

1.(a) Nuclei X and Y are different isotopes of the same element.

Nucleus X is unstable and emits a β^+ particle to form nucleus Z.

By comparing the number of protons in each nucleus, state and explain whether the charge of nucleus X is less than, the same as or greater than the charge of:

(i) nucleus Y

.....
..... [1]

(ii) nucleus Z.

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..... [2]

(b) Hadrons can be divided into two groups (classes), P and Q. Group P is baryons.

(i) State the name of group Q.

..... [1]

(ii) Describe, in general terms, the quark structure of hadrons that belong to group Q.

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..... [1]

[Total: 5]

2. (a) Describe the structure of an **atom** of uranium-238, ${}^{238}_{92}\text{U}$.

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 [2]

(b) The decay of uranium-238 is shown by the equation



For nucleus X, calculate the ratio, in C kg^{-1} , of

$$\frac{\text{charge}}{\text{mass}}.$$

ratio = C kg^{-1} [3]

(c) Two particles P and Q each consist of three quarks. These quarks are up (u) or down (d) quarks.

Particle P has no overall charge.

Particle Q has an overall charge of $+2e$, where e is the elementary charge.

State the quark composition of:

(i) particle P

..... [1]

(ii) particle Q.

..... [1]

[Total: 7]

3. (a) A lepton is an example of a fundamental particle.

State what is meant by fundamental particle.

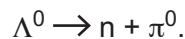
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(b) A lambda particle Λ^0 is a hadron that consists of an up (u) quark, a down (d) quark and a strange (s) quark.

Show that the charge on the Λ^0 particle is zero.

[2]

(c) The Λ^0 particle is unstable. It can decay into a neutron (n) and a pion (π^0) as shown by



The π^0 particle consists of an up quark and an up antiquark.

(i) Compare the properties of an up quark and an up antiquark.

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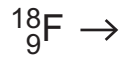
(ii) Explain why the neutron is classed as a baryon and the π^0 particle is classed as a meson.

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..... [2]

[Total: 7]

4. (a) Fluorine-18 (${}^{18}_9\text{F}$) is an isotope that decays to an isotope of oxygen (O) by the emission of a β^+ particle.

(i) Complete the nuclear equation for the decay, including all the particles involved.



[3]

(ii) A quark in the fluorine-18 nucleus changes flavour during the decay. State this change of flavour.

..... quark to quark. [1]

(b) A hadron has a charge of $-2e$, where e is the elementary charge.

(i) State and explain whether the hadron is a meson or a baryon.

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..... [2]

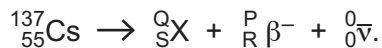
(ii) State a possible quark composition for the hadron.

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..... [1]

[Total: 7]

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- 5.(a) A nucleus of caesium-137 ($^{137}_{55}\text{Cs}$) decays by emitting a β^- particle to produce a nucleus of an element X and an antineutrino. The decay is represented by



- (i) State the number represented by each of the following letters.

P

Q

R

S

[2]

- (ii) State the name of the class (group) of particles that includes the β^- particle and the antineutrino.

..... [1]

- (b) A particle Y has a quark composition of ddd where d represents a down quark.

A particle Z has a quark composition of $\bar{u}d$ where \bar{u} represents an up antiquark.

- (i) Show that the charges of particles Y and Z are equal.

[2]

- (ii) State and explain which particle is a meson and which particle is a baryon.

meson:

.....

baryon:

.....

[2]

[Total: 7]

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6.(a) An unstable nucleus A_ZX decays by emitting a β^- particle.

(i) Determine quantitatively the changes, if any, in A and Z when X decays.

change in A =

change in Z =

[2]

(ii) In addition to the β^- particle, another lepton is emitted during the decay.

State the name of the other lepton that is emitted.

..... [1]

(b) A particle P is composed of an up quark (u) and a down antiquark (\bar{d}).

(i) Calculate the charge q of particle P in terms of e , where e is the elementary charge.

Show your working.

$q = \dots\dots\dots e$ [2]

(ii) Particle P belongs to **two** classes (groups) of particles.

State the names of these two classes.

1

2

[2]

[Total: 7]

7. (a) A nucleus of sodium-22 (${}^{22}_{11}\text{Na}$) decays by emitting a β^+ particle. A different nucleus is formed by the decay.

(i) State the name of another lepton that is produced by the decay.

..... [1]

(ii) Determine the nucleon number and the proton number of the nucleus that is formed by the decay.

nucleon number =

proton number =

[2]

(iii) The quark composition of a nucleon in the sodium-22 nucleus is changed during the decay.

Describe the change to the quark composition of the nucleon.

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..... [1]

(b) A baryon consists of quarks that are the same flavour (type). The charge of the baryon is $-2e$, where e is the elementary charge.

(i) Calculate, in terms of e , the charge of each quark.

charge = e [1]

(ii) State a possible flavour (type) of the quarks.

..... [1]

[Total: 6]

(d) A graph of number of neutrons N against proton number Z is shown in Fig. 7.2.

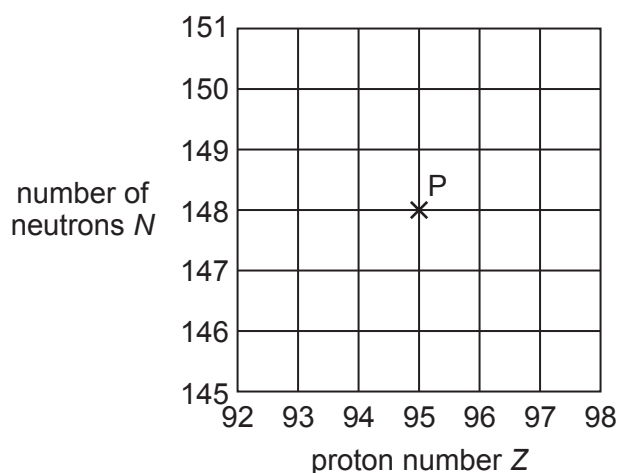


Fig. 7.2

The graph shows a cross that represents nucleus P.

A nucleus R has a nucleon number of 242 and is an isotope of nucleus P.

Nucleus R decays by emitting a β^- particle to form a different nucleus S.

(i) On Fig. 7.2, draw a cross to represent:

1. nucleus R (label this cross R)
2. nucleus S (label this cross S).

[2]

(ii) State the name of the other lepton, in addition to the β^- particle, that is emitted during the decay of nucleus R.

..... [1]

[Total: 10]

9. (a) Complete Table 6.1 to show the masses (in terms of the unified atomic mass unit u) and charges (in terms of the elementary charge e) of α , β^+ and β^- particles.

Table 6.1

	mass / u	charge / e
α -particle		
β^+ particle		
β^- particle		

[4]

(b) Carbon-14 is radioactive and decays by emission of β^- particles.

(i) Nuclei do not contain β^- particles.

Explain the origin of the β^- particle that is emitted from the nucleus during β^- decay.

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 [1]

(ii) State the change in the quark composition of a carbon-14 nucleus when it emits a β^- particle.

..... [1]

(iii) Suggest why the β^- particles are emitted with a range of different energies.

.....

 [2]

[Total: 8]

10.(a) State the quark composition of:

(i) a proton

..... [1]

(ii) a neutron

..... [1]

(iii) an alpha-particle.

.....
..... [2]

(b) In the alpha-particle scattering experiment, alpha-particles were directed at a thin gold foil.

State what may be inferred from:

(i) the observation that most alpha-particles pass through the foil

..... [1]

(ii) the observation that some alpha-particles are scattered through angles greater than 90°.

.....
.....
..... [2]

(c) A proton and an alpha-particle are moving in the same uniform electric field.

Determine the ratio

$$\frac{\text{acceleration of proton due to the electric field}}{\text{acceleration of alpha-particle due to the electric field}}$$

ratio = [2]

[Total: 9]

- 11. (a) One of the results of the α -particle scattering experiment is that a very small minority of the α -particles are scattered through angles greater than 90° .

State what may be inferred about the structure of the atom from this result.

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.....
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..... [2]

- (b) An α -particle is made up of other particles. One of these particles is a proton.

State and explain whether a proton is a fundamental particle.

.....
..... [1]

- (c) A radioactive source produces a beam of α -particles in a vacuum. The average current produced by the beam is $6.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{A}$.

Calculate the average number of α -particles passing a fixed point in the beam in a time of 1.0 minute.

number = [3]

- (d) The α -particles in the vacuum in (c) enter a uniform electric field. The α -particles enter the field with their velocity in the same direction as the field.

State and explain whether the magnitude of the acceleration of an α -particle due to the field decreases, increases or stays constant as the α -particle moves through the field.

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..... [2]

(e) A nucleus X is an isotope of a nucleus Y. The mass of nucleus X is greater than that of Y.

Both of the nuclei are in the same uniform electric field.

State and explain whether the magnitude of the electric force acting on nucleus X is greater than, less than or the same as that acting on nucleus Y.

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..... [2]

[Total: 10]

12.(a) A proton in a nucleus decays to form a neutron and a β^+ particle.

(i) State the name of another lepton that is produced in the decay.

..... [1]

(ii) State the name of the interaction (force) that gives rise to this decay.

..... [1]

(iii) State which of the three particles (proton, neutron or β^+ particle) has the largest ratio of charge to mass.

..... [1]

(iv) Use the quark model to show that the charge on the proton is $+e$, where e is the elementary charge.

[2]

(v) The quark composition of the proton is changed during the decay.

Describe the change to the quark composition.

.....
..... [1]

13.(a) The results of the α -particle scattering experiment provide evidence for the structure of the atom.

Result 1: The vast majority of the α -particles pass straight through the metal foil or are deviated by small angles.

Result 2: A very small minority of α -particles is scattered through angles greater than 90° .

State what may be inferred (deduced) from:

(i) result 1

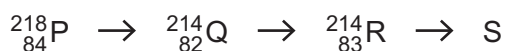
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 [1]

(ii) result 2.

.....

 [2]

(b) A radioactive decay sequence contains four nuclei, P, Q, R and S, as shown.



Nucleus S is an isotope of nucleus P.

(i) Determine the proton number and the nucleon number of nucleus S.

proton number =

nucleon number =

[2]

(ii) The quark composition of a nucleon in Q changes as Q decays to form R.

Describe this change to the quark composition of the nucleon.

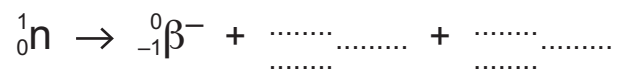
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 [1]

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14. (c) The β^- particle is produced by the decay of a neutron.

(i) Complete the equation below to represent the decay of the neutron.



[2]

(ii) State the name of the group (class) of particles that includes:

1. neutrons

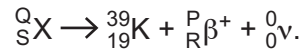
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2. β^- particles.

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[2]

15. (a) A nucleus of an element X decays by emitting a β^+ particle to produce a nucleus of potassium-39 (${}^{39}_{19}\text{K}$) and a neutrino. The decay is represented by



- (i) State the number represented by each of the following letters.

P

Q

R

S

[2]

- (ii) State the name of the interaction (force) that gives rise to β^+ decay.

..... [1]

- (b) A hadron is composed of three identical quarks and has a charge of $+2e$, where e is the elementary charge.

Determine a possible type (flavour) of the quarks.
Explain your working.

.....

..... [2]

[Total: 5]

16. (a) State and explain whether a neutron is a fundamental particle.

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..... [1]

(b) A proton in a stationary nucleus decays.

(i) State the **two** leptons that are produced by the decay.

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..... [2]

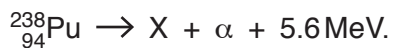
(ii) Part of the energy released by the decay is given to the two leptons.

State **two** possible forms of the remainder of the released energy.

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..... [2]

[Total: 5]

17. A nucleus of plutonium-238 ($^{238}_{94}\text{Pu}$) decays by emitting an α -particle to produce a new nucleus X and 5.6 MeV of energy. The decay is represented by



(a) Determine the number of protons and the number of neutrons in nucleus X.

number of protons =

number of neutrons =

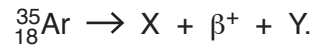
[2]

(b) Calculate the number of plutonium-238 nuclei that must decay in a time of 1.0 s to produce a power of 0.15 W.

number = [2]

[Total: 4]

18. (a) The decay of a nucleus ${}_{18}^{35}\text{Ar}$ by β^+ emission is represented by



A nucleus X and two particles, β^+ and Y, are produced by the decay.

State:

- (i) the proton number and the nucleon number of nucleus X

proton number =

nucleon number =

[1]

- (ii) the name of the particle represented by the symbol Y.

..... [1]

- (b) A hadron consists of two down quarks and one strange quark.

Determine, in terms of the elementary charge e , the charge of this hadron.

charge = [2]

[Total: 4]

19. A sample of a radioactive substance may decay by the emission of either α -radiation or β -radiation and/or γ -radiation.

State the type of radiation, one in each case, that:

(a) consists of leptons

.....[1]

(b) contains quarks

.....[1]

(c) cannot be deflected by an electric field

.....[1]

(d) has a continuous range of energies, rather than discrete values of energy.

.....[1]

[Total: 4]

20. (a) One of the results of the α -particle scattering experiment is that a very small minority of the α -particles are scattered through angles greater than 90° .

State what may be inferred about the structure of the atom from this result.

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.....
.....
.....[2]

- (b) A hadron has an overall charge of $+e$, where e is the elementary charge. The hadron contains three quarks. One of the quarks is a strange (s) quark.

- (i) State the charge, in terms of e , of the strange (s) quark.

charge = [1]

- (ii) The other two quarks in the hadron have the same charge as each other.

By considering charge, determine a possible type (flavour) of the other two quarks.
Explain your working.

.....
.....[2]

[Total: 5]

21. (a) The names of four particles are listed below.

alpha beta-plus neutron proton

State the name(s) of the particle(s) in this list that:

(i) are not fundamental

.....[1]

(ii) do not experience an electric force when situated in an electric field

.....[1]

(iii) has the largest ratio of charge to mass.

.....[1]

(b) A hadron has a charge of $+e$ where e is the elementary charge. The hadron is composed of only two quarks. One of these quarks is an antidown (\bar{d}) quark. By considering charge, state and explain the name (flavour) of the other quark.

.....
.....[3]

[Total: 6]

22. (a) In the following list, underline all particles that are leptons.

antineutrino positron proton quark [1]

(b) A stationary nucleus of magnesium-27, ${}^{27}_{12}\text{Mg}$, decays by emitting a β^- particle and γ radiation. An incomplete equation to represent this decay is



(i) State the nucleon number and the proton number of nucleus X.

nucleon number =

proton number =

[2]

(ii) State the name of the interaction that gives rise to this decay.

.....[1]

(iii) State **two** possible reasons why the sum of the kinetic energy of the β^- particle and the energy of the γ radiation is less than the total energy released during the decay of the magnesium nucleus.

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2.

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[2]

[Total: 6]

23. A graph of nucleon number A against proton number Z is shown in Fig. 7.1.

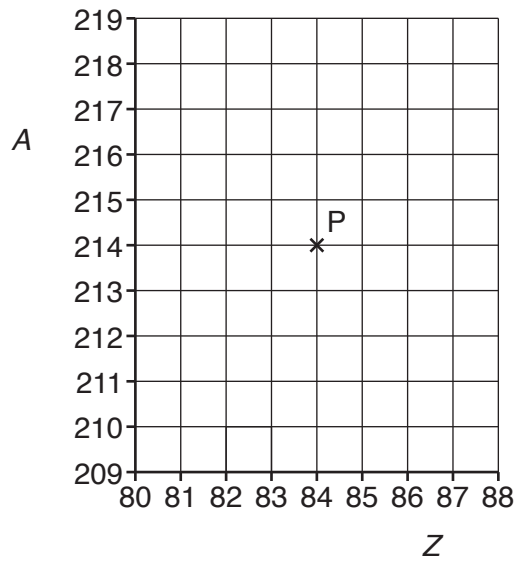


Fig. 7.1

The graph shows a cross (labelled P) that represents a nucleus P.

Nucleus P decays by emitting an α particle to form a nucleus Q.
 Nucleus Q then decays by emitting a β^- particle to form a nucleus R.

(a) On Fig. 7.1, use a cross to represent

- (i) nucleus Q (label this cross Q), [1]
- (ii) nucleus R (label this cross R). [1]

(b) State the name of the class (group) of particles that includes the β^- particle.

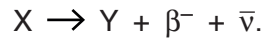
.....[1]

(c) The quark composition of one nucleon in Q is changed during the emission of the β^- particle. Describe this change to the quark composition.

.....
[1]

[Total: 4]

24. A stationary nucleus X decays to form nucleus Y, as shown by the equation



(a) In the above equation, draw a circle around all symbols that represent a lepton. [1]

(b) State the name of the particle represented by the symbol $\bar{\nu}$.
.....[1]

(c) Energy is released during the decay process. State the form of the energy that is gained by nucleus Y.
.....[1]

(d) By comparing the compositions of X and Y, state and explain whether they are isotopes.
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.....
.....[2]

(e) The quark composition of one nucleon in X is changed during the emission of a β^- particle. Describe this change to the quark composition.
.....
.....[1]

[Total: 6]

25. A sample of a radioactive isotope emits a beam of β^- radiation.

(a) State the change, if any, to the number of neutrons in a nucleus of the sample that emits a β^- particle.

.....[1]

(b) The number of β^- particles passing a fixed point in the beam in a time of 2.0 minutes is 9.8×10^{10} .

Calculate the current, in pA, produced by the beam of β^- particles.

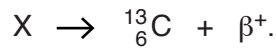
current = pA [3]

(c) Suggest why the β^- particles are emitted with a range of kinetic energies.

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.....
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.....[2]

[Total: 6]

26. A stationary nucleus X decays by emitting a β^+ particle to form a nucleus of carbon-13 ($^{13}_6\text{C}$). An incomplete equation to represent this decay is



(a) State the name of the class (group) of particles that includes β^+ .

.....[1]

(b) For nucleus X, state the number of

protons,

neutrons.

[1]

(c) The carbon-13 nucleus has a mass of $2.2 \times 10^{-26}\text{kg}$. Its kinetic energy as a result of the decay process is 0.80MeV.

Calculate the speed of this nucleus.

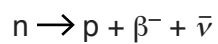
speed = ms^{-1} [3]

(d) Explain why the sum of the kinetic energies of the carbon-13 nucleus and the β^+ particle cannot be equal to the total energy released by the decay process.

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.....[1]

[Total: 6]

27. A neutron within a nucleus decays to produce a proton, a β^- particle and an (electron) antineutrino.



(a) Use the quark composition of the neutron to show that the neutron has no charge.

[3]

(b) Complete Fig. 8.1 by giving appropriate values of the charge and the mass of the proton, the β^- particle and the (electron) antineutrino.

	proton	β^- particle	antineutrino
charge			
mass			

Fig. 8.1

[2]

[Total: 5]

28. (a) The following particles are used to describe the structure of an atom.

electron neutron proton quark

Underline the fundamental particles in the above list. [1]

(b) The following equation represents the decay of a nucleus of ${}^{60}_{27}\text{Co}$ to form nucleus Q by β^- emission.



(i) Complete Fig. 7.1.

	value
A	
B	

Fig. 7.1

[1]

(ii) State the name of the particle x.

.....[1]

[Total: 3]

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29. (a) Describe **two** differences between the decay of a nucleus that emits a β^- particle and the decay of a nucleus that emits a β^+ particle.

1.

.....

2.

.....

[2]

(b) In a simple quark model there are three types of quark. State the composition of the proton and of the neutron in terms of these three quarks.

proton:

neutron:

[1]

[Total: 3]

30. (a) Use the quark model to show that

(i) the charge on a proton is +e,

.....[1]

(ii) the charge on a neutron is zero.

.....[1]

(b) A nucleus of ${}^{90}_{38}\text{Sr}$ decays by the emission of a β^- particle. A nucleus of ${}^{64}_{29}\text{Cu}$ decays by the emission of a β^+ particle.

(i) In Fig. 7.1, state the nucleon number and proton number for the nucleus produced in each of these decay processes.

	nucleus formed by β^- decay	nucleus formed by β^+ decay
nucleon number		
proton number		

Fig. 7.1 [1]

(ii) State the name of the force responsible for β decay.

.....[1]

(iii) State the names of the leptons produced in each of the decay processes.

β^- decay:

β^+ decay:

[1]

[Total: 5]

31. A nucleus of bismuth-212 ($^{212}_{83}\text{Bi}$) decays by the emission of an α -particle and γ -radiation.

(a) State the number of protons and the number of neutrons in the nucleus of bismuth-212.

number of protons =

number of neutrons =

[1]

(b) The γ -radiation emitted from the nucleus has a wavelength of 3.8 pm.

Calculate the frequency of this radiation.

frequency = Hz [3]

(c) Explain how a single beam of α -particles and γ -radiation may be separated into a beam of α -particles and a beam of γ -radiation.

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 [2]

(d) The α -particle emitted from the bismuth nucleus has an initial kinetic energy of 9.3×10^{-13} J. As the α -particle moves through air it causes the removal of electrons from atoms. The α -particle loses energy and is stopped after removing 1.8×10^5 electrons as it moved through the air.

Determine the energy, in eV, needed to remove one electron.

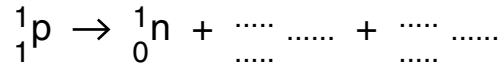
energy = eV [2]

[Total: 8]

32. (a) State **one** difference between a hadron and a lepton.

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.....[1]

(b) A proton within a nucleus decays to form a neutron and two other particles. A partial equation to represent this decay is



(i) Complete the equation. [2]

(ii) State the name of the interaction or force that gives rise to this decay.
.....[1]

(iii) State three quantities that are conserved in the decay.
1.
2.
3. [3]

(c) Use the quark composition of a proton to show that it has a charge of +e, where e is the elementary charge.

Explain your working.

[3]

[Total: 10]

33. (a) State **one** difference between a hadron and a lepton.

.....
.....[1]

(b) (i) State the quark composition of a proton and of a neutron.

proton:
neutron: [2]

(ii) Use your answer in (i) to determine the quark composition of an α -particle.

quark composition:[1]

(c) The results of the α -particle scattering experiment provide evidence for the structure of the atom.

result 1: The vast majority of α -particles pass straight through the metal foil or are deviated by small angles.

result 2: A very small minority of α -particles are scattered through angles greater than 90° .

State what may be inferred from

(i) result 1,

.....
.....[1]

(ii) result 2.

.....
.....
.....
.....[2]

[Total: 7]

34. (a) Distinguish between an α -particle and a β^+ -particle.

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.....
.....[3]

(b) State the equation that shows the decay of a particle in a nucleus that results in β^+ emission. All particles in the equation should be shown in the notation that is usually used for the representation of nuclides.

[2]

(c) (i) State the quark composition of

1. a proton,

.....

2. a neutron.

.....

[2]

(ii) Use the quark model to explain the charge on a proton.

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.....[1]

[Total: 8]

35. (a) State the name of the class (group) to which each of the following belongs:

electron

neutron

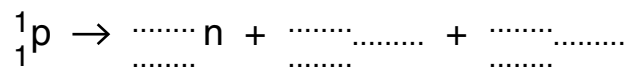
neutrino

proton

[2]

(b) A proton may decay into a neutron together with two other particles.

(i) Complete the following to give an equation that represents this proton decay.



[2]

(ii) Write an equation for this decay in terms of quark composition.

[1]

(iii) State the name of the force responsible for this decay.

.....[1]

[Total: 6]

36. (a) Give one example of

a hadron:

a lepton:

[1]

(b) Describe, in terms of the simple quark model,

(i) a proton,

.....[1]

(ii) a neutron.

.....[1]

(c) Beta particles may be emitted during the decay of an unstable nucleus of an atom. The emission of a beta particle is due to the decay of a neutron.

(i) Complete the following word equation for the particles produced in this reaction.

neutron \rightarrow + + [1]

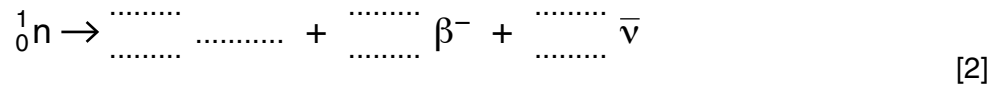
(ii) State the change in quark composition of the particles during this reaction.

.....[1]

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37. A neutron decays by emitting a β^- particle.

(a) Complete the equation below for this decay.



(b) State the name of the particle represented by the symbol $\bar{\nu}$.

..... [1]

(c) State the name of the class (group) of particles that includes β^- and $\bar{\nu}$.

..... [1]

(d) State

(i) the quark structure of the neutron,

..... [1]

(ii) the change to the quark structure when the neutron decays.

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 [1]

[Total: 6]