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Deadline for sending the results is 5.2. 17:00.

**Section A – Short essays. Answer as concisely as possible. Write equations or use drawings where appropriate. [10 points each].**

- (1) What is a unit cell?
- (2) Why do crystals diffract X rays into "spots"?
- (3) Why are X rays used for protein structure determination?
- (4) Why do we need to scale diffraction data? How are diffraction data sets scaled? Write the equation for the scaling R factor.
- (5) Draw and explain Argand diagram.
- (6) How is the "free R-factor" calculated? Why do we use it?
- (7) How is Fourier shell correlation (FSC) calculated?
- (8) What is the wavelength of electrons used in electron microscopy (accelerating voltage 200-300kV). How can the wavelength be calculated?
- (9) What is underfocus? – Use a drawing for the explanation.
- (10) What is contrast, what are sources of contrast in EM?
- (11) Explain what are centric reflections. Give examples of two spacegroups that contain centric reflections.

**Section B – “Long” exercises. Please answer as concisely as possible. Write equations where appropriate. [20 points each]**

- (12) Demonstrate the systematic absences for space group with 2(1) screw axis along b. Symmetry operators are: (x; y; z) and (-x; y+1/2; -z)
- (13) Write an equation representing non-periodic object with Fourier transform – explain the differences to the periodic situation applied in X-ray crystallography.
- (14) A cubic crystal of iridium (Ir) is analyzed by X-ray diffraction through exposure to molybdenum  $K\alpha$  radiation, for which  $\lambda_{K\alpha} = 0.721\text{\AA}$ . Calculate the angle of reflection,  $\theta$ , of the Bragg plane [1; 2; 0]. The unit cell length  $a = 10\text{\AA}$ . If you wanted to increase the angle at which the reflection is observed, would you use X-rays with shorter or longer wavelength? Explain the reasoning behind your choice.

**Section C – Equations. Write the equations. Define all the variables. [10 points each]**

- (15) Equation to calculate standard electron density map.
- (16) Standard linear correlation coefficient between calculated and observed structure factor amplitudes.
- (17) Crystallographic R-factor indicating correctness of a structure.
- (18) Equation to calculate  $2F_{\text{Obs}} - F_{\text{Calc}}$  map. What is this type of map good for?
- (19) The inverse Fourier transform to calculate structure factors from electron density distribution.