

	Tanta University Faculty of Science Department of Chemistry			
	Final exam. for senior students of chemistry			
	Course title:	Physical Chemistry	Course Code: 14041	
Date:	Jan. 5, 2013	Term: First	Total assessment Marks: 60	Time allowed: 3 H

Answer all questions of the following three sections

Section A: Molecular Photochemistry (20 marks)

- 1) State whether each of the following statements is true or false, if false, please, write down the true statements. (12 Marks)
- The value of Φ_f can be enhanced relative to Φ_p by using solvents containing heavy atoms.
 - The lifetime τ_f is much shorter (faster) than τ_p and the mechanical rotating cylinder apparatus can be operated rapidly enough to enable fluorescence decay to be recorded.
 - The term excimer is used to denote an excited state dimeric species.
 - The rate constants for energy transfer increase as the energy of the donor triplet state falls below that of the acceptor triplet state.
 - The energy gap, $\Delta E(T_1 \sim S_0)$ is a factor which determines the relative magnitudes of Φ_f and $\Phi_{isc}(S_1 \sim T_1)$.
 - For reactions involving triplet states it is imperative to degas the system to remove dissolved oxygen.
- 2) Give short notes on four of the following: (8 Marks)
- Some solvents such as benzene, acetone and isopropanol could be used as reactant molecules in the photochemical reactions.
 - Intramolecular energy transfer.
 - Wigner spin conservation rule.
 - The rate of decay of T_1 state describes the unimolecular and bimolecular processes.
 - Coupled transitions in donor and acceptor energy transfer.
 - Energy transfer between benzophenone and naphthalene.

Section B: Molecular Reaction Dynamics (20 marks)

- 3) A. Put true or false sign and correct the false answer. (5 Marks)

1. In case of activated complex the number of vibrational degree of freedom is $3(N_A + N_B) - 6$ for non-linear molecule.
2. A chemical reaction that absorbs heat from the surroundings is said to be exothermic and has a -ve ΔH .
3. The energy of activation may also be calculated by another form of the Arrhenius equation as follows, $\ln \frac{K_2}{K_1} = \frac{E}{R} \left(\frac{T_2 - T_1}{T_1 T_2} \right)$.
4. The rate constant in terms of collision theory is $K = Ae^{-E/RT}$, where in terms of entropy and activation energy is $K = \nu e^{\Delta S^\ddagger/R} e^{-\Delta H^\ddagger/RT}$.
5. Transition state theory states that molecules must collide with the proper orientation in order to react.

B. Derive the rate constant from transition state theory. (5 Marks)

4) A. Define the following: (4 Marks)

1. Stored energy
2. Saddle point
3. Steric factor
4. Activation energy

B. Calculate the value of frequency factor in $\text{dm}^3 \text{mol}^{-1} \text{s}^{-1}$ for the following reaction (atom + linear \rightarrow linear) assuming that $q_{\text{trans}} = 10^8$, $q_{\text{rot}} = 10$, $q_{\text{vib}} = 1$ and $\frac{k_b T}{h} = 10^{13} \text{ s}^{-1}$, Avogadro's constant is taken to be 10^{24} mol^{-1} . (4 Marks)

C. Write only two reasons for the weakness of collision theory. (2 Marks)

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