Practice Question Set For GCSE
Subject : Physics
Paper-1 Topic: GCSE Triple Science Atomic Structure (High Demand Questions)

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Name of the Student:_____
Max. Marks : 10 Marks **Time : 10 Minutes**

Q1.

(a) Complete the table about atomic particles.

ATOMIC PARTICLE	RELATIVE MASS	RELATIVE CHARGE
proton		+1
neutron	1	0
electron	negligible	

(2)

(b) Use the Data Sheet to help you to answer some parts of this question.

Read the following passage about potassium.

Potassium is a metallic element in Group 1 of the Periodic Table.
It has a proton (atomic) number of 19.

Its most common isotope is potassium-39, ($^{40}_{19}K$).

Another isotope, potassium-40, ($^{40}_{19}K$), is a radioisotope.

(i) State the number of protons, neutrons and electrons in potassium-39.

Number of protons _____

Number of neutrons _____

Number of electrons _____

(2)

(ii) Explain why potassium-40 has a different mass number from potassium-39.

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(1)

(iii) What is meant by a *radioisotope*?

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(1)

(iv) Atoms of potassium-40 change into atoms of a different element. This element has a proton (atomic) number of 20 and a mass number of 40.

Name, or give the symbol of, this new element.

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(1)

(v) Explain in terms of atomic structure, why potassium-39 and potassium-40 have the same chemical reactions.

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(1)

(c) (i) Name a suitable detector that could be used to show that potassium-40 gives out radiation.

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(1)

(ii) Name a disease which can be caused by too much exposure to a radioactive substance such as potassium-40.

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(1)

(Total 10 marks)