

5	C is the only correct answer A is not the correct answer, as this does not make the process spontaneous B is not the correct answer, as this does not make the process spontaneous D is not the correct answer, as this does not make the process spontaneous	(1)
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4	B is the correct answer (P is the least stable and Q is the most stable) A is not correct because Q is more stable than R C is not correct because Q is the most stable and P the least stable D is not correct because P is less stable than Q	1
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5	D is the only correct answer (we cannot predict when a decay will take place) A is not the correct answer, as “natural” is not the same as “random” B is not the correct answer, as “spontaneous” is not the same as “random” C is not the correct answer, as this defines “spontaneous”	1
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7	The only correct answer is C (0.13 I₀) A is not correct because the absorption calculation assumes a linear absorption B is not correct because this would be the intensity with 5 cm of absorber D is not correct because this would be the intensity with 10 cm of absorber	1
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7	C is the correct answer A is not correct, as the longer the count time the larger the count B is not correct, as background count rate varies from place to place D is not correct, as different detectors have different sensitivities	(1)
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3	D is the only correct answer A is not the correct answer, as B.E./nucleon has a maximum for ⁵⁶ Fe B is not the correct answer, as B.E./nucleon has a maximum for ⁵⁶ Fe C is not the correct answer, as B.E./nucleon has a maximum for ⁵⁶ Fe	(1)
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3	The only correct answer is D (B.E. / nucleon increases in fission and fusion) A is not correct because B.E. / nucleon increases for both fusion and fission B is not correct because B.E. / nucleon increases for fusion C is not correct because B.E. / nucleon increases for fission	1
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3	C is the only correct answer , as the mass-energy equivalent is calculated by converting the mass to kg and then using $\Delta E = c^2 \Delta m$	(1)
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Question Number	Answer	Mark
1	A is the only correct answer B is not the correct answer, as temperature must be high for fusion C is not the correct answer, as density must be high for fusion D is not the correct answer, as temperature and density must be high for fusion	(1)
8	B is the only correct answer A is not the correct answer, as penetration is high C is not the correct answer, as ionising power is low and penetration is high D is not the correct answer, as ionising power is low	(1)

Question Number	Answer	Mark
11(a)	Top line correct	(1)
	Bottom line correct	(1)
	<u>Example of calculation</u> ${}_{75}^{187}\text{Re} \rightarrow {}_{76}^{187}\text{Os} + {}_{-1}^0\beta^{-} + {}_0^0\bar{\nu}$	

11(b)	Use of $1 \text{ eV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J}$ [4.16×10^{-16}]	(1)
	Use of $E_k = \frac{1}{2}mv^2$ [Allow use of the mass of an proton]	(1)
	$v = 3.0 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	(1)
	<u>Example of calculation</u> $2.6 \times 10^3 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J} = \frac{1}{2} \times 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg} \times v^2$ $\therefore v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 4.16 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}}{9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}}} = 3.02 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
21(a)(i)	The paper will absorb some of the beta radiation Or beta radiation will pass through the paper	(1)
	(So) the count rate will vary as the thickness of the paper varies	(1)

21(a)(ii)	Top line correct	(1)
	Bottom line correct	(1)
	<u>Example of equation</u> ${}_{61}^{147}\text{Pm} \rightarrow {}_{62}^{147}\text{Sm} + {}_{-1}^0\beta^{-} + {}_0^0\bar{\nu}_e$	

21(a)(iii)	Use of $\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{t_{1/2}}$	(1)
	Use of 0.75%	(1)
	Use of $A = A_0 e^{-\lambda t}$	(1)
	$t = 18.5 \text{ year}$ [$5.83 \times 10^8 \text{ s}$]	(1)
	<u>Example of calculation</u> $\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{2.62 \text{ year}} = 0.265 \text{ year}^{-1}$ $\frac{0.75}{100} = e^{-0.262 \text{ year}^{-1} t}$ $t = \frac{\ln(7.5 \times 10^{-3})}{-0.265 \text{ year}^{-1}} = 18.46 \text{ year}$	

21(b)	Use of $1 \text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ [to convert mass of nucleus or mass of neutrons]	(1)	4
	Use of $\Delta E = c^2 \Delta m$ [must substitute a mass difference]	(1)	
	Conversion from J to (M)eV	(1)	
	B. E./nucleon = 7.6 MeV	(1)	
	<u>Example of calculation</u> mass defect = $(61 \times 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})$ $+ (84 \times 1.00867 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})$ $- (144.913 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})$ \therefore mass defect = $1.963 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ B. E. = $1.963 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg} \times (3.00 \times 10^8 \text{ m s}^{-1})^2 = 1.767 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J}$ \therefore B. E. = $\frac{1.767 \times 10^{-10} \text{ J}}{1.60 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J eV}^{-1}} = 1.10 \times 10^9 \text{ eV}$ \therefore B. E./nucleon = $\frac{1.10 \times 10^3 \text{ MeV}}{145} = 7.617 \text{ MeV}$		
Total for question 21		12	

Question Number	Answer	Mark
19(a)	A large nucleus splits (into two nuclei plus neutrons)	(1)
	The binding energy increases, (so energy is released) [Accept binding energy per nucleon increases] Or There is a decrease in (total) mass, (so energy is released)	(1)

19(b)	Binding energy per nucleon read from graph for before and after fission	(1)	3
	Binding energy before and after fission calculated	(1)	
	Or Binding energy increase calculated	(1)	
	Energy released ≈ 240 (MeV)	(1)	
	<u>Example of calculation</u> Increase in binding energy per nucleon = $(8.5 - 7.5) \text{ MeV} = 1.0 \text{ MeV}$ Increase in binding energy $\approx 238 \times 1.0 \text{ MeV}$ Energy released $\approx 240 \text{ MeV}$		

19(c)(i)	Top line correct	(1)	2
	Bottom line correct	(1)	
	<u>Example of completed equation</u> ${}_{38}^{90}\text{Sr} \rightarrow {}_{39}^{90}\text{Y} + {}_{-1}^0\beta^{-} + {}_0^0\bar{\nu}_e$		

19(c)(ii)	Calculates total energy released	(1)	3
	Conversion between eV and J	(1)	
	$P = 110$ (W)	(1)	
	<u>Example of calculation</u> $P = 1295 \times 10^{12} \text{ s}^{-1} \times 0.546 \times 10^6 \text{ eV} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ J eV}^{-1} = 113 \text{ W}$		

19(e)(iii)

$$\text{Use of } \lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{t_{1/2}}$$

$$\text{Use of } A = A_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$t = 44$ (years) $\neq 50$ (years), so claim inaccurate

Or (After 50 years), $A = 1.1 \times 10^{15}$ (Bq) $\neq 1.295 \times 10^{15}$ (Bq) so claim inaccurate

Or (If $A = 1.295 \times 10^{15}$ Bq), $A_0 = 4.3 \times 10^{15}$ (Bq) $\neq 3.7 \times 10^{15}$ (Bq) so claim inaccurate

Example of calculation

$$\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{28.8} = 0.0241 \text{ years}^{-1}$$

$$1295 \text{ TBq} = 3700 \text{ TBq} \times e^{-0.0241 \text{ years}^{-1} \times t}$$

$$t = \frac{\ln(1295 \text{ TBq} / 3700 \text{ TBq})}{-0.0241 \text{ years}^{-1}} = 43.6 \text{ years}$$

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Total for question 19

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