

1	(a)	(i) (Mean) time for the number of nuclei/activity of a nuclide to halve	1	
		(ii) 6 protons; 8 neutrons	2	[3]
	(b)	(i) ${}^{14}_7\text{N}(n,p){}^{14}_6\text{C}$ or $n + {}^{14}_7\text{N} \rightarrow {}^{14}_6\text{C} + p$ -1 mark per error	2	
		(ii) ${}^{14}_7\text{N}$ -1 mark per error	2	[4]
	(c)	(i) use of $\lambda T = 0.693$	1	
		$\lambda = 0.693/5700 = 1.2 \times 10^{-4}$ 2 marks if correct answer without working	1	
		(ii) $f (= A/A_0) = \exp(-1.2 \times 10^{-4} \times 4 \times 10^4) = e^{-4.8}$	1	
		$= 8.2 \times 10^{-3}$ or 7.7×10^{-3} if sig figs not taken from c(i)	1	
		or by half lives: $40000/5700 = 7.02$ T giving $1/128 = 7.8 \times 10^{-3}$	2	[4]
	(d)	Background count is the random radioactivity/count detected from the surroundings/cosmic rays/building materials, etc	1	
		(The count rate is so low that) no pattern of decay can be seen/the count appears purely random/cannot find half-life/AW	1	[2]

2	(a)	radius of 1 nucleon/proton/neutron/H nucleus	1	[1]
	(b)(i)	$r = 3.8 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$	1	
		(ii) $r_0 = r/A^{1/3} = 3.8 \times 10^{-15}/20^{1/3} = 1.4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$	1	
	(c)	$\rho = m/V = m_0/(4/3 \pi r_0^3)$	1	
		$= 1.67 \times 10^{-27}/(4/3 \pi [1.4 \times 10^{-15}]^3)$	1	
		$= 1.5 \times 10^{17} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ unit penalty	1	[3]
		(allow $1.4\text{--}1.5 \times 10^{17}$ from ecf)		
	(d)	answer to (c) is much greater than 70 kg m^{-3}	1	
		mass of atom \approx mass of nucleus	1	
		so volume of atom \gg volume of nucleus	1	
		conclusion eg most of atom is empty space / filled with low density electron (wave)	1	[4]
	(e)(i)	$V \propto A$ or $V = 4/3 \pi R^3 = 4/3 \pi (r_0 A^{1/3})^3 = 4/3 \pi r_0^3 A$	1	
	(ii)	separation of nuclei constant/always the same	1	[2]

3	(a)	mass = $1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ charge = $-1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$	1 1	[2]
	(c)(i)	rest mass = $2 \times 1.67 \times 10^{-27} = 3.34 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ so energy equivalent = Δmc^2 = $3.34 \times 10^{-27} \times (3 \times 10^8)^2$ = $3.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J}$	1 1 1	
	(ii)	$E = 2hf$ $3 \times 10^{-10} = 2 \times 6.63 \times 10^{-34} f$ $f = 2.3 \times 10^{23} \text{ Hz}$	1 1	
	(iii)	penalty circumstance: proton and antiproton are at rest/moving with negligible speed initially	1	[6]

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one mark per line correctly completed

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	(c)(i)	quarks: up + down + down (or udd)	1	
1.	(ii)	baryon number: $1/3 + 1/3 + 1/3 = 1$	1	
2.		charge: $+2/3 - 1/3 - 1/3 = 0$	1	
3.		strangeness: $0 + 0 + 0 = 0$	1	[4]
	(d)(i)	${}^1_0n \rightarrow {}^1_1p + {}^0_{-1}e + {}^0_0\bar{\nu}$ (+ bar above 'v' symbol)	2	
	(ii)	no change to up and one down quark or by implication one down quark changes to up quark + electron + antineutrino	1 1	[4]

5	(a)(i)	absorbed neutron causes/initiates/precipitates the reaction fission means splitting	1 1	
	(ii)	(neutron) with k.e./ speed \approx k.e./ speed of surrounding molecules / in equilibrium with s. m.	1	[3]
	(b)(i)	uranium-236 $^{236}_{92}\text{U}$	1	
	(ii)	fissile nucleus has many more neutrons than protons (144:92) stable, smaller nuclei have neutron/proton ratio nearer to 1.0	1 1	[3]
	(c)(i)	$^{239}_{94}\text{Pu} \rightarrow ^{235}_{92}\text{U} + ^4_2\text{He}$	2	
	(ii)	<u>either</u> $N = N_0(\frac{1}{2})^n$ $N/N_0 = (\frac{1}{2})^{124}$ $= 0.972$ so decayed percentage = 2.8 % (or 3%)	1 1 1 1	
		<u>or</u> $N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$ where $\lambda = 0.6931 / 24\,000 = 2.89 \times 10^{-5} \text{ y}^{-1}$ $= 0.6931 / (24\,000 \times 365 \times 24 \times 3\,600)$ $= 9.16 \times 10^{-13} \text{ s}^{-1}$ $\ln(N/N_0) = -\lambda t = -2.89 \times 10^{-5} \times 1000 = -2.89 \times 10^{-2}$ so $N/N_0 = 0.97$ and decayed proportion = 3 % (alternatively, $\lambda t = 9.16 \times 10^{-13} \times 1\,000 \times 365 \times 24 \times 3\,600$ $= -2.89 \times 10^{-2}$ etc.)		[6]
	(a)	He nucleus, a few cm/3 to 10 cm About 1 m / 0.3-2 m / several m, 1 to 10 mm Al / 1 mm Pb (high energy) e-m radiation, 1-10 cm of Pb/several m of concrete 2 correct 1 mark, 4 correct 2 marks	3 1	[3]
	(b)	Source, absorbers placed in front of detector on diagram How results identify source) Allowance for background) to max 2 Allow for distance expt to max 2	2 1	[3]
	(c)	(i) ^{235}U decays to N/2 ⁶ ; ^{238}U decays to N/2 $= 1/2^5 = 0.03$ (ii) Ratio will have reached 0.0075 in a little over two half lives of ^{235}U , another 1.5×10^9 years; ^{238}U will have not halved again so ratio reaches 0.0072 soon after 6×10^9 years / calc for both isotopes / calc based on 235 varying and 238 constant / basis of suggestion unreliable max 1	2 1 2	[5]
Total			11	

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(a)	α -particle scattering	1	
	suitable diagram with source, foil, moveable detector	1	
	2 or more trajectories shown	1	
	vacuum (to remove absorption)	1	
	most particles have little if any deflection	1	
	large deflection of very few	1	
	reference to Coulomb's law /elastic scattering	1	
	alphas repelled by nucleus (positive charges)	1	
	monoenergetic;	1	
max 6 marks		
	OR electron scattering	1	
	high energy	1	
	diagram with source sample, moveable detector/film	1	
	vacuum	1	
(b)	electron accelerator or other detail	1	
	electrons diffracted by nucleus (as obstacle not slit)	1	
	most have zero deflection	1	
	characteristic angular distribution with minimum	1	
	minimum not zero	1	
	de Broglie wavelength	1	
	wavelength comparable to nuclear size hence high energy	1	
 max 6 marks		[6]
	(i) splitting of nuclei, fusing of nuclei/massive, light nuclei/large (200 MeV), small (30 MeV) energy release per reaction	1	
	release of energy/total mass decrease/'increase' in binding energy/ release radiation eg neutrons	1	
	(ii) neutron is absorbed by the nucleus;	1	
	which then splits into two (major) fragments;	1	
	and several/two/three neutrons	1	
	charges on/Coulomb repulsion pushes major fragments apart;	1	
	loss of mass/increased binding energy accounts for k.e. of fragments/release of energy	1	
	reference to $\Delta E = c^2 \Delta m$	1	[6]
 max 4 marks		12
Total			
Quality of Written Communication			[4]

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- (a) 1. repulsive
2. attractive
3. attractive -1 any error 1 [1]
- (b) (i) $F = (Q_1 Q_2) / (4 \pi \epsilon_0 r^2)$ 1
 $= (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2 / (4 \pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} [0.8 \times 10^{-15}]^2)$ accept 8.99×10^9 1
 $= 360 \text{ N}$ or 359.7 N unit penalty once, in (i) or (ii) 1
- (ii) $F = m_1 m_2 G / r^2$ 1
 $= (1.67 \times 10^{-27})^2 \times 6.67 \times 10^{-11} / (0.8 \times 10^{-15})^2$ 1
 $= 2.9 \times 10^{-34} \text{ N}$ 0.8/2 gives $1.16 \times 10^{-33} \text{ N}$ for 2/3 1 [6]
 calculations transposed but otherwise correct, 3/6
- (c) gravitational force (much) less than electrostatic force allow ecf for 1/2 1
 gravitational force is negligible / insignificant / virtually no effect / unimportant / much less / or works out ratio (about 10^{36}) 1 [2]
- (d) (so, for protons equilibrium at) separation $> x_0$ (1)
 strong force must be attractive (1)
 strong force (needs to be attractive to) balance repulsive electrostatic force (1)
 only small change in separation needed to produce 360 N,
 so equilibrium separation still close to x_0 (1)
 any 3 [3]

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- (a) 3
 number of nucleons: Rb 94, Cs 142, U 235 -1 each 2 [2]
 error
- (b) graph gives BE/nucleon values of: U 7.4 MeV allow 7.3 - 7.4
 Rb 8.6 MeV allow 8.5 - 8.6
 Cs 8.4 MeV -1 2
 each error 1
 multiplies BE/nucleon by nucleon number 1
 so total BE for U = 235×7.4 (= 1739 MeV)
 Rb = 94×8.6 (= 808 MeV) 1
 Cs = 142×8.4 (= 1193 MeV) 1
 so total energy released = $808 + 1193 - 1739$ process 1
 = 262 MeV allow 253 - 286 for ecf
 allow $8.6 + 8.4 - 7.4 = 9.6 \text{ MeV}$ for 1/4 [6]
- (c) (i) sketch graph, symmetrical, with equal, smooth peaks and smooth trough -1 any error 2
 correct general shape but not symmetrical gets 1/2
- (ii) two positions, plausibly and symmetrically separated 1
 correctly labelled 1 [4]
 take into account any numbers which are relevant to symmetry

- (a) (i) mixture of (free) ions / fully ionised gas / electrons stripped from atoms 1
1 [2]
detail: consist of nuclei (positive), electrons (negative) 1
- (ii) high temperature /hot / but not 'heat' 1
so electrons have enough energy to escape from/break free from atom 1 [2]
- (b) (i) nuclei / particles (but *not* atoms) have enough energy to overcome (mutual) repulsion / Coulomb barrier 1
- (ii) high density / high pressure / nuclei (or particles) close together / many particles so probability greater / high concentration of particles 1 [2]
- (c) (i) 1. $^{13}_7\text{N} \rightarrow ^{13}_6\text{C} + ^0_1\beta + ^0_{-1}\nu$ 1
nitrogen nucleus decays/splits (not fissions) with emission of positron (not proton) and neutrino 1
allow $^1_1\text{p} \rightarrow ^1_0\text{n} + ^0_1\text{e} + \nu$
and proton decays to neutron, positron and neutrino, for 2/2
2. $^{12}_6\text{C} + ^1_1\text{H} \rightarrow ^{13}_7\text{N}$ 1
carbon nucleus and proton fuse / join together / combine / absorb / capture to form nitrogen 1
(-13) nucleus
no mention of 'nucleus' in 1. or 2. -1 once only
- (ii) $4^1_1\text{H} \rightarrow ^4_2\text{He} + 2^0_1\beta + 2^0_{-1}\nu$ 1
allow $^{12}_6\text{C}$ or other nuclide on both sides 1 [6]
4 protons form a helium nucleus, 2 positrons and 2 neutrinos

- (a) (i) leptons 1
(ii) hadrons/baryons 1 [2]
- (b) $^1_1\text{p} \rightarrow ^1_0\text{n} + ^0_{-1}\text{e} \text{ (or } ^0_1\beta) + ^0_{-1}\nu$ 1
particle symbols correct throughout ie letters 1
charge and mass numbers correct throughout, (apart from 0,0 for neutrino) 1 [2]
- (c) (i) proton up, up, down (or uud) 1
neutron up, down, down (or udd) 1 [2]
- (ii) $u \rightarrow d + e + \nu$
allow $\begin{matrix} u & u \\ u & \rightarrow d + e^- \text{ (or } \beta^-) + \nu \\ d & d \end{matrix}$ 1 [1]
- (iii) before: up quark (proton) baryon number $\frac{1}{3}$ (1)
charge $\frac{2}{3}$ (1)
after: down quark (neutron) baryon number $\frac{1}{3}$ (1)
charge $-\frac{1}{3}$ (0) 2
- positron baryon number 0
charge +1
- neutrino baryon number 0
charge 0 1
- baryon number: $\frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{3} + 0 + 0$ or $\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} + 0$ 1
+ 0 1 [5]
- charge $\frac{2}{3} = -\frac{1}{3} + 1 + 0$ or $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} \rightarrow \frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{3} + 1 + 0$

12	(a)	plots graph:	points to within $\frac{1}{2}$ square	2	
			line to within $\frac{1}{2}$ square of every point	1	[3]
			-1 each error		
	(b) (i)	tries to find correct intercept		1	
		$A_0 = 90 \times 10^6 \text{ Bq}$	value of A_0 87 - 95	1	
		beware 10^6 omitted	unit penalty		
	(ii)	half life = 28 years	accept 26 - 30	1	[3]
	(c)	$\lambda = 0.693 / (t_{1/2}) = 0.693 / 28$		1	
		$= 2.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ y}^{-1}$			[1]
	(d)	$A/A_0 = e^{-\lambda t}$		1	
		$0.01 = e^{-0.025t}$	allow A, A_0 values (where $A_0 = 100 A$), not rearranged	1	
		$\ln(0.01) = -2.5 \times 10^{-2} t$		1	[3]
		$t = \ln(0.01) / (-0.025) = 184 \text{ years}$			
		2/3 for method involving repeated halving			
		$A/A_0 = 100/1$ can get 1/3 for \ln step			
		$A/A_0 = 99/100$ can get 2/3 (0, 1, 1). This gives 0.40 y			
13	(a) (i)	1 94	2 239 - 94 = 145	1	1
	(ii)	1 92;	2 143 <i>ecf from a(i) 2</i>	2	2
	(b)	$\lambda = 0.693/T$ on page 3 = $0.693/24000 \times 3.2 \times 10^7 = 9 \times 10^{-13} \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$		1	1
	(c) (i)	$n = P/\epsilon; = 2.5/8.2 \times 10^{-13} = 3.0(48) \times 10^{12}$		2	2
	(ii)	$A = \lambda N;$		1	
		$N = 3 \times 10^{12} / 9 \times 10^{-13} = 3.3 \times 10^{24}$ <i>ecf from b</i>		1	2
	(iii)	$m = N/N_A \cdot M / = (3.3 \times 10^{24} / 6.02 \times 10^{23}) \times 0.239; = 1.3(4) \text{ (kg)}$ <i>ecf (c)(ii)</i>		2	2
		<i>aliter</i> $m = AuN / = 239 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \times 3.3 \times 10^{24}$			
	(d)	advantage: (higher energy per particle/shorter half-life) so smaller mass required/AW		1	
		disadv.: power does not remain 'constant' for long period/AW		1	
		safety alternatives: short half-life means fewer disposal/storage problems;		2	2
		higher energy per particle needs more shielding <i>max 2 marks</i>			
			[Total		11
14	(a)	Nucleus contains most/almost all of mass of atom/detail such as $m_p = m_n$		1	
		$= 2000 m_e$ /atom volume almost all empty space/AW;		1	
		nucleus consists of protons and neutrons;		1	
		p positively charged, n neutral, e negatively charged;		1	
		surrounded by cloud of electrons;		1	
		equal numbers of protons and electrons (to make atom neutral);		1	
		ratio of p to n; idea of isotope/element; p & n made of quarks, etc.		1	
		<i>maximum 4 marks</i>			4

15	Question	Expected Answers	Marks
	(a) (i)	$F_E \propto 1/r^2$ or $F_E = Q^2/(4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2)$ or in words	1
	(ii)	$F_G \propto (-)1/r^2$ or $F_G = (-)m^2 G/r^2$ or in words	1 [2]
	(b)	electrostatic forces (between protons) always repulsive gravitational forces always attractive	1 [1]
	(c)	(at equal separations) magnitude of $F_E \gg$ magnitude of F_G so F_E scale has bigger range of values than F_G	1 1 [2]
	(d)(i)	d_0 is equilibrium separation	1
	(ii)	PQ: repulsive; QR: attractive	1
	(iii)	if neutrons get closer/further apart than Q, they repel/attract ; idea that force acts to restore/return particle to same point/separation	2 [4]
	(e)	$\rho = m/V = m_p [(4/3)\pi r^3]$ $= 1.67 \times 10^{-27} / [(4/3)\pi (1.4 \times 10^{-15} / 2)^3]$ $= 1.16 \times 10^{18} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ ans. + unit uses $r = 1.4 \times 10^{-15}$ gives $1.45 \times 10^{17} \text{ kg m}^{-3}$ allow ecf so 1, 0, 1 = 2/3 $\rho = m/r^3$ ie assumes a cube of side r giving 4.9×10^{18} gets 0 0 1 = 1/3 $\rho = m/(2r^3)$ ie cube of side $2r$ gives 6.1×10^{17} and gets 0 1 1 = 2/3	1 1 + 1 [3]

16	Question	Expected Answers	Marks
	(a)	fission means splitting nucleus into parts caused by absorption/capture of a neutron idea reaction cannot start without neutrons	1 1 1
		neutrons having ke's comparable with ke of thermal molecular ke /slow moving/low energy	1 [4]
	(b)	BE of products = 1210 + 760 = 1970 MeV BE of reactant = 1770 MeV so energy released = 1970 - 1770 = 200 MeV energy in joule = $200 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ (= $3.2 \times 10^{-11} \text{ J}$)	1 1 1 [3]
	(c)(i)	mass of U-235 = 0.03×4.2 = 0.126 (kg) mass of 1 atom = $0.235 / (6.02 \times 10^{23})$ = $3.9 \times 10^{-25} \text{ (kg)}$ (so number of atoms = $0.126 / (3.9 \times 10^{-25}) = 3.23 \times 10^{23}$)	1 1
	(ii)	total energy = $3 \times 10^{23} \times 3.2 \times 10^{-11}$ = $9.6 \times 10^{12} \text{ J}$ (3.23×10^{23} gives $1.0(3) \times 10^{13}$ for 1/1)	1
	(iii)	power = E / t = $9.6 \times 10^{12} / (2 \times 3.16 \times 10^7 \times 3) = 5.06 \times 10^4 \text{ W (=50.6 kW)}$ (1.03×10^{13} gives $5.43 \times 10^4 \text{ (W) (= 54.3 kW)}$ for 2/2)	1 1 [5]

(b)(i)	${}^1_1\text{H} + {}^1_1\text{H} \rightarrow {}^2_1\text{H} + {}^0_1\beta (+\nu)$	1
(ii)	${}^2_1\text{H} + {}^1_1\text{H} \rightarrow {}^3_2\text{He}$	1
(iii)	${}^3_2\text{He} + {}^3_2\text{He} \rightarrow {}^4_2\text{He} + 2{}^1_1\text{H}$	1
(c)	${}^3_2\text{He} + {}^3_2\text{He} \rightarrow {}^4_2\text{He} + 2{}^1_1\text{H}$ $2{}^2_1\text{H} + 2{}^1_1\text{H} \rightarrow 2{}^3_2\text{He}$ $2{}^1_1\text{H} + 2{}^1_1\text{H} \rightarrow 2{}^2_1\text{H} + 2{}^0_1\beta (+2\nu)$ allow β^+ or 0_1e add: $6{}^1_1\text{H} \rightarrow {}^4_2\text{He} + 2{}^0_1\beta + 2{}^1_1\text{H}$ process cancel two ${}^1_1\text{H}$'s: $4{}^1_1\text{H} \rightarrow {}^4_2\text{He} + 2{}^0_1\beta (+2\nu)$ final equation	1 1 [5]

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(a)	strange, charm, top, bottom (any order) 2 quarks per mark: 2/4 or 3/4 gets 1/2	2 [2]
(b)(i)	ddu	1
(ii)	duu	1 [2]
(c)(i)	emission of electrons and positrons accept β^+ and β^-	1
(ii) 1	${}^{14}_6\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{14}_7\text{N} + {}^0_{-1}e (+\nu\text{-bar})$	1
2	${}^{14}_8\text{O} \rightarrow {}^{14}_7\text{N} + {}^0_1e (+\nu)$	1
(iii) 1	(electron) anti-neutrino	1
2	(electron) neutrino	1
(iv)	neutrons: decrease of 1 (8 to 7) protons: increase of 1 (6 to 7) electrons: increase of 1 (emitted electron) protons, neutrons correct electrons correct	1 1
(v)	$d^{(-1/3)} \rightarrow u^{(2/3)} + e^{(-1)}$ or down quark decays to up quark and electron	1 [8]

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(a)	${}^{105}_{45}\text{Rh} \rightarrow {}^{105}_{46}\text{Pd} + {}^0_{-1}e (+{}^0_0\nu\text{-bar})$	1 [1]
(b)	mass difference = $104.90544 - (104.90483 + 0.00055)$ = 0.00006 u (ignores electron gives 0.00061 u gets 0 1 = 1/2)	1 1 [2]
(c)	$0.00006\text{ u} = 0.00006 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}$ or $E = 0.00006 \times 931$ $(= 9.96 \times 10^{-32}\text{ kg})$ $E = \Delta mc^2 = (0.0559)\text{ MeV}$ $= 9.96 \times 10^{-32} \times (3 \times 10^8)^2 = 0.0559 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ $= 9.0 \times 10^{-15}\text{ J} = 9.0 \times 10^{-15}\text{ J}$ (omits $\text{u} \rightarrow \text{kg}$ step gives $5.4 \times 10^{12}\text{ J}$ for 0 1 1 = 2/3 ecf from (b): 0.00061 gives $9.1 \times 10^{-14}\text{ J}$ for 3/3)	1 1 1 [3]
(d)	$9.0 \times 10^{-15} = \frac{1}{2} \times 9.11 \times 10^{-31} v^2$ so $v = 1.4 \times 10^8\text{ m s}^{-1}$ (9.1×10^{-14} gives 4.47×10^8 for 2/2, $m_e = 0.00055\text{ kg}$ gives 5.7×10^8 for 1/2)	1 1 [2]
(e)	(recoiling) nucleus has some energy/ke (1) neutrino takes some energy (1) accept relativistic mass increase means lower speed (for same ke)(1) any 2	2 [2]

(a)	Activity: The number of atoms/nuclei which decay/decays per second from/within the sample	1	
	factors affecting activity: the decay constant/the half-life/the nature of the nuclide;	1	
	the number of undecayed nuclei present; which determines how many will decay in the next second as the probability of decay is fixed/AW	2	
	time factor/how old the sample is/the shorter the half-life the more decays per second/other sensible similar statements	1	
	factors not affecting activity: maximum of two sensible suggestions such as pressure, temperature, chemical reaction, etc.	2	
	<i>maximum 6 marks</i>		6
(b)	similarities: both release energy in process;	1	
	(rest) mass of fragments less than original;	1	
	conservation of charge/mass-energy, etc. <i>maximum 2 marks</i>	1	
	differences: decay into two particles; fission into more particles/4 or 5;	2	
	decay energy release is small compared to fission;	2	
	decay cannot be initiated by any known process/random/spontaneous/obeys laws of probability/AW; fission can be initiated by incident neutron/fission rate can be varied/controlled/AW;	2	
	energies and masses in decay always the same; fission can be into many different combinations with different energies;	2	
	most of energy in decay carried away by small particle; in fission by massive particles/fragments;	2	
	any other sensible difference with 1 mark for description of each process in comparison (marks must be awarded in pairs) <i>maximum mark 4</i>	2	6
	Quality of Written Communication (see separate sheet)		4
Total			16

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21	(a) graph: curved, in correct sense starts at origin and eventually approaches horizontal (straight line scores zero)	1 1 [2]
	(b) r_0 is radius of 1 proton/ neutron/ nucleon/ hydrogen nucleus (not nucleus/ nuclei/ atom/ molecule)	1 [1]
	(c) $r_0 = r/A^{1/3} = 3.53 \times 10^{-15}/16^{1/3}$ ($= 1.4 \times 10^{-15}$)m correct subs.	1 [1]
	(d) $r = r_0 A^{1/3} = 1.40 \times 10^{-15} \times (79 + 118)^{1/3}$ $= 8.15 \times 10^{-15}$ m subs. allow 8.1×10^{-15} or 8.2×10^{-15} omits 79 or 118 can score 1/2	1 1 [2]
	(e)(i) $V = (4/3) \pi r_0^3$ $= (4/3) \pi (1.4 \times 10^{-15})^3$ $= 1.149 \times 10^{-44} \text{ m}^3$ allow 1 sf (using gold or oxygen radius can score 1/2 only)	1 1 [2]
	(ii) (likely to be) more than 16 times as great because of spaces between nucleons (calculated values compared scores zero)	1 1 [2]

22	(a)	similarity: both have same number/ 92 (of) protons/ charge/ are radioactive difference: <i>either</i> have different numbers/146 and 143 (of) neutrons or ^{235}U fissions but ^{238}U does not (not different mass number/nucleon number)	1	
			1	
	(b)	Reaction 1: $^{238}_{92}\text{U} + ^1_0\text{n} \rightarrow ^{239}_{92}\text{U}$ Reaction 2: $^{235}_{92}\text{U} + ^1_0\text{n} \rightarrow ^{236}_{92}\text{U}$ (showing only fission products on RHS does not score)	1	
			1	
	(c)(i)	$^{239}_{92}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{239}_{93}\text{Np} + ^0_{-1}\text{e} (+\bar{\nu})$ $^{239}_{93}\text{Np} \rightarrow ^{239}_{94}\text{Pu} + ^0_{-1}\text{e} (+\bar{\nu})$ allow $^0_{-1}\beta$ or $^0_{-1}\text{e}$ (if equation not clear but $^0_{-1}\text{e}$ comes sideways from = sign, allow 1/2 max)	1	
			1	
	(ii)	(anti)neutrino/ $\bar{\nu}$	1	
	(d)(i)	two nuclei not nuclides/ isotopes/ atoms/ molecules/ elements/ fragments not specific example (several) neutrons	1	
			1	
	(ii)	0.01%	1	
23	(c)(i)	total mass/number of nucleons of products (from one nucleus) is constant so for every product nucleus which has less than half the mass of the fissile /original nucleus, there is a nucleus which has more than half its mass <u>or</u> wtte	1	
			1	[2]
	(a)(i)	strong (interaction)	1	[1]
			1	
	(ii)	graph: shape - general shape - (asymptotic to force axis) falls to zero against distance axis labels: attraction and repulsion correctly labelled	1	
			1	[3]
	(c)	charge: $-1 + 1 = 0 + 0$ baryon number: $0 + 1 = 1 + 0$ strangeness: $0 + 0 = 0 + 0$ conclusion: reaction may take place allow ecf (if = sign missing -1 if + sign missing -1)	1	
			1	
			1	
			1	[4]

- a i An element can exist in more than one form, having a different number of neutrons/can have different mass but same proton number/AW 1
- ii ${}^4_2\text{He} / {}^4_2\alpha$; $(-){}^0_{-1}\text{e} / {}^0_{-1}\beta$ 2
- iii ${}^{238}_{92}\text{U} \rightarrow {}^{234}_{92}\text{U} + {}^4_2\alpha + {}^0_{-1}\beta + {}^0_{-1}\beta$ 3
 or ${}^{238}_{92}\text{U} \rightarrow {}^{234}_{90}\text{X} + {}^4_2\alpha$ 1
 ${}^{234}_{90}\text{X} \rightarrow {}^{234}_{91}\text{Y} + {}^0_{-1}\beta$ 1
 ${}^{234}_{91}\text{Y} \rightarrow {}^{234}_{92}\text{U} + {}^0_{-1}\beta$ 1
 or α followed by two β decays; 1
 nucleon number = $238 - 4 - 0 - 0 = 234$; 1
 proton number = $92 - 2 + 1 + 1 = 92$ 1
 or answer in terms of A,p or n,p diagram 3
- b i N : the number of undecayed nuclei/nuclei of the original element (remaining) 1
 N_0 : the initial/original number of nuclei present 1
 λ : the (decay) constant relating the activity to the number of undecayed nuclei/AW/the probability of a given nucleus decaying in the next second 1 3
 ii $f = N/N_0 = e^{-\lambda t}$; $= \exp(-0.693 \times 4.6 \times 10^9 / 7.1 \times 10^8)$; 2
 $= \exp(-4.49) = 0.011$ 1
 or time = 6.48 half lives; so $f = 1/2^{6.48}$; $= 0.011$ 3 3
- Total 12

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25 (a)	strong /force interaction is zero	1 [1]
(b)	$F_E = Q_1 Q_2 / (4\pi\epsilon_0 r^2)$; $= (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2 / [4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times (0.82 \times 10^{-15})^2]$; $= 3.4 \times 10^2 \text{ N}$; <div style="text-align: right;">ans.</div>	1 1 1 [3]
(c)(i)	indicates slightly larger separation; explanation: protons repel; (1) because they have like charges; (1) hence strong force is attractive; (1) relates to graph eg below axis, F is attractive; (1) <div style="text-align: right;">any 3</div>	1 3 [4]
(ii)	(approx.) $3.4 \times 10^2 \text{ N}$; reason: because strong force must balance electrostatic / repulsive force;	1 1 [2]

26	(a)	<p><u>nucleus absorbs / captures a neutron</u> ;</p> <p>meaning of thermal neutron ; (1)</p> <p><u>new nucleus splits into two (roughly equal) parts</u> ;</p> <p>energy is released in fission ; (1)</p> <p>new nuclei (are unstable and) emit neutrons ; (1)</p> <p>but need moderating / slowing down ; (1)</p> <p><u>emitted neutrons can cause further nuclear reactions, hence chain / self-sustaining reaction</u> ;</p> <p>suitable equations: eg ${}_{92}^{235}\text{U} + {}_0^1\text{n} \rightarrow {}_{92}^{236}\text{U}$</p> <p>${}_{92}^{236}\text{U} \rightarrow \text{X} + \text{Y}$</p> <p>$\text{X (or Y)} \rightarrow \text{W} + \text{neutrons}$</p> <p>any equation; (1)</p> <p>any 3</p>	<p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>1</p> <p>3</p>
27	a)(i)	$E_k = 2.1 \times 10^{-23} \times 3 \times 10^8 \text{ n} = 6.3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ nJ}$ so ke of one particle = $6.3 \times 10^{-15} \text{ J}$	1 [1]
	(ii)	(no) idea of random motion / spread of velocities / energies / this value is only an average value	1 [1]
	(b)(i)	nuclei both have same (kind of) / positive charge ; so they repel	1 1 [2]
	(ii)	graph: negative gradient throughout ; curved correctly and reaches zero ;	1 1 [2]
	(iii)	adds ke's ; ke is <u>all</u> converted to pe / states law of energy / states no extra work done ;	1 1 [2]
	(iv)	$r = Q_1 Q_2 / (4\pi\epsilon_0 E_p) = (1.6 \times 10^{-19})^2 / (4\pi \times 8.85 \times 10^{-12} \times 1.3 \times 10^{-14})$; $= 1.8 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}$;	subs. 1 ans. 1 [2]
	(c)	${}_1^2\text{H} + {}_1^2\text{H} \rightarrow {}_2^3\text{He} + {}_0^1\text{n} (+\text{energy})$	1 [1]