

Mark schemes

1 **Level 3 (5–6 marks):**
A detailed and coherent explanation is provided. The student gives examples that argue a strong case and demonstrate deep knowledge. The student makes logical links between clearly identified, relevant points.

Level 2 (3–4 marks):
An attempt to link the description of the experiment and the results with differences between the two models. The student gives examples of where the plum pudding model does not explain observations. The logic used may not be clear.

Level 1 (1–2 marks):
Simple statements are made that the nuclear model is a better model. The response may fail to make logical links between the points raised.

0 marks:
No relevant content.

Indicative content

- alpha particle scattering experiment
- alpha particles directed at gold foil
- most alpha particles pass straight through
- (so) most of atom is empty space
- a few alpha particles deflected through large angles
- (so) mass is concentrated at centre of atom
- (and) nucleus is (positively) charged
- plum pudding model has mass spread throughout atom
- plum pudding model has charge spread throughout atom

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- 2** (a) cannot predict which dice / atom will 'decay'
accept answers given in terms of 'roll a 6' 1
- cannot predict when a dice / atom will 'decay' 1
- (b) 3.6 to 3.7 (rolls)
allow 1 mark for attempt to read graph when number of dice = 50 2
- (c) 90 1
- (d) uranium 1
- (e) beta 1
- proton number has gone up (as neutron decays to proton and e^-) 1

(f) prevents contamination

or

prevents transfer of radioactive material to teacher's hands

1

which would cause damage / irradiation over a longer time period.

1

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(a) (i) (atoms with the) same number of protons

allow same atomic number

or *same proton number*

1

(atoms with) different number of neutrons

allow different mass number

1

(ii) 82

1

(iii) 124

1

(b) (i)



1 mark for each correct box

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(ii) (a) neutron

1

(iii) 4.0×10^{-4} (s)

or

0.0004

$$3.00 \times 10^8 \times 0.1 = 12\,000 / t$$

gains 1 mark

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(iv) particles need to travel a large distance

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equipment would have to be very long

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with circular paths long distances can be accommodated in a smaller space

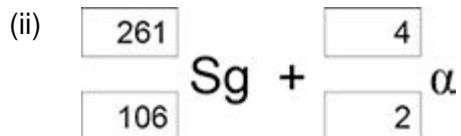
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(c) (i) the average time for the number of nuclei to halve

1

the time for count rate to halve

1



1 mark if top boxes total = 265

and bottom boxes total = 108

1 mark for 4 and 2 for alpha

2

(d) (i) 3 plotted points

$\pm \frac{1}{2}$ small square

1

best line through points

1

(ii) 190–205 (pm)

or correct from student's line

1

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(a) (an equal amount of) positive charge

do **not** accept charge on the atom / nucleus is positive

1

- (b) (i) a (significant) number of alpha particles were scattered by more than 4°
or
alpha particles deflected backwards
accept (some) measurements / results were unexpected

1

measurements / results could not be explained by 'plum pudding' model
or

measurements / results did not support predictions

can be explained by the nuclear model is insufficient

accept measurements / results did not support hypothesis

1

- (ii) many / (over)100 000 measurements / results taken
accept Rutherford(and Marsden) were respected scientists
or
scientists were respected
accept measurements / results taken over several months
the experiment was repeated many times is insufficient

1

- (c) Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the Quality of Written Communication (QWC) as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should also refer to the information on page 5 and apply a 'best-fit' approach to the marking.

0 marks

no relevant content

Level 1 (1–2 marks)

A brief description is given with some particles correctly named

Level 2 (3–4 marks)

A description is given with all three particles named

plus either

the polarity of charge associated with the three particles

or

the relative mass of the three particles

or

the relative mass for one particle and the relative charge for one particle given

Level 3 (5–6 marks)

A more detailed description is given, naming the particles and polarity of charge

and either

the relative mass is given for at least two particles

or

the relative charge is given for at least two particles

Examples of the points made in the response

brief description

contains protons, neutrons and electrons

protons are positive

electrons are negative

neutrons are uncharged

has a nucleus

relative charge

proton +1

electron – 1

neutron 0

relative mass

proton 1

neutron 1

electron (about) $1 / 2000$

accept protons and neutrons have the same mass

accept electrons have tiny / negligible mass

zero mass is neutral

more detailed description

protons and neutrons make up the nucleus
 electrons orbit the nucleus
 electrons are in shells
 most of the atom is empty space
 nucleus occupies a very small fraction of the volume of the atom
 electrons orbit at a relatively large distance from the nucleus
 most of the mass of the atom is contained in the nucleus
 the nucleus as a whole is positively charged total number of protons in the nucleus
 equals the total number of electrons orbiting it in an atom

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(a) neutrons and protons

1

(b) 0

1

(+)1

1

(c) (i) total positive charge = total negative charge

accept protons and electrons have an equal opposite charge

1

(because) no of protons = no of electrons

1

(ii) ion

1

positive

1

- (d) Marks awarded for this answer will be determined by the quality of communication as well as the standard of the scientific response. Examiners should apply a best-fit approach to the marking.

0 marks

No relevant content

Level 1 (1 – 2 marks)

There is a basic description of at least **one** of the particles in terms of its characteristics.

Level 2 (3 – 4 marks)

There is a clear description of the characteristics of **both** particles

or

a full description of either alpha **or** beta particles in terms of their characteristics.

Level 3 (5 – 6 marks)

There is a clear and detailed description of **both** alpha and beta particles in terms of their characteristics.

examples of the physics points made in the response:

structure

- alpha particle consists of a helium nucleus
- alpha particle consists of 2 protons and 2 neutrons
- a beta particle is an electron
- a beta particle comes from the nucleus

penetration

- alpha particles are very poorly penetrating
- alpha particles can penetrate a few cm in air
- alpha particles are absorbed by skin
- alpha particles are absorbed by thin paper
- beta particles can penetrate several metres of air
- beta particles can pass through thin metal plate / foil
- beta particles can travel further than alpha particles in air
- beta particles can travel further than alpha particles in materials eg metals

deflection

- alpha particles and beta particles are deflected in opposite directions in an electric field
- beta particles are deflected more than alpha particles
- alpha particles have a greater charge than beta particles but beta particles have much less mass

or

beta particles have a greater specific charge than alpha particles

6	(a) (i) neutron	1	
	(ii) neutron proton		
	<i>both required, either order</i>	1	
	(iii) 2		
	number of <u>protons</u>		
	<i>do not accept number of electrons</i>	1	
	(b) (i) any one from:		
	• beta		
	• gamma		
	<i>accept correct symbols accept positron / neutrino / neutron cosmic rays is insufficient</i>	1	
(ii) electrons		1	
(iii) are highly ionising		1	
(c) (i) mutate / destroy / kill / damage / change / ionise			
<i>Harm is insufficient</i>	1		
(ii) much smaller than		1	
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7	(a) neutron discovered		1
	(b) neutron		
	<i>all 3 in correct order</i>		
	electron		
	<i>allow 1 mark for 1 correct</i>		
	proton		2
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8	(a) protons, electrons		
	<i>both required, either order</i>		1

neutrons 1

electron, nucleus
both required, this order 1

(b) 2.7 (days)
allow 1 mark for showing correct use of the graph 2

(c) put source into water at **one** point on bank
accept the idea of testing different parts of the river bank at different times 1

see if radiation is detected in polluted area
accept idea of tracing

or

put source into water at three points on bank (1)
see if radiation is detected downstream of factory **or** farmland **or** sewage treatment works (1)

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(a) proton
all 3 in correct order

electron
*allow 1 mark for 1 correct do **not***

neutron
accept letters p, e, n 2

(b) 9
reason only scores if 9 is chosen 1

number of neutrons and protons 1 [4]

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any **two** pairs from:

*to gain credit it must be clear which model is being described
do **not** accept simple descriptions of the diagram without
comparison*

- nuclear model mass is concentrated at the centre / nucleus (1)
*accept the nuclear model has a nucleus / the plum pudding model
does not have a nucleus for 1 mark*

plum pudding model mass is evenly distributed (1)

- nuclear model positive charge occupies only a small part of the atom (1)

plum pudding model positive charge spread throughout the atom (1)

- nuclear model electrons orbit some distance from the centre (1)
*accept electrons in shells / orbits provided a valid comparison is
made with the plum pudding model*

plum pudding electrons embedded in the (mass) of positive (charge) (1)
*do **not** accept electrons at edge of plum pudding*

- nuclear model the atom mainly empty space (1)

plum pudding model is a 'solid' mass (1)

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(a) **B E G**

*all 3 required and no other
any order*

1

same number of / 88 protons (and different numbers of neutrons)
same number of electrons is insufficient

1

(b) (i) 222

1

86

1

(ii) 4800

allow 1 mark for obtaining 3 half-lives

2

(c) ethical

1

deceived / lied to (about safety of working conditions)
accept (women) not warned of the dangers
given no protection is insufficient

or

value own / scientists' lives more than women

or

did not treat women humanely

1

(d) accept any sensible suggestion

eg

too many interests in continued use of radium

evidence may cause public unrest

*do **not** accept not enough evidence*

doctors not want to be blamed for illnesses (caused by radium)

accept doctors not wanting to be sued (for harm caused by using radium)

doctors thought (possible) benefits outweighed (possible) risks

*do **not** accept did not know radium could be harmful*

believe radium could treat illnesses is insufficient

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(a) has an equal amount of positive charge

accept pudding/it is positive

1

(b) (experimental) results could not be explained using 'plum pudding' model

or

(experimental) results did not support plum pudding model

accept (experimental) results disproved plum pudding model

1

(c) (i) **A** – most of atom is empty space **or** most of atom concentrated at the centre

1

B – nucleus is positive (so repels alpha particles)

accept nucleus has the same charge as alpha

1

C – nucleus is very small

accept nucleus is positive if not scored for B

or

nucleus is a concentrated mass

accept nucleus has a very concentrated charge

1

- (ii) (if predictions correct, this) supports the new model
answers should be in terms of the nuclear model
accept supports his/new/nuclear theory
accept proves for supports
accept shows predictions/ Rutherford was correct

1

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- (a) (i) half / 50 %
 (ii) Measure the radon gas level in more homes in this area
 (b) (i) 86
 (ii) 222

1

1

1

1

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- (a) (i) (total) number of protons plus neutrons
accept number of nucleons
accept amount for number
do not accept number of particles in the nucleus
 (ii) number of neutrons decreases by one
 number of protons increases by one
accept for both marks a neutron changes into a proton
 (b) (i) ${}_{81}^{208}\text{Th}$
correct order only
 (ii) the number of protons determines the element
accept atomic number for number of protons

1

1

1

1

1

1

alpha and beta decay produce different changes to the number of protons
there must be a comparison between alpha and beta which is more than a description of alpha and beta decay alone

or

alpha and beta decay produce different atomic numbers
ignore correct reference to mass number

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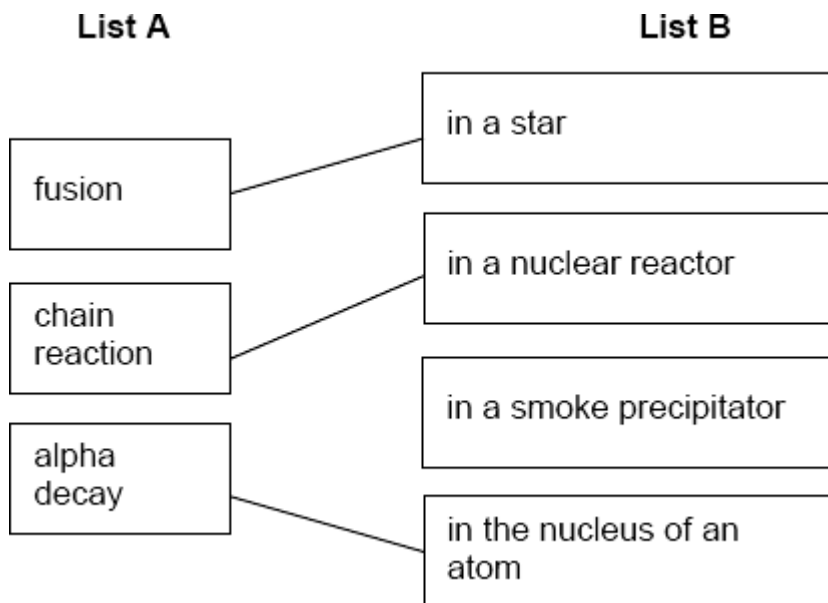
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three lines correct

allow 1 mark for each correct line

*if more than 1 line is drawn from a box in **List A**, mark each line incorrect*



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(a) electron(s)

1

(b) 3rd box ticked

The model cannot explain the results from a new experiment

1

(c) all three correct

Particle
Proton
Electron
Neutron

allow 1 mark for 1 correct

2

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(a) (i) any **one** from:

- food / drink
- rocks / building materials
- cosmic rays / rays from space
accept correctly named example

1

(ii) any **one** from:

- nuclear power / coal power (stations)
accept nuclear waste
- nuclear accidents
accept named accident eg Chernobyl
- nuclear weapons testing
accept named medical procedure which involves a radioactive source
accept radiotherapy
nuclear activity / radiation is insufficient
*do **not** accept CT scans*

1

(iii) different number of / fewer protons

accept does not have 86 protons
accept only has 84 protons

or

different atomic number

*do **not** accept bottom number different*
reference to mass number negates this mark

1

(b) 168

accept 169 if clear, correct method is shown
allow 1 mark for a correct dose ratio involving the spine
eg 2:140 etc
or ratio of days to dose is 1.2
or ratio of dose to days is 0.83

2

(c) (i)

Group A	Group B
J M O	K L N

all correct
any order within each group

1

(ii) similar (number) / same (number) / large (number)
accept the same specific number in each group eg three
reference to other factors such as age is neutral

1

(iii) how many people in each group developed cancer
a clear comparison is required

1

(iv) *there are no marks for **Yes** or **No** the*
mark is for the reason

Yes

the benefit of having the scan is greater than the risk

or

the risk is (very) small (compared to the chance from natural causes)

accept the risk is much greater from natural causes

No

no additional risk is acceptable

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(a) (i) **L**

1

(ii) **M**

1

(b) To make a smoke detector work.

1

(c) 40

no tolerance

1

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(a) proton

electron

neutron

all 3 in correct order

allow 1 mark for 1 correct

do not accept letters p, e, n

2

(b) 4

reason only scores if 4 is chosen

1

number of protons

accept number of electrons

accept there are 4 protons and 4 electrons

do not accept there are 4 protons and electrons

1

(c) The atom loses an electron.

1

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(a) L

J

K

all 3 in correct order

allow 1 mark for 1 correct

2

(b) number of electrons = number of protons

accept amount for number

1

(c) neutrons

this answer only

1

(d) loses / gains electron(s)

1

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(a) (i) all correct

accept presented as a tally chart

Number of protons	3
Number of electrons	3
Number of neutrons	4

allow 1 mark for 1 correct

2

(ii) 7

reason may score even if 7 not chosen

1

number of protons and neutrons

accept number of particles in the nucleus

accept number of nucleons

*do **not** accept number of electrons and neutrons*

1

(b) an ion

1

(c) (i) smaller than

1

(ii) radon loses an alpha (particle)

or

radon loses an (alpha) particle

or

(mass of) polonium plus an alpha = (mass) radon

or

radon loses 2 protons and 2 neutrons (to become polonium)

accept radon has less protons and neutrons

1

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(a) (i) **K and L**

both answers required either order

1

- (ii) (1) same number of protons
accept same number of electrons
accept same atomic number 1
- (2) different numbers of neutrons 1
- (b) (i) 90 1
- (ii) 140 1
- (c) alpha (particle)
reason may score even if beta or gamma is chosen 1
- mass number goes down by 4
or
 number of protons and neutrons goes down by 4
or
 number of neutrons goes down by 2
*candidates that answer correctly in terms of why gamma
 and beta decay are not possible gain full credit* 1
- atomic / proton number goes down by 2
or
 number of protons goes down by 2
*accept an alpha particle consists of 2 neutrons and 2 protons for 1
 mark*
accept alpha equals ${}^4_2\text{He}$ or ${}^4_2\alpha$ for 1 mark
an alpha particle is a helium nucleus is insufficient for this mark 1

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- (a) (i) (atoms / elements with) the same number of protons but different numbers
 of neutrons
*accept (atoms / elements with) different mass number but same
 atomic number* 1
- (ii) substances that give out radiation
accept alpha, beta or gamma for radiation
accept an unstable nucleus that decays
radioactive decay takes place is insufficient 1

- (b) 85 years
± 2 years
allow 1 mark for showing correct method on the graph 2
- (c) (i) a helium nucleus
accept 2 neutrons and 2 protons
accept ${}_2^4\text{He}$
*do **not** accept helium atom* 1
- (ii) the rate of decay (of plutonium) decreases
accept fewer (plutonium) nuclei (to decay)
accept radioactivity decreases 1
- less heat produced
*do **not** accept energy for heat* 1
- (d) (i) (outside the body)
 alpha (particles) cannot penetrate into the body
 (inside the body) 1
- (heat produced from decay) damages / kills cells / tissues
accept causes cancer for damages / kills cells / tissues
*accept **highly** toxic* 1
- (ii) any **one** from:
- worried same could happen again
 - an accident may cause radiation to be spread around the Earth / atmosphere
 - idea of soil contamination resulting from accident / release of radioactive material
 - idea of negative effect on health resulting from accident / release of radioactive material
- accept any sensible suggestion* 1

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- (a) 146 1
- (b) atomic number 1
- (c) (i) alpha 1
- (ii) number of protons changes
accept atomic number changes
accept loses or gains protons
*do **not** accept protons with any other particle e.g. number of protons and neutrons changes incorrect*
*do **not** accept any reference to mass number* 1

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- (a) any **two** pairs from:
- nuclear model mass is concentrated at the centre / nucleus (1)
plum pudding model mass is evenly distributed (1)
accept the nuclear model has a nucleus/the plum pudding model does not have a nucleus for 1 mark
 - nuclear model positive charge occupies only a small part of the atom (1)
plum pudding model positive charge spread throughout the atom (1)
accept electrons in shells/ orbits provided a valid comparison is made with the plum pudding model
*do **not** accept on its own*
*do **not** accept electrons at edge of plum pudding*
 - nuclear model electrons orbit some distance from the centre / nucleus (1)
plum pudding electrons embedded in the (mass) of positive (charge) (1)
 - nuclear model the atom mainly empty space (1)
plum pudding model is a 'solid' mass (1)
to gain credit it must be clear which model is being described
*do **not** accept simple descriptions on the diagram without comparison*

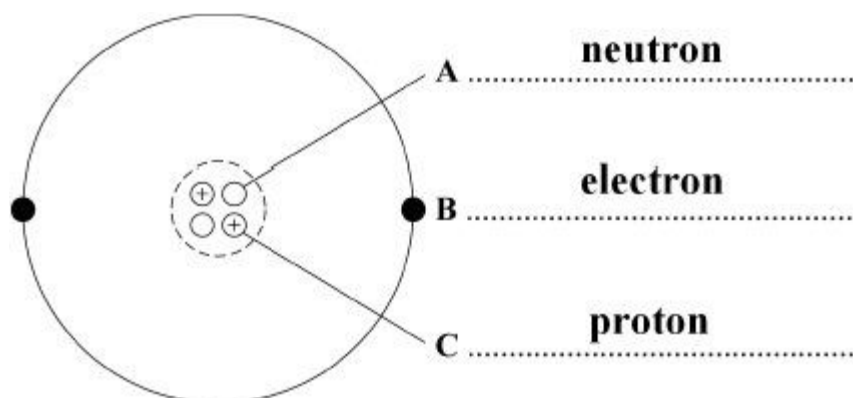
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- (b) nucleus must be positive to deflect/ repel alpha particles
answers in terms of electrons/negative charge causing deflection negates mark answers in terms of reflection negates mark 1
- nucleus (very) small so few alpha particles deflected backwards
accept most of atom empty space so most pass through 1
- (c) many/ 100 000 measurements taken
accept results for measurements accept data valid / reliable 1
- findings could not be explained by plum pudding model
accept a specific finding that could not be explained eg some alpha particles were deflected backwards 1

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(a) (i)



*all 3 labels correct
 allow 1 mark for 1 correct label*

2

- (ii) has no electrons
*it = alpha
 allow alpha has a positive(charge)
 allow a helium (atom) has no (charge)
 do **not** accept general properties of alpha
 do **not** accept general answers in terms of size / density / mass etc* 1

- (b) (i) 15 (hours)
accept any answer between 14.8 and 15.2 inclusive 1

- (ii) 15 (hours) or their (b) (i) 1
- (c) (i) americium-241 has a long half life 1
- (ii) any **one** from:
- alpha (particles) are harmful to ...
accept radiation / radioactive material is harmful to ...
accept specific example of harm
eg can cause cancer
accept radiation is poisonous if ingested / inhaled
*do **not** accept it is poisonous / in case of leakage*
 - so they dispose of it safely / appropriately
 - so they don't break it open / open it
*accept do **not** touch the radioactive source*
 - so they can make a choice about having a radioactive source (in the house)
it = radioactive material

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- (a) (i) gamma hardly ionises the air 1
accept does not ionise
accept gamma radiation is not charged
*do **not** accept answers in terms of danger of gamma or other properties*
- (ii) half-life (too) short 1
accept need frequent replacement 'it' refers to curium-242
- (iii) (two) fewer neutrons 1
accept different numbers of neutrons if a number is specified it must be correct
*do **not** accept more neutrons unless curium-244 is specified*
- (b) (i) gamma 1
accept correct symbol

(ii) both absorbed by the metal / steel / weld
only scores if (b)(i) is correct
accept cannot pass through the metal / steel / weld

1

(c) (i) put source into water at **one** point on bank
accept the idea of testing different parts of the river bank at different times

1

see if radiation is detected in polluted area
accept idea of tracing

1

(ii) 2.7 (days)
allow 1 mark for showing correct use of the graph

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(a)

Particle	Relative Mass	Relative charge
Proton	1	
Neutron		0

accept one, accept +1
*do **not** accept -1*

1

accept zero
*do **not** accept no charge/ nothing/neutral unless given with 0*

1

(b) equal numbers/amounts of protons and electrons

1

protons and electrons have equal but opposite charge

accept protons charge +1 and electron charge -1

accept (charge) on proton

cancels/balances (charge) on electron

accept positive (charges) cancel out the negative(charges)

neutrons have no charge is neutral

*do **not** accept total charge of protons, electrons (and neutrons) is 0 unless qualified*

1

(c) (i) (3) fewer neutrons

accept lower/ smaller mass number

*do **not** accept different numbers of neutrons*

any mention of fewer/more protons/electrons negates mark

accept answers in terms of U-238 providing U-238 is specifically stated i.e. U-238 has (3) more neutrons

1

(ii) neutron

1

(iii) (nuclear) fission

accept fision

*do **not** accept any spelling that may be taken as fusion*

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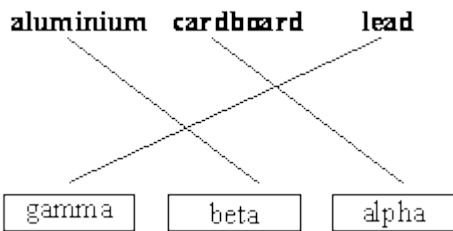
(a) (i) P

1

(ii) Q

1

(b) 3 lines correct



allow 1 mark for 1 correct line

two lines drawn from any source or box – both incorrect

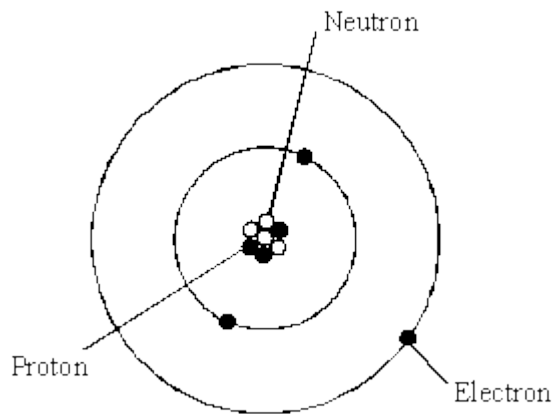
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- (c) (i) **K** 1
- (ii) 56
accept 50 – 60 inclusive 1
- (iii) **K** 1
- (iv) to inject... tracer 1

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- (i) each correct label scores 1 mark



- (ii) neutron 3
- (iii) 7 1

number of protons and neutrons **or** number of nucleons or number of particles in the nucleus

accept number of particles in the centre only if first answer = 7

1

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(a) Y and Z

1

they have the same number of protons **or** same atomic number

*accept they have the same number of electrons **or** same number of protons **and** electrons*

allow only different in number of neutrons N.B. independent marks

1

(b) **Quality of written communication**

*for correct use of terms underlined in B **or** C*

Q ✓ Q ✗

1

A – alpha particle passes straight through the empty space of the atom

or it is a long way from the nucleus

describes 3 tracks correctly for 2 marks

describes 2 or 1 track correctly for 1 mark

B – alpha particle deflected / repelled / repulsed by the (positive) nucleus

C – alpha particle heading straight for the nucleus is deflected / repelled / repulsed backwards

*do **not** accept hits the nucleus*

*do **not** accept answers referring to refraction*

*do **not** accept answers in terms of reflected backwards unless qualified in terms of repulsion*

mention of difference in charge on nucleus negates that track

max 2

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(a) (i) both lose 2 protons and (2) neutrons

accept changes by 2 protons and 2 neutrons

1

(ii) different number of protons (in the nucleus)

accept different atomic number

*do **not** accept different number of protons and neutrons or different mass number*

ignore electrons

1

(iii) gamma involves no change in the number of protons (in the nucleus)

or gamma is a wave (not a particle)

*do **not** accept number of neutrons*

and / or protons

ignore electrons

1

- (b) (i) water because
*both material **and** reason required*

for all energy values the thickness
of water needed to absorb (90% of)
the radiation is more than the other materials

*accept thickness of water required is always more
than the other materials*

1

- (ii) 6

*allow 1 mark for obtaining both correct values 72
and 12 from graph*

*allow 1 mark for incorrect values 71 and / or
11 from graph evaluated correctly*

2

- (c) any **three** from:

*may be scored on annotated diagram provided
not negated elsewhere*

- most (alpha) particles passed
undeflected / straight through the gold
- suggesting most of the atom is empty (space)
- a few (alpha) particles scattered / deflected through (very) large angles
accept repelled
*do **not** accept reflected / rebound /
bounce back*
- suggesting a concentrated / small nucleus
- nucleus is positive because it repels the positive (alpha) particles
no reference to experiment, maximum 1 mark

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- (a) (i) helium nuclei

1

or

two protons and two neutrons or $\frac{4}{2} \text{He}$

*do **not** accept it is a particle emitted by an unstable nucleus of
Californium -241*

(ii) time taken for the activity **or** count rate **or** number of nuclei **or** number of atoms **or** number of radioactive particles to decrease to half 1

(iii) Technetium-99
*this mark **cannot** score without Technetium- 99* 1

any **two** of the following:

- suitable short half-life or activity quickly reduced to a safe level or it doesn't stay in the body long
*this mark **can** score if Cobalt -60 is given*
- (gamma emitter so) it can be detected outside the body
- less (ionising) damage to cells **or** tissue
*this mark **can** score if Cobalt -60 is given*

2

(b) any **three** of the following:

- transport of waste into the area
- possibility of accident or leakage from transport
- safe levels not reached for hundreds or thousands of years
- Possible leakage **or** contamination of land **or** water **or** increase in background radiation
- increased risk of (radiation linked) illness **or** cancer

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(a) (i) a helium nucleus

accept ${}^4_2\text{He}$

accept 2 protons + 2 neutrons

*do **not** accept He*

*do **not** accept helium atom*

1

(ii) nucleus

only answer, no alternative

1

- (b) (i) each axis given a linear scale
time axis must go up to 12 days
y-axis must go up to 40 000 1
- curve concave to axis drawn 1
- curve shows correct half-life of four days
*do **not** accept a straight line must show one half-life*
check first two plotted points correct to \pm half square
a curve drawn dot-to-dot scores a maximum of 1 mark 1
- (ii) 38 750
no tolerance
allow 1 mark for 5 half-lives
allow 1 mark for showing that 1 250 are undecayed 3
- (c) (i) more radon enters shaft (through cracks in the rock face)
accept radon emitted from surroundings 1
- (ii) (alpha) radiation will damage cell structure or ionise cells
accept kill cells 1
- causing cancerous growth
an answer in terms of the daughter product polonium being a solid
or lodging in the throat and also emitting alpha gains full credit 1

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- (a) (i) electron
neutron
proton
nucleus
1 mark for each correct label 4
- (ii) H-1 has no neutrons
H-3 has 2 neutrons
more neutrons gets 1 mark 2
- (iii) nucleus unstable 2

- (b) lead/concrete
lead/concrete needed to stop gamma rays

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- (a) 1.
-1

2

for 1 mark each

- (b) (i) 19p,
20n,
19e

*all correct for 2 marks
2 correct for 1 mark*

2

- (ii) K40 has an extra neutron/different number of neutrons/
it has more neutrons/21 neutrons

*for 1 mark
NOT fewer neutrons*

1

- (iii) radioactive/unstable nucleus/ nucleus disintegrates/
emits radiation/it has too many neutrons

for 1 mark

1

- (iv) calcium/Ca

for 1 mark

1

- (v) 1 (e) in outer shell/same number of electrons/outer electron
same distance from the nucleus

for 1 mark

1

- (c) (i) Geiger-Muller tube (photographic) film

for 1 mark

1

- (ii) cancer, leukaemia, radiation sickness etc.

for 1 mark

1

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- 37** (a) 1, 0
 X, -1 (X = negligible / very small / (1/1840) to (1/2000), but not nothing)
2 for 4 correct
1 for 2/3 correct 2
- (b) has a nucleus which is positive charge
 negative charges (electrons) orbit nucleus
each for 1 mark 3
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- 38** (a) nucleus positive charge / protons in nucleus electrons / negative charges
 orbit nucleus
each for 1 mark 3
- (b) (i) positive dough repels positive alpha particles **or** 2 positive
 charges repel forces small
each for 1 mark 2
- (ii) large force needed + ves in plum pudding spread out – *may appear in (i)*
 positive charge must be concentrated / in nucleus
(ignore references to electrons)
for 1 mark each 3
- (c) 1, 0
 X, -1 (X = negligible / very small / (1/1840) (1/2000), but not nothing)
each row for 1 mark 2
- (d) (i) 4
for 1 mark 1
- (ii) B and C have the same number of protons / atomic number
 but different number of neutrons / mass number
each for 1 mark 3
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39	(a)	90	<i>for one mark</i>	1	
	(b)	(i)	neutron <i>for one mark</i>	1	
		(ii)	nucleus <i>for one mark</i>	1	
		(iii)	electron <i>for one mark</i>	1	
	(c)	(i)	100 <i>for one mark</i>	1	
		(ii)	157 <i>for one mark</i>	1	
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40	(a)	(i)	B <i>for one mark</i>	2	
		(ii)	has a different number of electrons (protons) <i>for one mark</i>	2	
	(b)	(i)	A and C <i>for one mark</i>	1	
		(ii)	same number of protons / electrons, same nuclear charge different number of neutrons / nuclear masses different <i>for 1 mark each</i>	2	
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41	(a)	(i)	beta and gamma (<i>any order</i>) <i>for one mark</i>	1	
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- (ii) gamma
for one mark 1
- (b) (i) particles / atoms / molecules become charged / gain / lose electrons
for one mark 1
- (ii) e.g. to kill cancer cells (*allow any use of alpha, beta or gamma or X⁻ radiation*)
for one mark 1
- (c) (i) time taken for no. of atoms / no. of nuclei / mass of U238 / activity to halve – **not** radioactivity
or
time taken for count rate to halve
for one mark 1
- (ii) atoms with unstable nuclei which emit radiation
(*not* definition of isotope but isotope which is radioactive gets 1 mark)
for 1 mark each 2
- (d) (i) 1 / 4 *accept* 25% or 0.25
for one mark 1
- (ii) 2 × half life or 2 × 4500 million years (independent of (i))
gains 1 mark
but
9000 million years ecf only if answer to (i) is $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{16},$ etc.
gains 2 marks 2

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- (a) (i) B
for one mark 1
- (ii) has 4 electrons / protons others only 3; B has a different no. of electrons / protons - *not* A and C have same no. of protons / electrons
for one mark 1


(b) (i) A and C
for one mark


1

(ii) same no. of protons / electrons different no. of neutrons
or
nuclei have the same charge but different mass
for 1 mark each

2


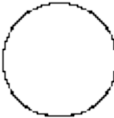
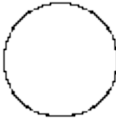
(c) (i) 

(ii) 

(iii) 

for 1 mark each

3

(d) 2p.2n  *allow*  *but not* 
(i.e. no mark if electrons shown)
for one mark

1

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(i) 86

1

(ii) 222

1

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(a) radium

accept Ra

1

(b) different numbers of protons

accept one has 91 protons, one has 92

or *Pa has 91 protons, U has 92*

do not credit they have different atomic numbers

reject different numbers of protons and neutrons

1

- (c) alpha 1
- (d) neutron changes into proton
accept electron lost / beta radiation
accept singular or plural answers 1

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- (a) (i) cannot penetrate aluminium
allow can only pass through air / paper too weak is neutral 1
- (ii) gamma rays not affected (by aluminium)
allow all / most (gamma rays) to pass through
too strong is neutral
danger is neutral 1
- (b) (i) (nuclei) unstable 1
- (ii) causes harm / damage to body / cells
allow radiation sickness 1
- detail e.g., causes mutations / causes cancer / damages DNA /
damages chromosomes
allow two effects for 2 marks 1

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- (a) protons 1
- protons
accept electrons 1
- neutrons 1

(b) protons

reject mass

1

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neutron becomes proton / neutron emits electron / neutron emits beta particle

gains proton neutral

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• 4

• 9

each for 1 mark

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