Practice Question Set For GCSE
Subject : Physics
Paper-1 Topic : 6_ Radioactivity

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Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 23 Marks **Time : 23 Minutes**

Mark Schemes
Q1.

Question number	Indicative content	Mark
*	Answers will be credited according to candidate's deployment of knowledge and understanding of the material in relation to the qualities and skills outlined in the generic mark scheme. The indicative content below is not prescriptive and candidates are not required to include all the material which is indicated as relevant. Additional content included in the response must be scientific and relevant. **Dangers of exposing people to radioactive sources/radiation.** • it is ionising • may cause cancer • may destroy /kill cells • can mutate DNA • can burn the skin **Protection of hospital staff using radioactive sources/radiation.** • use tongs to carry radioactive sources • use lead containers to store sources • stay at a distance from radioactive sources • use sources for as short a time as possible • wear (lead lined) protective clothing (PPE) • give treatments from behind a shield /wall • wear a radiation badge (dosimeter)	**(6)** **AO1**

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Level	Mark	Descriptor
	0	No rewardable material.
Level 1	1–2	Demonstrates elements of physics understanding, some of which is inaccurate. Understanding of scientific, enquiry, techniques and procedures lacks detail. (AO1) Presents a description which is not logically ordered and with significant gaps. (AO1)
Level 2	3–4	Demonstrates physics understanding, which is mostly relevant but may include some inaccuracies. Understanding of scientific ideas, enquiry, techniques and procedures is not fully detailed and/or developed. (AO1) Presents a description of the procedure that has a structure which is mostly clear, coherent and logical with minor steps missing. (AO1)
Level 3	5–6	Demonstrates accurate and relevant physics understanding throughout. Understanding of the scientific ideas, enquiry, techniques and procedures is detailed and fully developed. (AO1) Presents a description that has a well-developed structure which is clear, coherent and logical. (AO1)

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Level	Mark	Additional Guidance	General additional guidance – the decision within levels e.g. - At each level, as well as content, the scientific coherency of what is stated will help place the answer at the top, or the bottom, of that level.
	0	No rewardable material.	
Level 1	1–2	Additional guidance At least one isolated fact about the dangers of radiation and/or protection from radiation	Possible candidate responses it's ionising causes cancer burns you kills cells mutates DNA wear a radiation badge use tongs work from behind a shield use protective clothing
Level 2	3–4	Additional guidance simple explanation of the dangers of radiation and a fact about protection or reverse OR detailed explanation of the dangers of radiation or protection from radiation	Possible candidate responses radiation is ionising and can kill cells so wear a radiation badge **or** use tongs and stay at a distance from radiation source as it can cause cancer **or** use tongs to stay at a distance from radiation sources and wear a radiation badge
Level 3	5–6	Additional guidance detailed explanation of the dangers of radiation and protection from radiation	Possible candidate responses radiation is ionising and can kill cells **and** use tongs and stay at a distance from the radiation source

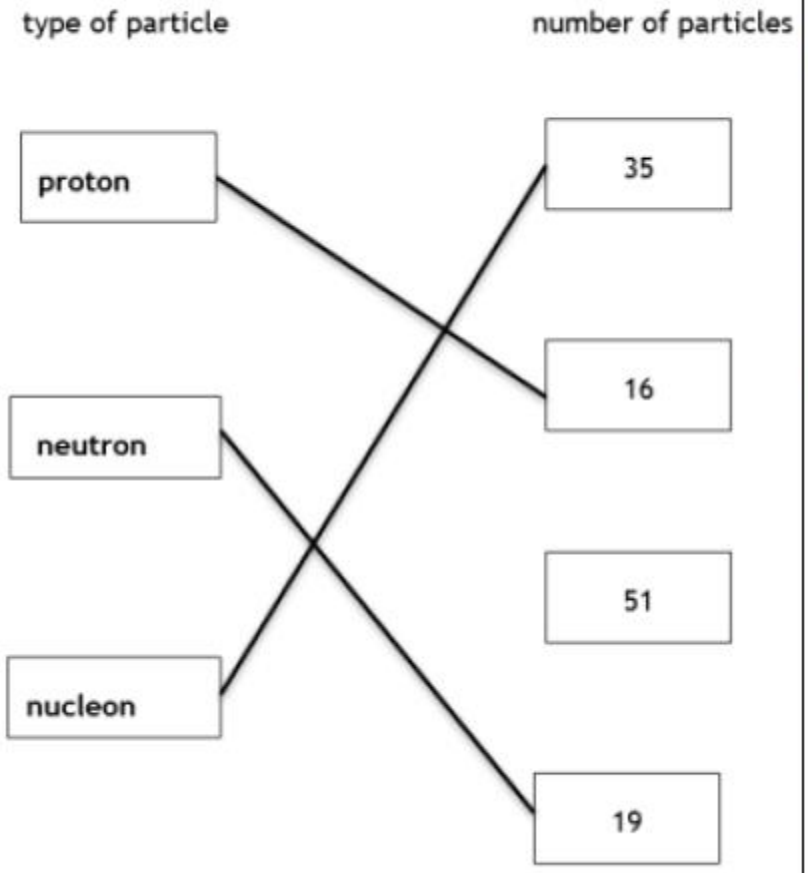
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Q2.

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
	processing (1) $\frac{125\ 000}{1\ 000\ 000}$ OR $\frac{1}{8}$ OR 3 half-lives or 3 x 5700 evaluation (1) 17 100	 accept an appropriate attempt using more than one halving 17 000 award full marks for the correct answer without working	**(2)**

Q3.

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	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
		1 mark for each correct line more than one line from a box in the left column ("type of particle") box loses the mark for the box	(3) AO2

Q4.

	Answer	Acceptable answers	Mark
(a)(i)	Gamma/ γ (wave(s)/ ray(s)/radiation)	X-rays/ radiation	**(1)**
(a)(ii)	Any two from It fluoresces (1) UV (radiation) transfers/gives energy to ink/ink absorbs energy from UV (radiation) (1) (energy from UV is)(re-)radiated/(re)-emitted by ink at lower frequency/as (visible) light (1)	fluorescent Ink/it absorbs UV (light/radiation) Ignore UV is reflected as visible light Ignore luminous emits visible light	**(2)**
(b)	transposition λ = v/f (1) substitution λ = $3 \times 10^8/7 \times 10^9$ (1)	Subst. and transform. either order 1 mark only can be scored for correct substitution after incorrect	**(3)**

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	evaluation 0.043 (m) (1) Ignore any unit given by candidate	transposition. 3 × $10^8/7 \times 10^9$ gains 2 marks Accept any number of sig.figs. that rounds to 0.04 0.04 , 0.0428 (m) (1) Give full marks for correct answer with no working. 0.04 × any other power of 10 = 2 marks	

		Indicative Content	**Mark**
QWC	***c**	A discussion including some of the following points Possible dangerous e-m radiations Microwaves Infrared Ultraviolet (UV) X-rays gamma rays Correctly linked to Internal heating of body cells (microwaves) Skin burns (infrared) Damages skin cells/sunburn (UV) Damages eyes (UV) Can cause skin cancer (UV) Can cause cataracts (UV) Damage to cells inside the body(X-rays) Mutate/ kill cells in the body (gamma) Damages DNA (X-rays and gamma rays) Link to frequency As the frequency increases/wavelength decreases (microwave -> gamma) the waves become more penetrating and do more damage/danger as they have	**(6)**

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		more energy.
Level	**0**	No rewardable content
1	**1 - 2**	• a limited description e.g. gives at least 2 correct radiations and links both to correct damage OR at least 2 correct radiations named with link to correct damage from one and idea that frequency is linked to damage OR just has link between higher frequency and more damage/dangerous e.g. infrared burns your skin and X-rays can damage cells. OR X-rays have a higher frequency than microwaves and can cause cancer OR Higher frequencies cause more damage to cells. • the answer communicates ideas using simple language and uses limited scientific terminology • spelling, punctuation and grammar are used with limited accuracy
2	**3 - 4**	• a simple description e.g. gives most of the correct radiations and links to correct damage, at least one with detail of the damage that is caused OR links two to detail of the damage, AND has a link between frequency and energy/danger e.g. Microwaves are absorbed by water in body cells. UV can cause skin cancer and damages your eyes. Xrays and gamma rays can damage cells inside your body OR Gamma and X-rays can penetrate deep into the body. Gamma does most damage as it has the highest frequency. • the answer communicates ideas showing some evidence of clarity and organisation and uses scientific terminology appropriately • spelling, punctuation and grammar are used with some accuracy
3	**5 - 6**	• a detailed description e.g. gives most of the correct radiations with links to detail of the damage AND explains the link between frequency and energy/danger. e.g Microwaves heat up the water in cells. UV can cause cataracts. Gamma rays are the most penetrating and can mutate cells inside the body because they have the highest frequency. • The answer communicates ideas clearly and coherently uses a range of scientific terminology accurately • spelling, punctuation and grammar are used with few errors

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