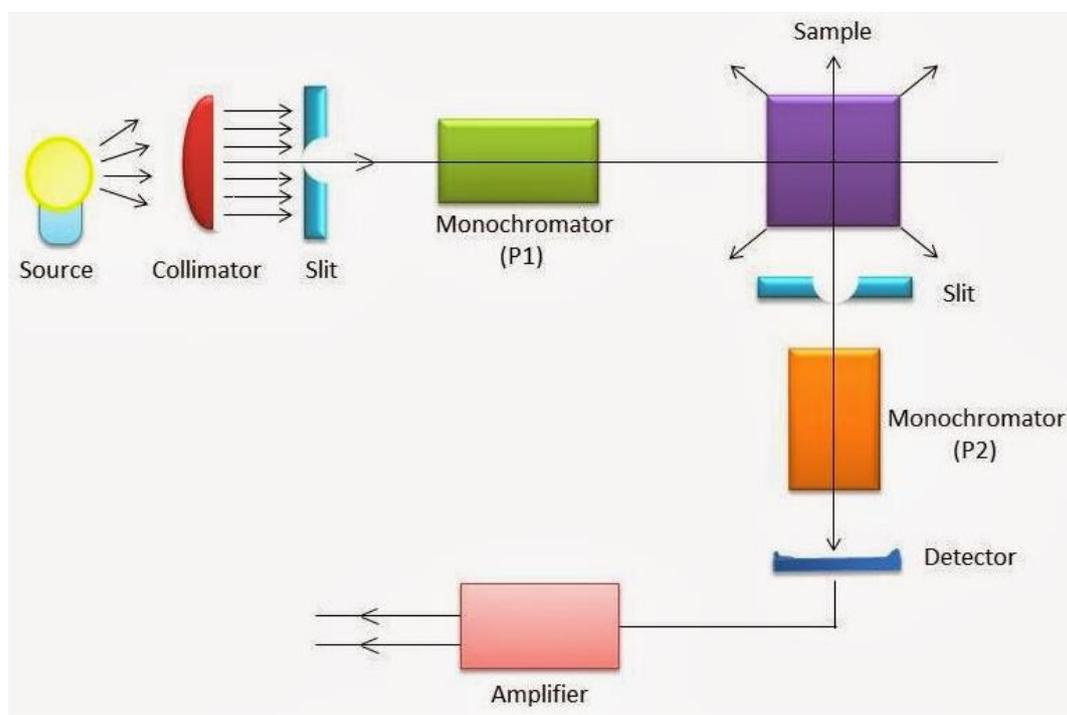
Which ones describe general properties of the emitted light ?

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- Fluorescence occurs when an orbital electron of a molecule or atom relaxes to its ground state by emitting a photon of light after being excited to a higher quantum state by some type of energy.
- In a phosphorescence, excitation of electrons to a higher state is accompanied with the change of a spin state. Relaxation is a slow process since it involves energy state transitions "forbidden" in quantum mechanics.
- All of the above statements .**

### **Question 18.**

Draw a block diagram of a spectrofluorometer ?

### **Answer :**



### **Question 19.**

What is the difference between a singlet and a triplet state?

### **Answer :**

- The life time of an electron in the excited state is shorter than that in triplet state .
- The energy of triplet state is lower than the corresponding singlet state .
- The non-radiative transitions in triplet is more than in singlet .
- The electron to transfer from singlet to triplet or vice versa must change it's spin .

### **Question 20.**

In fluorescence spectroscopy :

- The emitted photon has (**longer** , shorter , equal ) wavelength than the absorbed photon .
- The emitted photon has (**lower** , higher , equal ) energy than the absorbed photon.
- the absorbed photon is in the (X-ray, **UV-Vis**, IR, microwave, ) region .

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Which lamp is commonly used in fluorescence?

- (a) hollow cathode                      (b) D<sub>2</sub>                      (c) H<sub>2</sub>  
(d) **xenon lamp** .

### **Question 22.**

Which molecule is most likely to have the largest fluorescence quantum yield?

#### **Answer :**

**The more rigid the structure of the molecule the more the intensity the fluorescence .**

### **Question 23**

What is the difference between photoluminescence and chemiluminescence ?

#### **Answer :**

**In photoluminescence ( i.e. fluorescence and phosphorescence ) the excitation of the electrons is the result of absorption of EM radiation while in chemiluminescence it is the result of a chemical reaction .**

### Question 24.

What is the difference between excitation spectrum and fluorescence spectrum ? Which one of the two resembles the absorption spectrum ?

### Answer :

For scanning an excitation spectrum  $\lambda_{em}$  of emission ( fluorescence ) is kept constant and the fluorescence is measured while varying  $\lambda_{ex}$  , for the emission ( fluorescence ) spectrum it is the other way round  $\lambda_{ex}$  is kept constant while varying  $\lambda_{em}$  . The excitation spectrum resembles the absorption spectrum .

### Question 25.

When quantum efficiency  $\phi$  is high , the sensitivity of fluorescence is high . True or false ?

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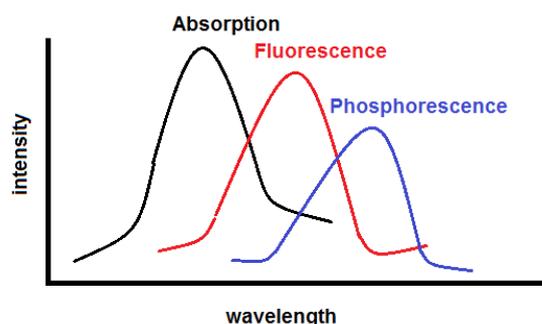
Why  $\lambda_{ex}$  is longer than  $\lambda_{em}$  ?

Due to non-radiation transitions .

### Question 27.

Make a sketch showing fluorescence , absorption and phosphorescence on a single spectrum ?

### Answer :



### Question 28.

Which is emitted at longer wavelength , fluorescence or phosphorescence ? Why ?

### Answer :

**Phosphorescence  $\lambda(T_1 \Rightarrow S_0)$  is longer than fluorescence  $\lambda(S_1 \Rightarrow S_0)$  because triplet state is of less energy than the respective singlet state and because non-radiation transitions in triplet state is more likely than singlet state .**

### Question 29.

Does fluorescence intensity of a compound depend on :

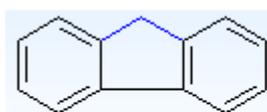
- 1- the molar absorptivity  $\epsilon$  at  $\lambda_{ex}$  .
- 2- the quantum efficiency  $\phi$  .
- 3- the intensity of the radiation used for excitation  $P^0$  ( source radiation ) .

**4- Fluorescence depend on all the mentioned factors 1-3**

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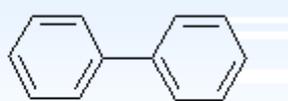
Give examples to prove that fluorescence is favored in molecules that possess rigid structure ?

### Answer :



fluorene

$$\phi = 1.0$$



biphenyl

$$\phi = 0.2$$

**This is a result of the increased rigidity by bridging methylene group in fluorene .**

### **Question 31 .**

List factors affecting fluorescence intensity ?

#### **Answer :**

Quenching , Temperature , pH , Conjugation , rigidity of structure and solvent .

### **Question 32 .**

**If the analyte does not exhibit fluorescence how it can be determined by fluorometry ?**

#### **Answer :**

In order to determine a non-fluorescent analyte by fluorimetry we need a fluorophore for being linked to the analyte or another non-fluorescent molecule yielding a fluorescent compound upon reacting with the analyte .

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Quenching:

- A. Causes nonlinearity of a reaction response that occurs when the absorbance of a solution increases to greater than 2% of the exciting light
- B. Involves fluorophores with small stokes shifts that have overlapping excitation and emission spectra and are susceptible to loss of detection because of background light scatter
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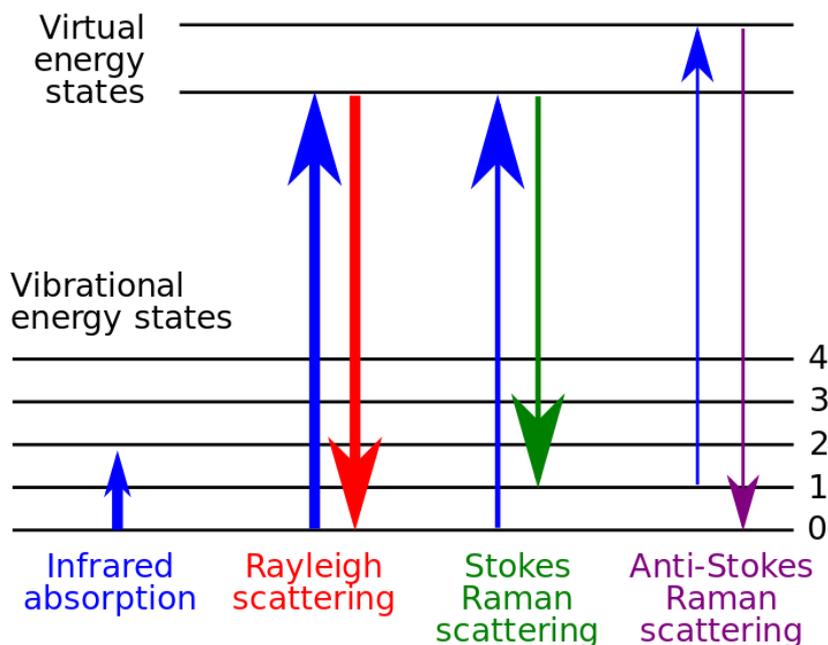
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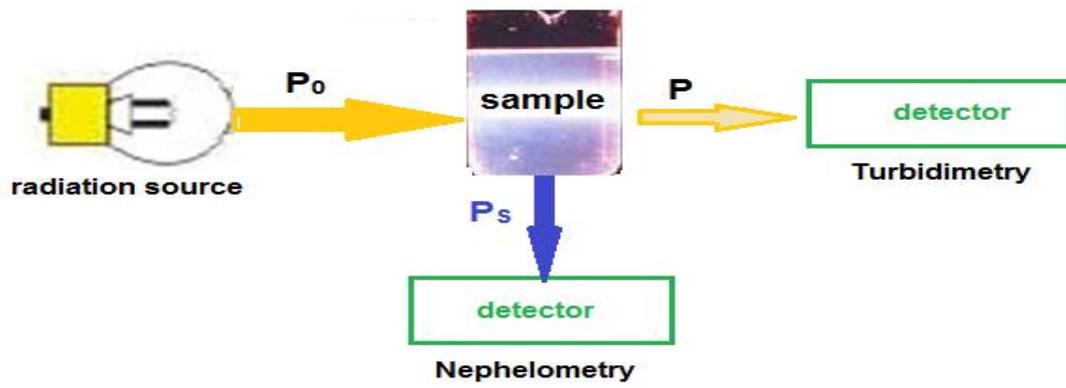
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	Nephelometer	Turbidimeter
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Instrument used	Nephelometry machine	spectrophotometer
Type of light measured	Scattered light	Transmitted light
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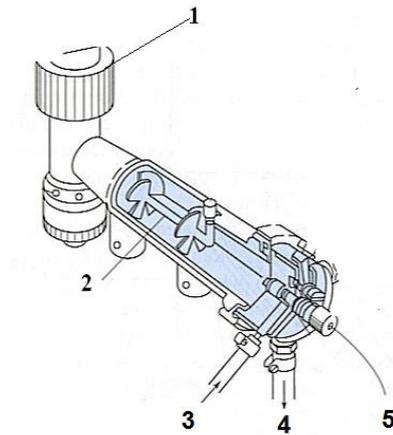
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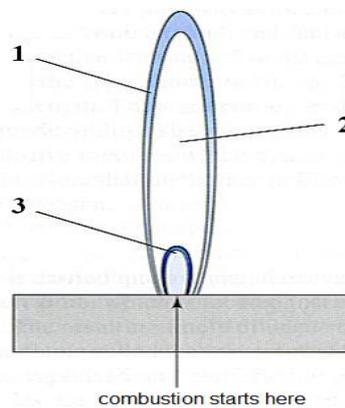
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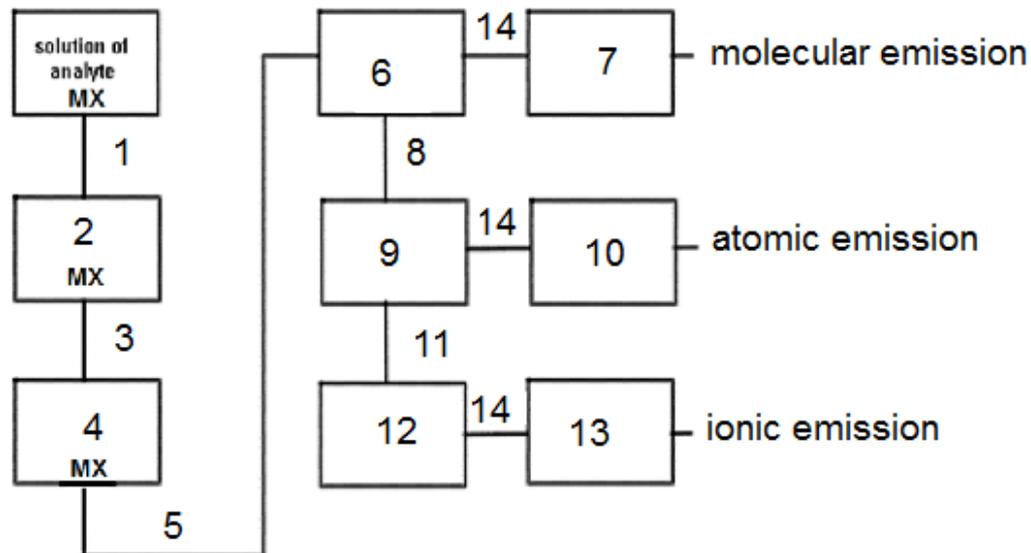
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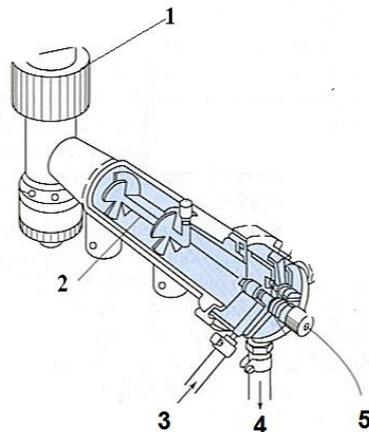
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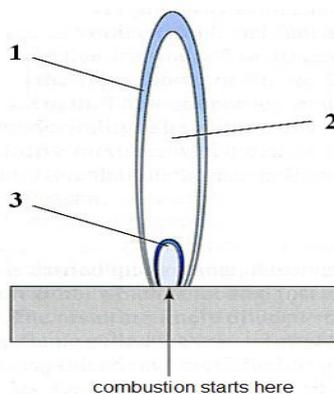
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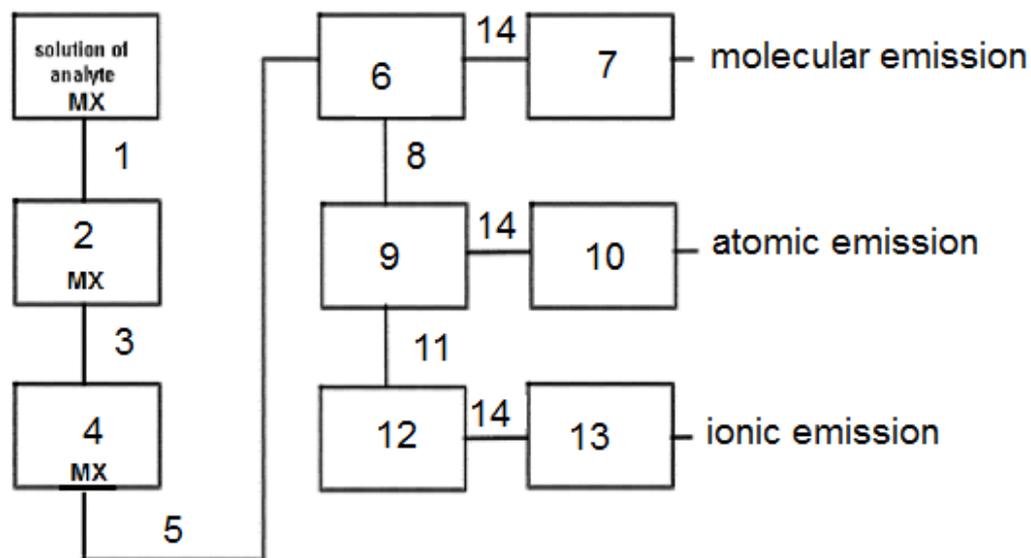
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- 1- Primary combustion zone : high background emission .
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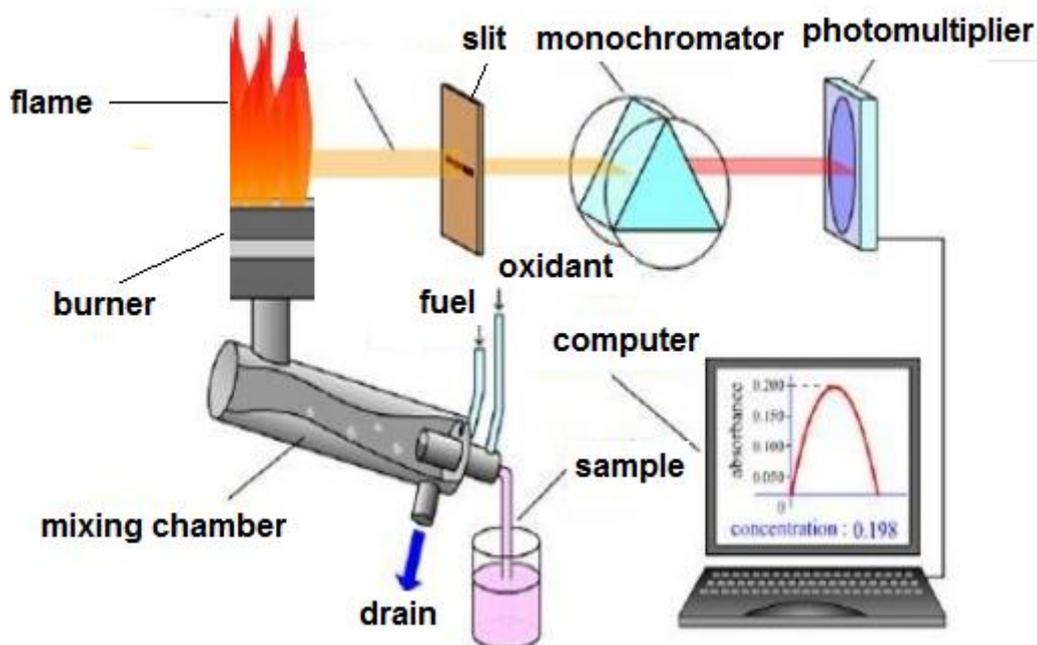
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<b>Excitation</b>	flame	Electrical mean	Electrical mean	radiation	radiation
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## **QUESTIONS ABOUT ATOMIC EMISSION SPECTROMETRY( ICP – AES )**

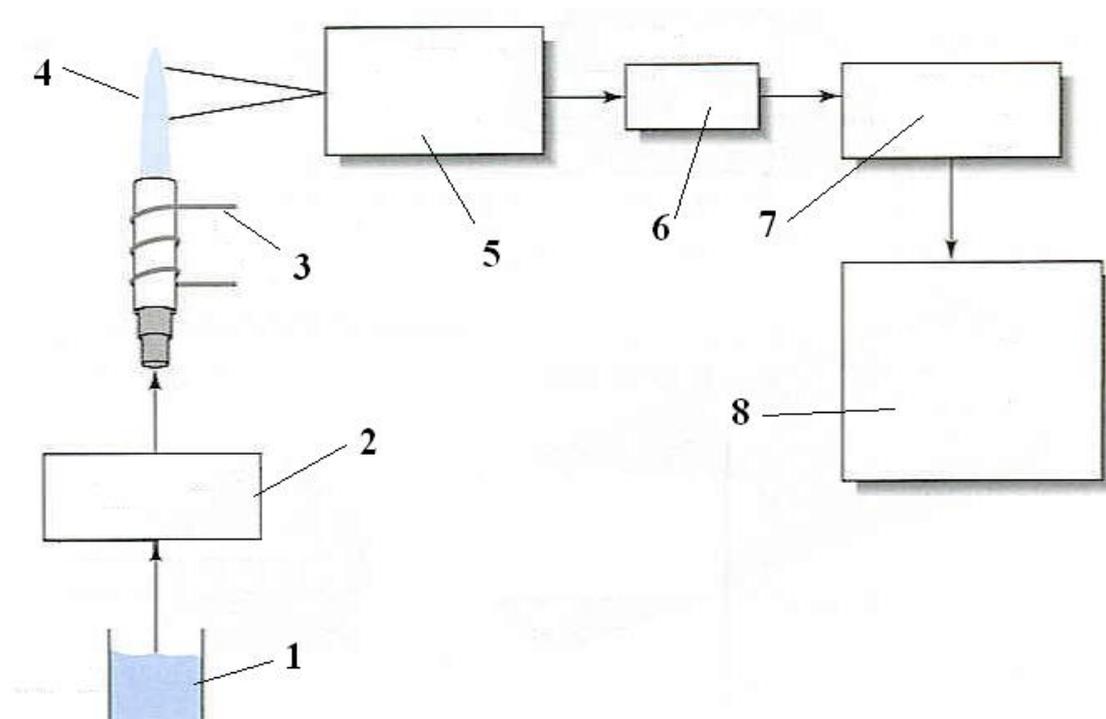
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Quality	Technique	circle correct choice	Technique
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Simultaneous Multielement detection	ICP-AES is	more, less, equally competent than	FAAS
Dynamic Range	ICP-AES is	larger, smaller, equal dynamic range than	FAAS
Detection Limit	ICP-AES is	higher, lower, equal detection limits than	FAAS

**Question 8.**

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<b>Temperature</b>	Ar-plasma has	higher lower equal temperature than	air-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> flame.
<b>Chemical reactivity</b>	Ar-plasma has	higher lower equal reactivity than	air-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> flame.
<b>Formation of oxides</b>	Ar-plasma has	higher lower equal likelihood than	air-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> flame.
<b>Atomization efficiency</b>	Ar-plasma has	superior inferior equal to	air-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> flame.

**Question 9.**

Which technique generally has the most complete atomization?

- (a) flame (b) graphite furnace (c) inductively coupled plasma

**Question 10.**

For each of the following, describe the adverse effect that's caused on ICP spectroscopy and how this effect is typically overcome.

- a) physical interferences

b) chemical interferences

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Define Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP)

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8) Atomic Emission Spectroscopy can analyze:

- a) one element or ion at a time .
- b) molecules, ions and elements.
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- d) only solid samples .

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## QUESTIONS ABOUT ATOMIC EMISSION SPECTROMETRY( ICP – AES )

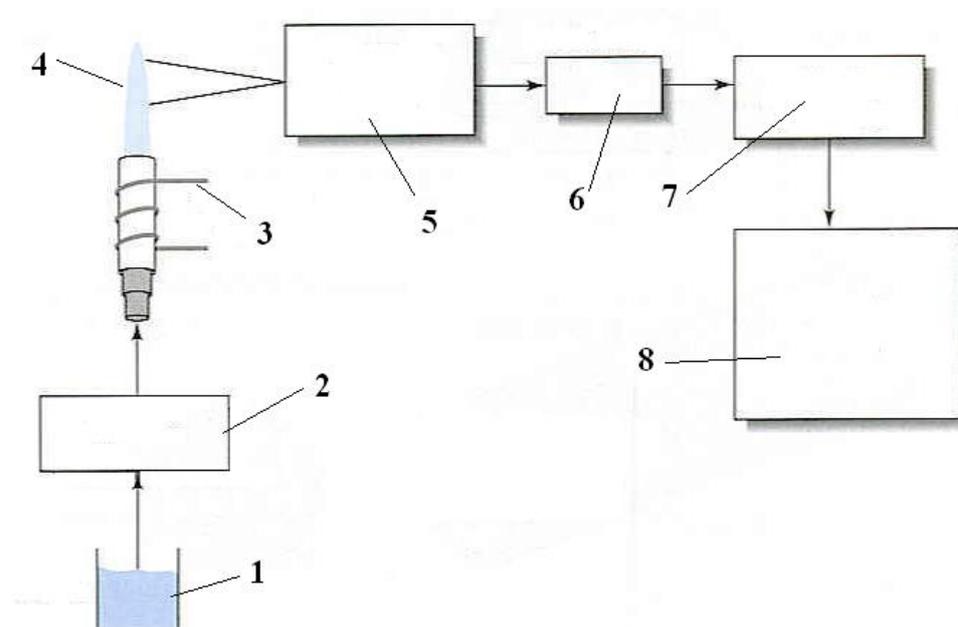
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Compare inductively coupled plasma atomic emission spectrometry (ICP-AES) to flame atomic absorption spectroscopy (FAAS) in the following categories:

Quality	Technique	circle correct choice	Technique
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Simultaneous Multielement detection	ICP-AES is	<b>more</b> , less, equally competent than	FAAS
Dynamic Range	ICP-AES is	<b>larger</b> , smaller, equal dynamic range than	FAAS
Detection Limit	ICP-AES is	higher, <b>lower</b> , equal detection limits than	FAAS

**Question 8 .**

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Quality		circle correct	
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<b>Chemical reactivity</b>	Ar-plasma has	higher <b>lower</b> equal reactivity than	air-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> flame.
<b>Formation of oxides</b>	Ar-plasma has	higher <b>lower</b> equal likelihood than	air-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> flame.
<b>Atomization efficiency</b>	Ar-plasma has	<b>superior</b> inferior equal to	air-C <sub>2</sub> H <sub>2</sub> flame.

**Question 9.**

Which technique generally has the most complete atomization?

- (a) flame (b) graphite furnace (c) **inductively coupled plasma**

**Question 10.**

For each of the following, describe the adverse effect that's caused on ICP spectroscopy and how this effect is typically overcome.

- b) physical interferences
- b) chemical interferences

**Question 11.**

Define Inductively Coupled Plasma (ICP) ?

**Answer :**

Name given when the power supply used to energize the plasma is a radiofrequency induction coil.

**Question 12 .**

8) Atomic Emission Spectroscopy can analyze:

- a) one element or ion at a time .
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- c) 40 – 50 elements simultaneously .
- d) only solid samples .

**Question 13 .**

Name 4 basic components of an ICP-AES Instrument ?

**Answer :**

Sample delivery system - IC plasma - optical spectrometer - computer

**Question 14 .**

List the main advantages of ICP-AES ?

**Answer :**

- 1- simultaneous excitation of many elements.
- 2- Several atomic and ionic lines can be used .
- 3- Less chemical interferences due to very high temperature .
- 4- low background and high S/N ratio .
- 5- wide linear range .
- 6- elements that are difficult to be determined by AAS e.g. Zr , P and B, can be easily determined by ICP-AES .

**Question 15 .**

What are the differences between ICP-AES and AAS ?

**Answer :**

The basic difference between the two techniques is that AAS relies upon an atomic absorption process while ICP-AES is an atomic/ionic emission spectroscopic technique. The next essential difference is the means by which the atomic or ionic species are generated. A combustion flame or graphite furnace is typically used for AAS while ICP-AES uses a plasma.

Non metals such as sulfur, nitrogen, carbon, and the halogens (e.g. I, Cl, Br) can only be determined by ICP-AES not by AAS.

**Question 16 .**

List some applications of ICP-AES ?

**Answer :**

Trace elements in a wide variety of aqueous matrices: drinking water, river, lake and ground water, waste water and effluent, and seawater.

Trace elements in solids after digestion: sediment, soil, sludge, road dust, air particulate matter, plant tissue and grain, rocks and minerals, etc.

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**Question 17 .**

**What are the advantages of ICP compared to AAS ?**

## Answer :

### **AAS vs ICP**

- Inductively Coupled plasma (ICP) is newer method of atomic analysis which has less interferences problems.
- Have better capability for multi element analysis.
- Good for elements that tend to form refractories.
- ICP can also be used for non metal analysis such as Bromine, chlorine, iodine and sulfur.
- AAS is simpler and less expensive than ICP.
- ICP requires extensive sample pretreatment protocol.
- ICP high temperature allow complete atomization.
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- Plasma technique offer less noise and low background interferences.

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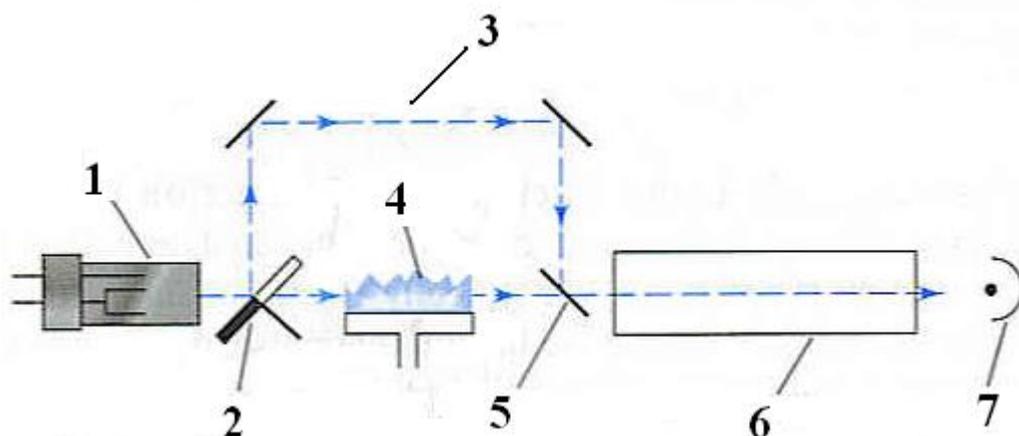
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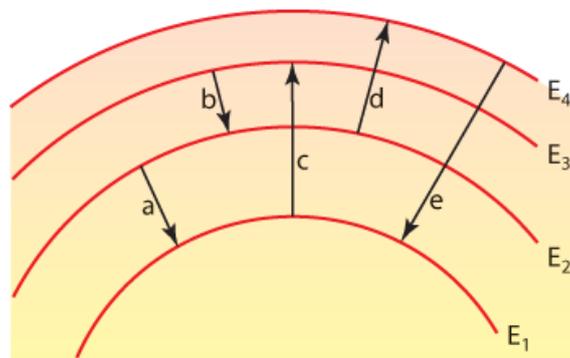
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- c. the bending of light as it travels from one medium to another medium .
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(a) **A releasing agent** is a cation that reacts preferentially with an anion to release the analyte. The releasing agent should form a compound of higher stability than that formed by the analyte.

(b) **A protective agent** is usually a ligand that reacts with the analyte forming a relatively volatile complex.

(c) **An ionization suppressor** is a salt of an alkali metal added to suppress ionization of an analyte. The alkali metal is easily ionized resulting in a flux of electrons which shift the ionization equilibrium of analyte towards formation of atoms.

(d) **Atomization** is the process whereby gaseous molecules will breakdown to form atoms.

(e) **A hollow cathode lamp** is the most common line source used in AAS. A HCL lamp is composed of a glass envelope (with a quartz window) encompassing a hollow cathode, covered with a layer of the metal of interest, and a wire anode. The lamp contains an inert gas like argon at low pressure.

(f) **Sputtering** is a process whereby energetic argon ions rapidly strike the hollow cathode surface thus releasing too many atoms from the cathode surface.

(g) **Self-absorption** is a process observed when a HCL lamp is operated at high currents where sputtering of a large number of atoms takes place. Most atoms do not get enough excitation energy in this process and thus absorb emitted radiation from

other excited atoms within the lamp. The result is a splitting of the atomic line where the center of the line would have a minimum exactly at the wavelength of the original line.

### **Question 2.**

What is spectral interferences and how it can be reduced ?

#### **Answer :**

Type of interference in atomic spectroscopy due to unwanted absorption or emission from molecular species, or from closely overlapping spectral lines of two analytes; solutions include changing fuel gas, increasing T, using appropriate background correction, and decreasing the slit width.

### **Question 3.**

What is chemical interferences and how it can be reduced ?

#### **Answer :**

Most common type of chemical interference in atomic spectroscopy where anions form compounds of low volatility and reduce the rate at which the analyte is atomized; typical for refractory oxide formation  $M + O \rightarrow MO$ ; these interferences can be reduced by using a fuel rich flame to increase reducing species and restore free M atoms or by using a releasing agent e.g.  $La^{3+}$  or protecting agent e.g. EDTA .

### **Question 4.**

What is a radiation buffer ?

#### **Answer :**

A radiation buffer is a substance added to both sample and standards in such a concentration that largely exceeds the concentration initially present in the sample. The reason for

addition of a radiation buffer is to make the interference from the initial substance in the sample insignificant since now a large excess is added to both sample and standards.

### **Question 5.**

Define Doppler broadening ?

#### **Answer :**

Doppler broadening is a manifestation of the Doppler effect where a detector will see a higher frequency for a fast moving atoms towards it and will see a lower frequency for atoms moving away from it. Doppler broadening is a major reason for line broadening in atomic spectroscopy and is largely increased at higher temperatures.

### **Question 6.**

What are the advantages of using electrothermal atomization over a flame in AAS ?

#### **Answer :**

- a. Higher sensitivity and less chemical interferences due to the higher temperatures of electrothermal methods.
- b. The residence time of atoms inside the graphite furnace is much longer than that in flames resulting in higher sensitivities due to longer exposure times.
- c. less background emission and less physical interferences.

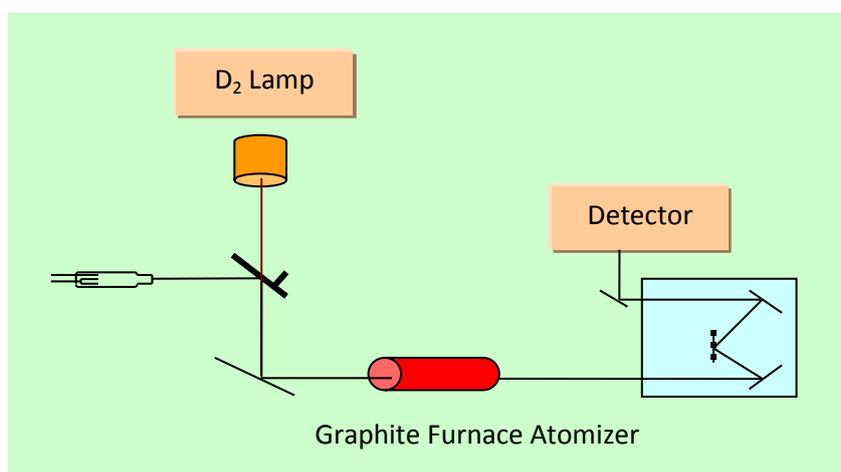
One of the disadvantages is lack of reproducibility .

### **Question 7.**

Describe a background correction technique employed for AAS?

### Answer :

In this technique, radiation from a deuterium lamp and a HCL lamp alternately pass through the graphite tube analyzer. It is essential to keep the slit width of the monochromator sufficiently wide in order to pass a wide bandwidth of the deuterium lamp radiation. In this case, the absorbance by analyte atoms is negligible and absorbance can be attributed to molecular species in matrix. The absorbance of the beam from the deuterium lamp is then subtracted from the analyte beam (HCL) and thus a background correction is obtained.



### Question 8.

What is the purpose of source modulation in AAS ?

### Answer :

Source modulation is used in atomic absorption spectroscopy in order to overcome the problems due to emission in flames resulting from impurities in fuel as well as burner head .

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**Answer :**

Increased nebulization rate due to lower surface tension in presence of ethanol which produces smaller droplets.

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Why AES is more affected by flame temperature than AAS ?

**Answer :**

Atomic emission is the technique that will be severely affected by fluctuations in temperature since signal is dependent on the number of atoms in the excited state. This number is significantly affected by fluctuations in temperature as derived from the Boltzmann equation. However, in the case of atomic absorption, the signal depends on the number of atoms in ground state that will absorb energy. Always the number of atoms in ground state is very high as related to the number of excited atoms:

$$N_j/N_o = 1.72 \times 10^{-4}$$

or

172 excited atoms for each  $10^6$  atoms in ground state

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Initially, nebulization of the  $\text{MgCl}_2$  will take place resulting in the formation of a spray of small sized droplets containing  $\text{MgCl}_2$ . Desolvation of the droplets in flame will render the spray into a solid aerosol of  $\text{MgCl}_2$  particles. These particles will be converted to gaseous molecules of  $\text{MgCl}_2$ . The gaseous molecules will then be atomized giving Mg and Cl atoms. Mg atoms will then absorb energy from a HCL where absorbance can be measured.

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**AAS**

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**ICP-AES**

The main interference from AES comes from emission lines. In particular, Ar lines from the torch can cause interference.

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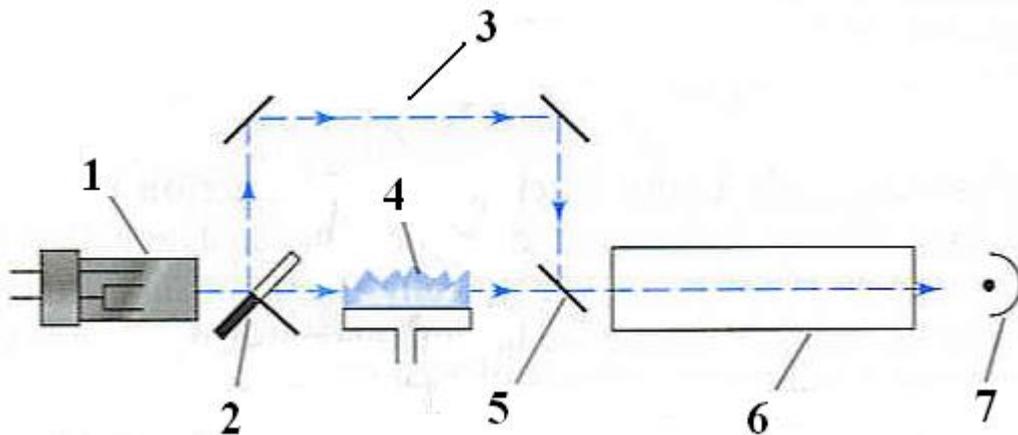
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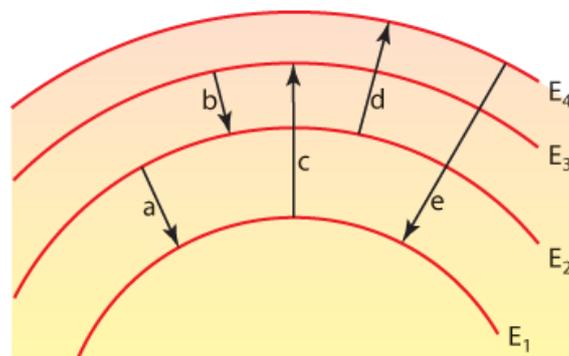
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What type of fuel and oxidant you decide to use is important because the type of fuel and oxidant used decides the range of temperature that the flame will be and also the ratio of fuel to oxidant .

-Flame background emission considerations .

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## Answer :

### Atomic Absorption Spectroscopy

- 1) sample needs to be atomized before placing in light beam, use flame or electro thermal source
- 2) need light source with a narrow bandwidth for light output since use separate Hollow cathode lamp for each element
- 3) because of background (flame, molecules) need to modulate source using chopper, multiple lamps or magnetic field (Zeeman effect)

### Flame Atomic Emission Spectroscopy

- 1) no external light source
- 2) need good temperature control to get reproducible signal
- 3) very similar to AA spectroscopy

For FAES, the observed signal is generated by the relaxation of excited atoms/ions in the flame. AAS is comparable to UV/vis spectroscopy. The signal is a result of the relative absorbance of light by the atom/ions in the flame over a range of frequencies

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A typical narrow line source used in atomic absorption spectroscopy. An HCL consists of a anode and cathode sealed in a glass tube at low pressure (<30 torr); the cathode is constructed of the atomic element of interest; a potential voltage difference between the anode and cathode causes the atoms in the cathode to become excited; return of the excited state atoms back to the ground state leads to emission of radiation and produces atomic line spectra specific for the cathode element.

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**Answer :**

**Electrothermal / Graphite Furnace**

Alternative to flame atomization methods. Electrothermal / graphite furnace consists of a cylindrical graphite tube equipped with optical windows at the ends; sample is added to the tube and dried/ashed/atomized by electrical heating of the graphite tube to a final T ~3000 K.

**Question 35.**

What is Ionization Interference and how it can be reduced ?

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Type of chemical interference common in atomic spectroscopy at high T's especially with O<sub>2</sub> or N<sub>2</sub>O as oxidant; the ion M<sup>+</sup> possesses a different electronic configuration than the neutral metal atom M and will interfere with the desired atomic absorption and emission processes; these interferences can be reduced by adding an ionization buffer (i.e. a more easily ionized species) to the sample to shift the ionization equilibrium away from M<sup>+</sup>.

**Question 36.**

What do we mean with Matrix Effects ?

**Answer :**

Type of interference in atomic spectroscopy where the observed spectrum is negatively affected by sample constituents; usually worse for solid samples and can be severe in methods such as graphite furnace AA, DC arc, or AC spark sources; cause is usually variation of sample volatilization, atomization and

excitation. solutions include using closely matched standards and sample .

### **Question 37 .**

Compare atomic absorption spectra with molecular absorption spectra ?

### **Answer :**

<b>Atomic absorption spectra</b>	<b>Molecular absorption spectra</b>
1- The outer most electrons occupy one of the atomic orbitals .	The outer most electrons occupy $\sigma$ , $\pi$ or n electronic energy in the ground state.
2- Upon excitation electrons are promoted to any permissible higher atomic energy levels	Upon excitation electrons raised to $\pi^*$ or $\sigma^*$ energy levels
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4- The analytical wavelength is the resonance wavelength of the analyte	The analytical wavelength is the $\lambda_{\max}$ .
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## **QUESTIONS ABOUT ATOMIC FLUORESCENCE SPECTROMETRY ( AFS )**

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Draw a sketch for a spectrophotometer that can be used for both AAS and AFS ?

### **Question 2 .**

what we mean with matrix effects ?

### **Question 3 .**

what is AFS ?

- 1 -Re-emission of radiation by atoms that are excited by radiation .
- 2- Re-emission of radiation by atoms that are excited by graphite furnace.
- 3- Re-emission of radiation by atoms that are excited by flame .

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Electrothermal / graphite furnace consists of a cylindrical graphite tube equipped with optical windows at the ends; sample is added to the tube and dried / ashed / atomized by electrical heating of the graphite tube to a final T ~3000 K.

True or false

### **Question 5.**

continuous source background correction is Atomic spectroscopy background correction method using a continuum source (e.g. D2 lamp) in conjunction with a hollow cathode lamp line source; radiation from the HCL and D2 lamp is passes through a beam splitter or rotating chopper and the detector is

synchronized such that it detects each signal separately, A corrected = A sample – A background = A HCL – A D2.

True or false

**Question 6.**

Match the followings :

technique	description
AAS	..... atomization by flame or electrothermal mean , excitation by radiation and measuring emission .
AFS	..... atomization by flame or electrothermal mean , excitation by radiation and measuring absorption .
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ICP	..... atomization and excitation by flame, and measuring emission .
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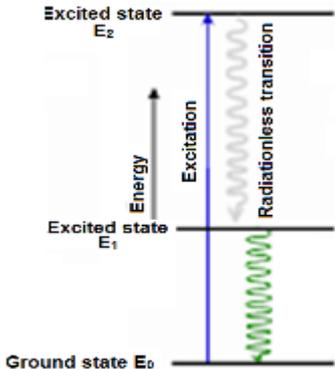
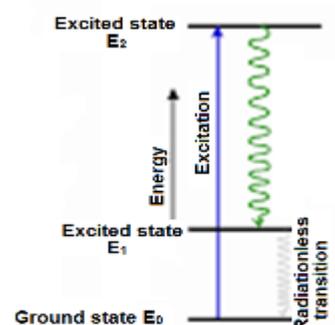
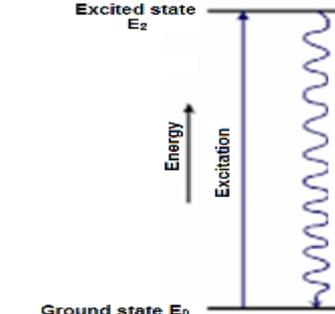
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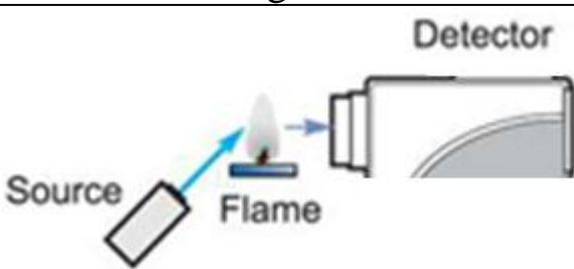
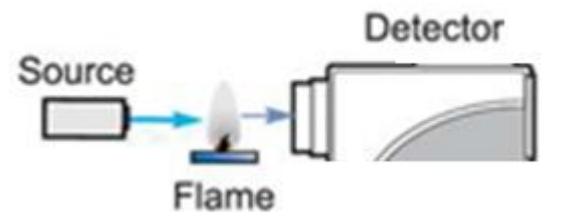
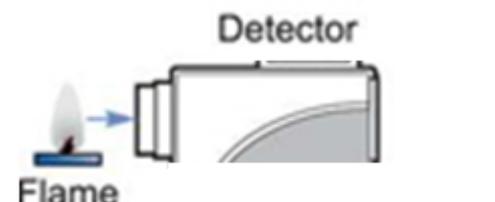
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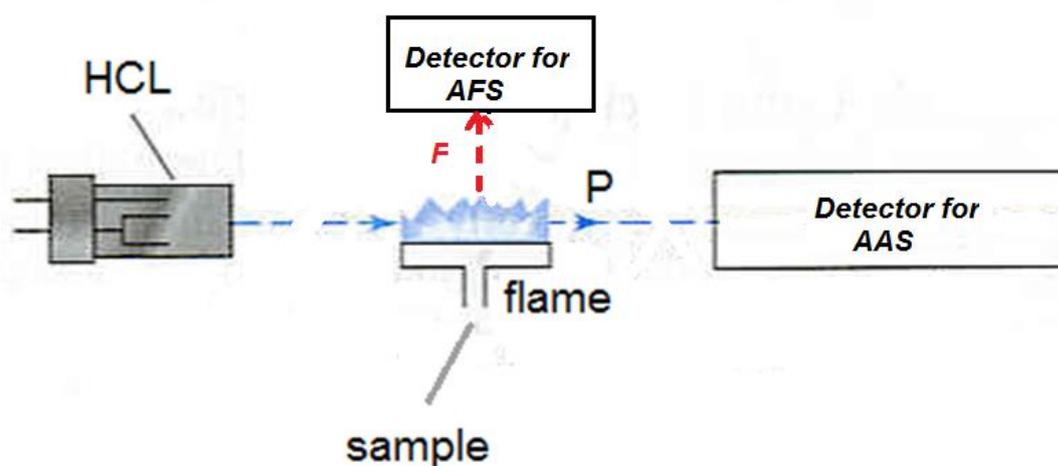
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## **ANSWERS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT ATOMIC FLUORESCENCE SPECTROMETRY ( AFS )**

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Draw a sketch for a spectrophotometer that can be used for both AAS and AFS ?

### **Answer :**



### **Question 2 .**

what we mean with matrix effects ?

### **Answer :**

Type of interference in atomic spectroscopy where the observed spectrum is negatively affected by sample constituents; usually worse for solid samples and can be severe in methods such as graphite furnace AA, DC arc, or AC spark sources; cause is usually variation of rate of sample volatilization; solutions include using closely matched standards at increase .

### **Question 3 .**

what is AFS ?

**1 -Re-emission of radiation by atoms that are excited by radiation .**

2- Re-emission of radiation by atoms that are excited by graphite furnace.

3- Re-emission of radiation by atoms that are excited by flame .

#### **Question 4.**

Electrothermal / graphite furnace consists of a cylindrical graphite tube equipped with optical windows at the ends; sample is added to the tube and dried / ashed / atomized by electrical heating of the graphite tube to a final T ~3000 K.

**True** or false

#### **Question 5.**

continuous source background correction is Atomic spectroscopy background correction method using a continuum source (e.g. D2 lamp) in conjunction with a hollow cathode lamp line source; radiation from the HCL and D2 lamp is passes through a beam splitter or rotating chopper and the detector is synchronized such that it detects each signal separately,  $A_{corrected} = A_{sample} - A_{background} = A_{HCL} - A_{D2}$ .

**True** or false

### Question 6.

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technique	description
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AFS	<b>AAS</b> .. atomization by flame or electrothermal mean , excitation by radiation and measuring absorption .
AES	<b>Arc-Spark</b> .. atomization and excitation by electrothermal mean and measuring emission .
ICP	<b>AES</b> .. atomization and excitation by flame, and measuring emission .
Arc - Spark	<b>ICP</b> ... atomization and excitation by plasma and measuring emission .

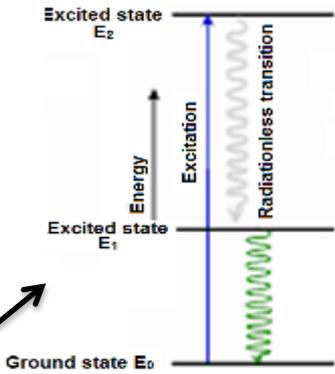
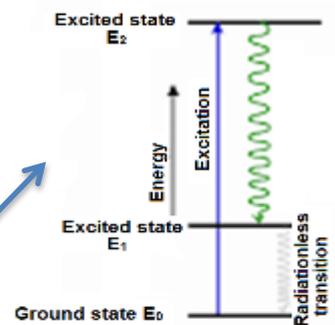
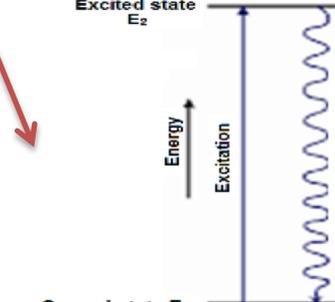
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What are the differences between atomic absorption and atomic fluorescence ?

#### **Answer :**

##### atomic Absorption

Absorption of radiation by atoms. The radiation is supplied by an external source. Atomic absorption is the atomic analog of molecular absorption spectroscopy. The atomization process is made by a flame or electrothermal means .

##### Atomic Fluorescence

Re-emission of radiation by atoms from an excited state; emitted radiation is of longer wavelength than that of the initial absorption. The atomization process is made by a flame or electrothermal means .

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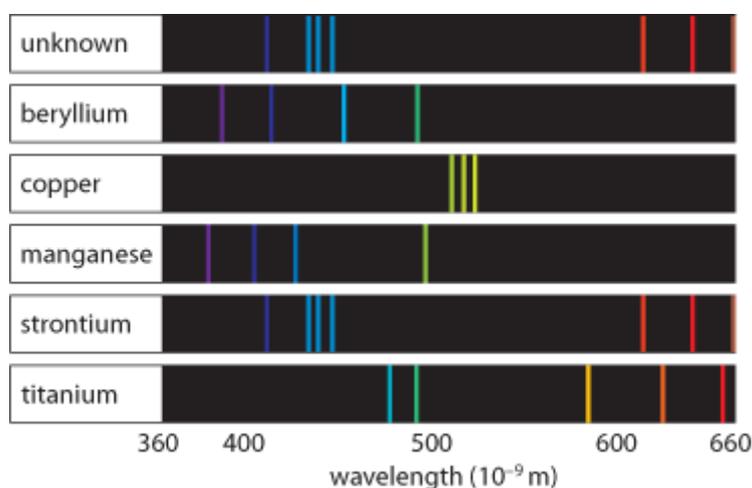
#### **Answer :**

When the matrix is unknown so that it is difficult to match the sample solution with the standards .

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT ARC- SPARK ATOMIC EMISSION SPECTROMTRY**

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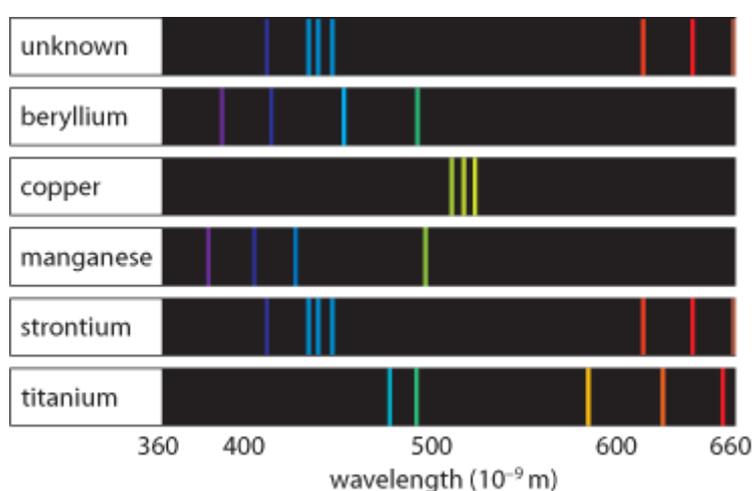
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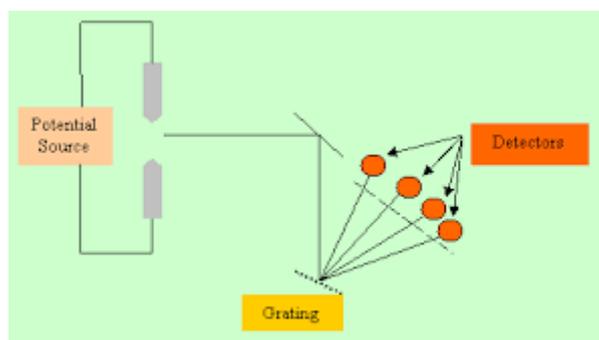
Source for atomic emission spectrochemical analysis formed from graphite or metal electrodes a few mm apart; current (30 A, 200 V) is passed between these electrodes, causing high temperature (4000 - 5000 K) arcing and sample atomization.

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because it is conductive , does not spectrally interfere with the assay of most metals and metalloids ,thermally stable , cheap , available and easily shaped .

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What is the main interference in arc spark emission spectrometry ?

**Answer :**

Usually, cyanogens compounds are formed due to reaction of graphite electrodes with atmospheric nitrogen. Emission bands from cyanogens compounds occur in the region from 350-420 nm. Unfortunately, several elements have their most sensitive lines in this same region which limits the technique. However, use of controlled atmosphere around the arc (CO<sub>2</sub> , helium, or argon) very much decreases the effect of cyanogens emission.

**Question 8 .**

Why arc source is only suitable for qualitative not for quantitative analysis ?

**Answer :**

Because of it's bad reproducibility and good sensitivity , Arc source is very good for qualitative analysis of elements but not suitable for quantitative analysis .

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To eliminate the effects of some factors that are difficult to control i.e. to improve the precision .

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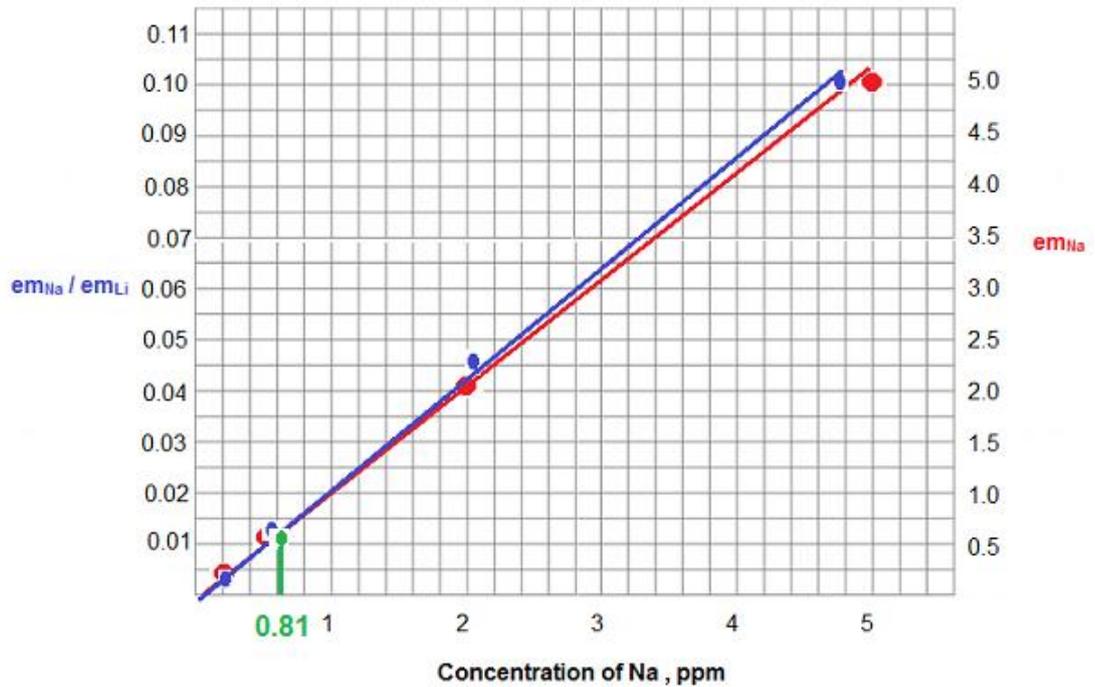
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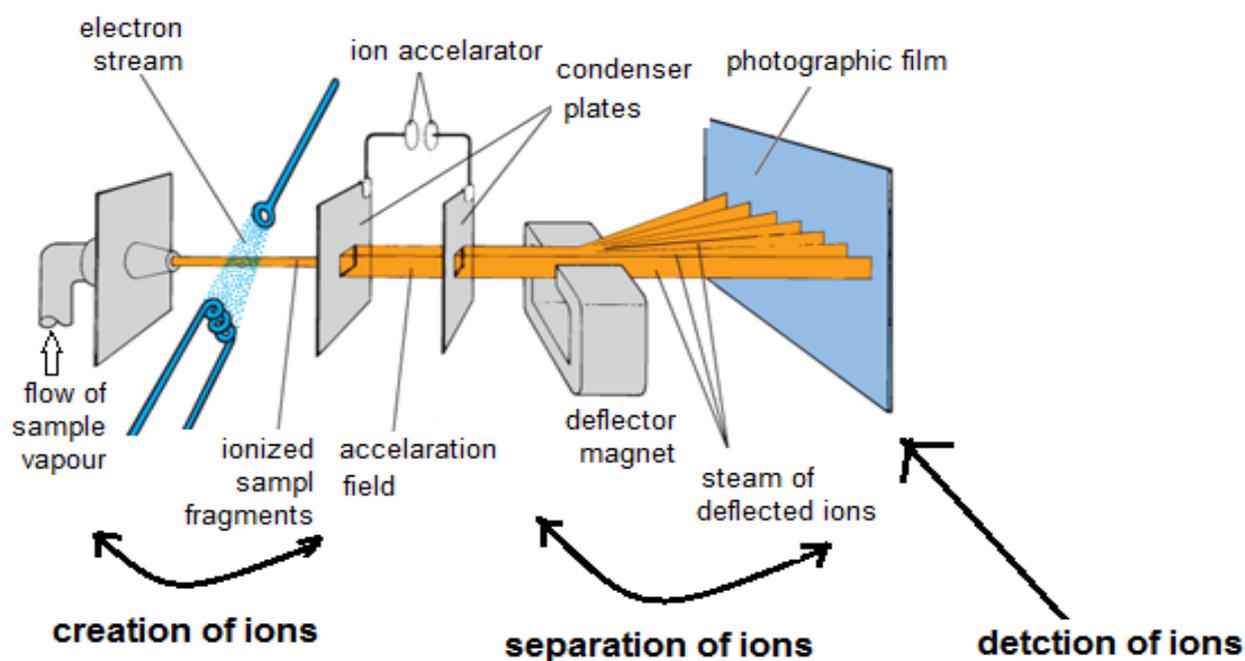
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Ordinate (Y axis) is the relative abundances or intensities of the ions; the abscissa (x axis) is the mass to charge ratio.

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Generally speaking, the interface can be described as the point at which sample from the ICP portion of the instrument is introduced to the mass spectrometry (MS) portion of the instrument. The interface portion of the instrument serves to allow the ICP and MS portions to be coupled.

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**All used for structural analysis of organic compounds but In mass spectrometry no absorption of radiation is involved as in the case of the others .**

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#### **Answer :**

- 1- It can give the exact molecular mass .**
  - 2- It help in finding of elemental composition of parent ion and fragment ions .**
  - 3- It can give a molecular formula or it can reveal the presence of certain structure units ( e.g. functional group ) in a molecule.**
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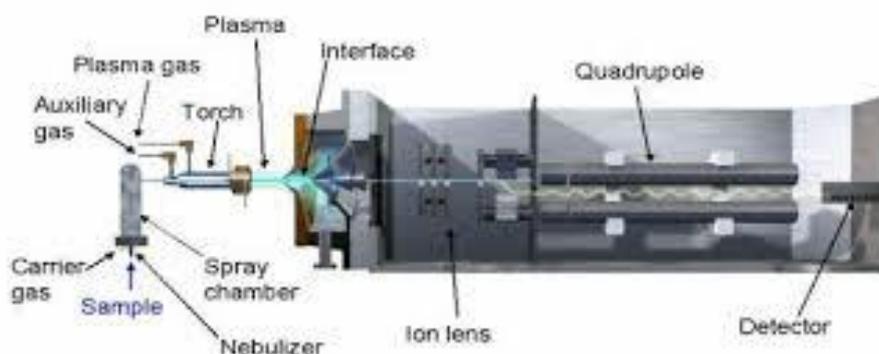
**Answer :**

**Solid , liquid or gas samples can be analyzed . Mass spectrometry has special advantages such as high sensitivity and accuracy and the widely used coupling of mass spectrometry with ICP or chromatographic techniques such as Gas chromatography GC or high performance liquid chromatographic HPLC .Mass spectrometry has wide applications in the analysis of various samples in food ( pesticides ) , clinical samples ( drugs in blood and urine ) ... etc. .**

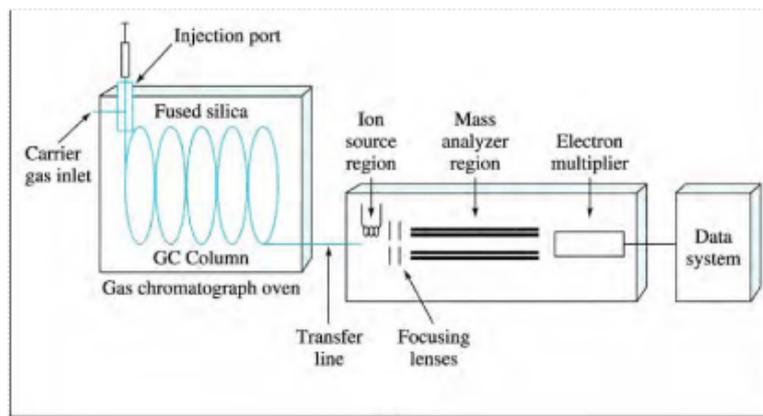
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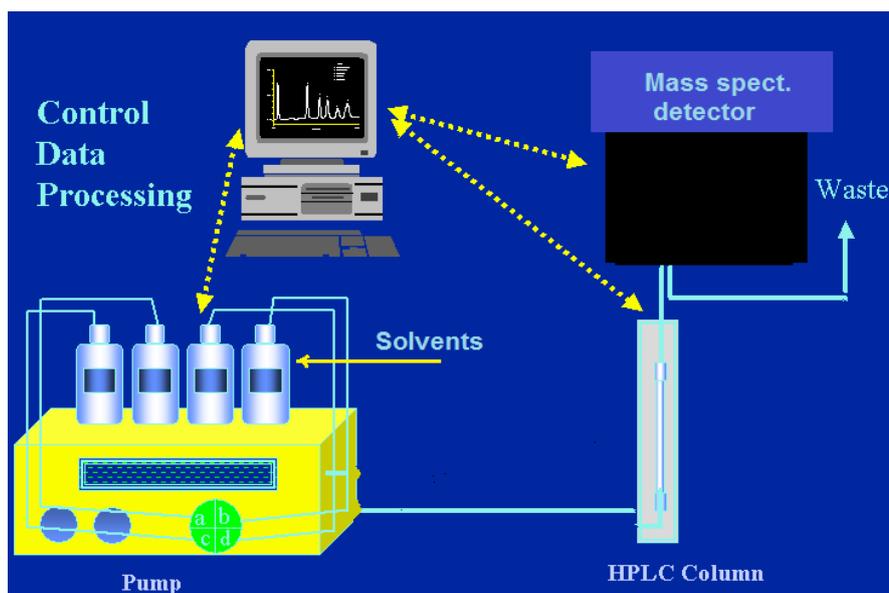
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### Comparison of atomic analysis methods

	Flame absorption	Furnace absorption	Plasma emission	Plasma-mass spectrometry
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Linear range	10 <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>2</sup>	10 <sup>5</sup>	10 <sup>8</sup>
Precision	0.1–1%	0.5–5%	0.1–2%	0.5–2%
Interferences				
spectral	very few	very few	many	few
chemical	many	very many	very few	some
mass	—	—	—	many
Sample volume	large	very small	medium	medium
Purchase cost	1	2	4–9	10–15

### **Question 16 .**

Compare ICP-MS , ICP-OES and GFAAS ?

### **ANSWER :**

	ICP-MS	ICP-OES	GFAAS
# of Elements	60 of 75	60 of 70	28 of 50
LOD (ppb)	< 0,1	1–50	0,1
LDR (orders of magnitude)	8	5	2
Rapid multielement analysis	Yes	Yes	No
Data acquisition Elements/min	75	10–60	1
Spectra	Simple	Complex	Simple
Interferences	Isobaric Polyatomic	Spectral	Chemical Molecular
Sample Prep	Some care	Some care	Complex
Method Development	Easy	Complex	Complex

### **Question 17 .**

Atomic spectroscopic methods differ in the atomization mean and the signal measured . Explain this statements ?

## Answer :

Classification of Atomic Spectroscopic Methods			
Atomization Method	Typical Atomization Temperature, °C,	measured signal	Analysis Method
Inductively coupled plasma	6000–8000	Emission	ICPAES
		Mass	ICP-MS
Flame	1700–3150	Absorption	AAS
		Emission	AES
		Fluorescence	AFS
Electrothermal	1200–3000	Absorption	AAS
		Fluorescence	AFS
Direct-current plasma	5000–10,000	Emission	DCP
Electric arc	3000–8000	Emission	Arc-source emission spectroscopy
Electric spark	Varies with time and position	Emission	Spark-source emission spectroscopy
		Mass	Spark-source mass spectroscopy

## Question 18.

What is the purpose of using high vacuum in mass spectrometry ?

## Answer :

to prevent interaction of analyte's ions with atmosphere's Components

## **QUESTIONS ABOUT FLOW INJECTION ANALYSIS ( FIA )**

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**Define the term : flow injection analysis ( FIA) ?**

### **Question 2 .**

State true or false

1. One of the benefits of automation is that it saves reagents.
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3. The total number of tests is decreased by automation.
4. Automation improves reproducibility .

### **Question 3 .**

**List the advantages and disadvantages of FIA ?**

### **Question 4 .**

**What types of detectors used in FIA ?**

### **Question 5 .**

The following are manual procedures for the determination of analyte A :

- 1-Add 10 ml of the sample solution containing analyte A into 50 ml beaker .
- 2- add 5 ml of a buffer solution of pH = 8 .
3. add 5 ml of reagent B which react with A at 70 C<sup>0</sup> to produce D .



Put the beaker in a water bath at 70 C<sup>0</sup> for 5 min.

- 4- Add 5 ml of reagent C which will react with the formed D in the presence of catalyst X to produce the colored compound E , the absorption of which is measured by a

spectrophotometer at 500 nm . Draw a manifold for the determination of analyte A by flow injection analysis using the above method ?

## **ANSWERS OF QUESTIONS ABOUT FLOW INJECTION ANALYSIS ( FIA )**

### **Question 1 .**

Define the term : flow injection analysis ( FIA) ?

### **Answer :**

The automatic flow of laboratory samples and reagents through the instrument one after the other is referred to as flow injection analysis .

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List the advantages and disadvantages of FIA ?

### **Answer :**

#### **Advantages and Disadvantages of Automatic Analysis**

- **Automated instruments offer a major economic advantage because of their savings in labor costs.**
- **Their speed, which is frequently significantly greater than that of manual devices.**

- A well-designed analyzer can usually produce more reproducible results over a long period of time than can an operator employing a manual instrument.
- It offers an additional level of protection to technicians when handling or testing toxic substances .
- Separations by liquid/liquid extraction, or ion – exchange ... etc. are readily carried out automatically with flow-injection systems.
- The equipment is computer compatible as well, providing quicker analysis while limiting the data entry errors possible in manual testing .
- The main drawback is that it leads to increased unemployment because the number of employees in the laboratory will be reduced because of the lab 's reliance on automatic analysis .

#### **Question 4 .**

What types of detectors used in FIA ?

#### **Answer :**

**The detectors used in FIA are mainly spectrometric such as UV/VIS spectrometer , fluorimeter , AES , AAS , AFS , chemiluminescence and many others.**

#### **Question 5 .**

The following are manual procedures for the determination of analyte A :

- 1-Add 10 ml of the sample solution containing analyte A into 50 ml beaker .
- 2- add 5 ml of a buffer solution of pH = 8 .

3. add 5 ml of reagent B which react with A at 70 C<sup>0</sup> to produce D .



Put the beaker in a water bath at 70 C<sup>0</sup> for 5 min.

4- Add 5 ml of reagent C which will react with the formed D in the presence of catalyst X to produce the colored compound E , the absorption of which is measured by a spectrophotometer at 500 nm . Draw a manifold for the determination of analyte A by flow injection analysis using the above method ?

**Answer :**

