



## Atoms and Isotopes

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Time: **337 minutes**

Marks: **336 marks**

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## Mark schemes

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### 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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- (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

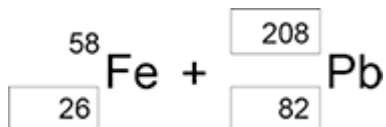
(ii) 82

1

(iii) 124

1

(b) (i)



*1 mark for each correct box*

3

(ii) (a) neutron

1

(iii)  $4.0 \times 10^{-4}$  (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

1

equipment would have to be very long

1

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

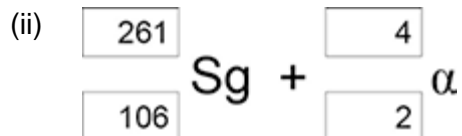
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(c) (i) the average time for the number of nuclei to halve

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  $4^\circ$   
**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

<b>6</b>	(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 <b>one</b> from:  • beta  • gamma <i>accept correct symbols</i> <i>accept positron / neutrino / neutron</i> <i>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	
		1	<b>[9]</b>
<b>7</b>	(a) neutron discovered	1	
	(b) neutron  <i>all 3 in correct order</i>  electron  <i>allow 1 mark for 1 correct</i>  proton	2	<b>[3]</b>
<b>8</b>	(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)

1

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**9**

(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*

1

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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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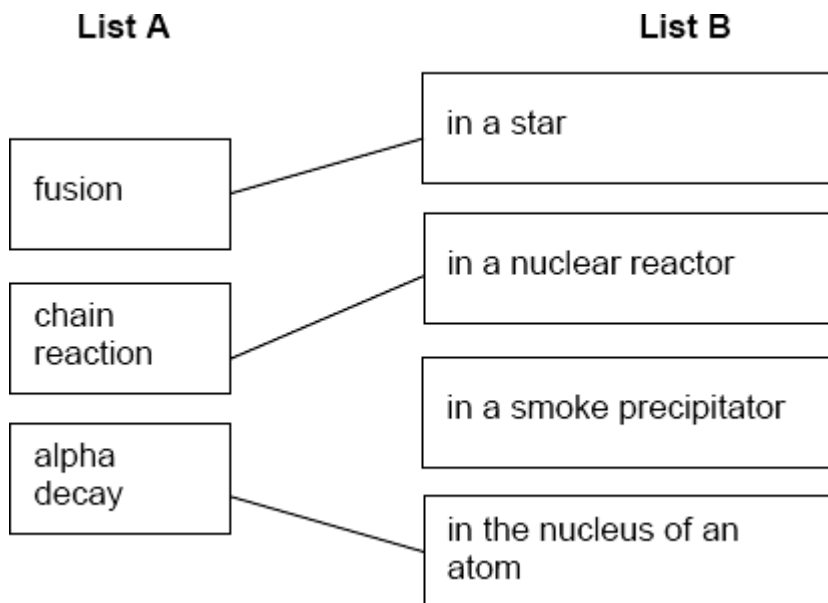
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three lines correct

*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) 3<sup>rd</sup> 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)

<b>Group A</b>	<b>Group B</b>
<b>J M O</b>	<b>K L N</b>

*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

1

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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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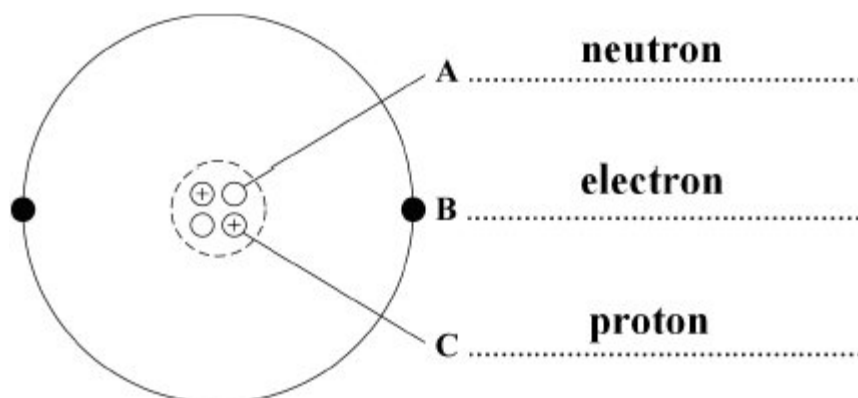
- (a) any **two** pairs from:
- nuclear model mass is concentrated at the centre / nucleus (1)  
plum pudding model mass is evenly distributed (1)  
*accept the nuclear model has a nucleus/the plum pudding model does not have a nucleus for 1 mark*
  - nuclear model positive charge occupies only a small 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*
- 4

- (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*

1

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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*

2

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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*

1

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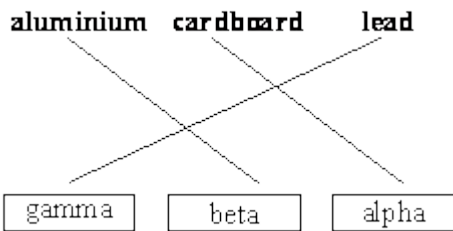
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1

(ii) Q

1

(b) 3 lines correct



*allow 1 mark for 1 correct line*

*two lines drawn from any source or box – both incorrect*

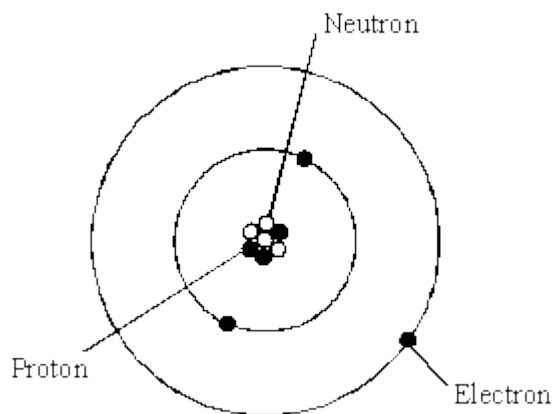
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- (c) (i) **K** 1
- (ii) 56  
*accept 50 – 60 inclusive* 1
- (iii) **K** 1
- (iv) to inject... tracer 1

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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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- (a) 1, 0  
X, -I (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*

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- (a) nucleus positive charge / protons in nucleus electrons / negative charges  
orbit nucleus  
*each for 1 mark*

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- (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, -I (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*

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<b>39</b>	(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	<b>[6]</b>

<b>40</b>	(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	<b>[5]</b>

<b>41</b>	(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<sup>-</sup> 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


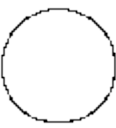
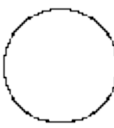
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- (a) (i) B  
for one mark 1
- (ii) has 4 electrons / protons others only 3; B has a different no. of electrons / protons - *not* A and C have same no. of protons / electrons  
for one mark 1

- (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)  3
- (ii) 
- (iii)   
for 1 mark each

- (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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