Practice Question Set For A-Level

Subject: Physics

Paper-1 Topic: 8_Nuclear and Particle Physics



Name of the Student:

Max. Marks: 20 Marks

Time: 20 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

Question Number	A CCONTABIO ARCHIOPC			Additional guidance	Mark
	٠	Correct equation ignoring charges	(1)	$p + p \rightarrow p + n + \pi^+$	1
		Charge on pion + (1)	(1)	4	

Q2.

Question Number	Acceptable answers	Additional guidance	Mark	
(i)	Leaves no track Or the tracks present are opposite curvatures	(1)		1
(ii)	proton is positive	(1)	both marks can be given for 0 = +1 -1	2
	conservation of charge means pion is negative Or opposite curvature to proton means pion is negative	(1)	with pion identified as negative.	
(iii)	• $(\Delta^0) \rightarrow p^{(+)} + \pi^-$	(1)	Allow ecf if pion was stated as positive in (ii)	1
(iv)	baryon number conserved Or baryon number is +1 on both sides of equation Or proton is baryon and the pion is not a baryon	(1)		1
(v)	An explanation that makes reference to the following points:		3	
	The radius of the proton path is (very) large (compared with the pion)	(1)	Allow proton path is less curved	
	• According to $p = BQr$	(1)	Allow $p \propto r$	
	The momentum of the proton is larger than the momentum of the pion. (dependent on MP2 or MP1)	(1)		

Question Number		Acceptable answers		Additional guidance	Mark
	•	Correct symbols for positive muon and positron	(1)	μ^+ e^+ $(\mu^+ \rightarrow e^+) + \nu_e + \bar{\nu}_\mu$	2
	•	Correct symbols for neutrino and antineutrino	(1)		

Q4.

Question Number	Acceptable answers			Additional guidance	Mark 4		
	•	The path of the positron has a different direction to that of the muon Or radius of curvature of each path is different Momentum of positron is different to that of muon	(1) (1)	MP1 and 4 accept a sketch showing other particle direction eg other particle muon positron	4		
	•	Momentum is conserved	(1)	The labelled sketch below would gain 4 marks			
	•	So a further particle(s) must be produced MP4 depends on MP3	(1)	p of muon p of other particle(s) p of positron			

Question Number	Acceptable answers		Additional guidance	Mark
	Maximum of 4 marks for MP1,3,5 and any one of MP2,4 or 6	5,0		
	a few alpha's reflect straight back	(1)	accept deflect through large angles/more than 90°	
	 can be represented by the ball bearing being directly aimed at the centre of the "hill" 	(1)	MP2 dependent on being linked to MP1	
	 some alpha's slightly deflected/through small angles 	(1)		
	 can be represented by the ball bearing being aimed close to the centre line of the hill 	(1) (1)	MP4 dependent on being linked to MP3	
	Many/most alpha's undeflected	(1)		
	 can be shown by aiming the ball bearing so that it touches/misses the edge of the hill 	(1)	MP6 dependent on being linked to MP5	4 Max