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**FACULTY OF SCIENCES**  
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**2021\_1 EXAMINATION**

**COURSE: CHM424- NON AQUEOUS SOLVENTS      TIME ALLOWED: 2 HOURS**  
**INSTRUCTION: ANSWER QUESTION ONE (1) AND ANY OTHER THREE (3) QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION 1**

- (a) What is refractive index and what is its significant as a solvent property (7 marks)
- (b) Write chemical equations to show the ionization of the following acids and bases according to Arrhenius theory (acid: HCl, H<sub>2</sub>SO<sub>4</sub> and HNO<sub>3</sub>, bases: NaOH, Ca(OH)<sub>2</sub> and Mg(OH)<sub>2</sub> (10 marks)
- (c) Write all possible equations that can represent ionization of tetraoxosulphate (IV) acid according to Bronsted-Lowry concept of acid. State the conjugate acid and base in all the equations. (6 marks)
- (d) Is there any relationship between the strength of a conjugate acid and its corresponding conjugate base? (2 marks)

**QUESTION 2**

- (a) Compare the features of amphiprotic solvents with that of water (use suitable examples to support your answer) (8 marks)
- (b) State two characteristics of protonic solvents and give two examples (7 marks)

**QUESTION 3**

- (a) What factor characterize the extent of charge separation within a molecule (1 mark)
- (b) The dipole moment of HCl is 1.11D and the distance between atoms is 127 pm. What is the percentage ionic character of the HCl bond? (4 marks)
- ((Note 1 Debye =  $3.3356 \times 10^{-30}$  Ams (ampere meter second) =  $3.3356 \times 10^{-30}$  Cm)
- (c) State the three forces of interaction in a solution and which of them is significant in solute dissolution (4 marks)

(d) In one sentence for each, highlight the four types of interaction that are significant in the formation of a solution between solute and solvent **(4 marks)**

(e) Write the Coulomb equation that accounts for interaction between partial negative and positive charges **(2 marks)**

#### **QUESTION 4**

(a) Why is nitrosyl chloride expected to be a strong ionizing solvent and what is the shortcoming **(3 marks)**

(b) Write suitable equations show the reaction of NOCl with various forms of silver phosphate **(9 marks)**

(c) State three reason why dinitrogen tetroxide is widely used as a medium for chemical reactions and as a reactant in liquid phase **(3 marks)**

#### **QUESTION 5**

(a)(i) Why is liquid SO<sub>2</sub> a good solvent for covalent compounds **(2 marks)**

(b) With the aid of suitable equations, explain the similarity of autoionization reaction of liquid SO<sub>2</sub> with that of water and liquid ammonia. **(7 marks)**

(c) Comment on the acidic or basic behaviour of substances in liquid SO<sub>2</sub> with respect to autoionization of SO<sub>2</sub>. Give an example to support your answer. **(3 marks)**

(d) Write autoionization equations for arsenic chloride, arsenic bromide and arsenic fluoride **(3 marks)**