1. Draw Lewis diagrams, geometry and symmetry element for the following molecules and ions. (12 points)

(a) 
$$S_2O_4^{2-}$$
 (b)  $Te_2O_2F_8$  (c)  $SeO_2F_2$ 

Predict the order of IR-active CO stretching frequencies for the following compounds: (8 points)

- Identify the lowest-energy spin-allowed transitions for high-spin [Co(Hi)6]2+ and low-spin  $Co(Lo)6^{2+}$ . (10 points)
- 4. Explain why the ligand field (d-d) bands are shifted only slightly for [CoX(NH<sub>3</sub>)<sub>6</sub>]<sup>2+</sup> ions (X= F<sup>-</sup>, Cl<sup>-</sup>, Br<sup>-</sup> and I<sup>-</sup>), but charge-transfer bands are shifted greatly fir this series. (10 points)
- Propose a mechanism for the olefin hydrogenation using Wilkinson's catalyst, Rh(PPh<sub>3</sub>)<sub>3</sub>Cl. (10 points)
- 6. The problem of chemical conversion (nitrogen "fixation") of N2 to NH3 is a significant one that illustrates the importance of thermodynamic concepts. Consider the relative ease of the steps

$$N_2 \stackrel{H_2}{\longrightarrow} N_2H_2 \stackrel{H_2}{\longrightarrow} N_2H_4 \stackrel{H_2}{\longrightarrow} 2NH_3$$

Which step is most costly (in terms of energy), and which of the species N2, N2H2, or N<sub>2</sub>H<sub>4</sub> therefore requires the greatest chemical activation (either by extreme temperature conditions or by catalytic combination) so as to weaken the NN link? The first three species exhibit a lone pair on each nitrogen. How does the lp/lp repulsion increase for  $N_2 \rightarrow N_2H_2$  compare with that of  $N_2H_2 \rightarrow N_2H_4$ ? (10 points)

- Propose a rationale for the good solubility of BF<sub>3</sub> in benzene. Can you identify a HOMO and LUMO for the interaction? (10 points)
- 8. Name all types of chemical bonding in inorganic compounds and metals, briefly describes their characteristic properties and the similarity and difference between each other. (10 points)
- 9. Cadium sulfide, which has been tested as a photoconductor for xerography, is a semiconducting material with a band gap of 2.42 eV. ( 1eV equal to 96.5 kJ/mol.) What is the minimum wavelength of light needed to promote electrons from the valence band to the conduction band in CdS? What color of light is this? (10 points)
- Give steps for syntheses of the following compounds from the elements. (10 points)