Practice Question Set For GCSE

Subject: Physics



Paper-1 Topic: GCSE Triple Science Atomic Structure (High Demand Questions)

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Q1.			
(a)	(i)	(enough) dust and gas (from space) is pulled together accept nebula for dust and gas	
		accept hydrogen for gas	
		accept gas on its own	
		dust on its own is insufficient	
		mention of air negates this mark	1
		by:	
		gravitational attraction or	
		gravitational forces or	
		gravitaty	
		ignore any (correct) stages beyond this	1
	(ii)	joining of two (atomic) nuclei (to form a larger one)	
		do not accept atoms for nuclei	1
	(iii)	more sensitive astronomical instruments / telescopes or	
		infrared telescopes developed	
		accept better technology	
		more knowledge is insufficient	1
<i>a</i> >	40		1
(b)	(i)	(other) planets / solar systems	
		do not accept galaxy	
		moons is insufficient	1
	(ii)	provided evidence to support theory	
		accept proves the theory	1
(c)	elements heavier than iron are formed only when a (massive) star explode		
		accept materials for elements	
		accept supernova for star explodes	
		accept stars can only fuse elements up to (and including) iron	

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Q2. (a)	(sar	me) number of protons same atomic number is insufficient	1
(b)	(i)	nuclei split	1
		do not accept atom for nuclei / nucleus	1
	(ii)	(nuclear) <u>reactor</u>	1
(c)	beta	a ·	1
	any	one from:	
	•	atomic / proton number increases (by 1)	
		accept atomic / proton number changes by 1	
	•	number of neutrons decreases / changes by 1 mass number does not change	
		(total) number of protons and neutrons does not change	
	•	a neutron becomes a proton	1
(d)	(ave	erage) time taken for number of nuclei to halve	
	-	erage) time taken for count-rate / activity to halve	1
(e)	(i)	6.2 (days)	
		Accept 6.2 to 6.3 inclusive	
		allow 1 mark for correctly calculating number remaining as 20 000 or	
		allow 1 mark for number of	
		80 000 plus correct use of the graph (gives an answer of 0.8 days)	2
	(ii)	radiation causes ionisation	
		allow radiation can be ionising	1
		that may then harm / kill healthy cells	
		accept specific examples of harm, eg alter DNA / cause cancer	

(iii) benefit (of diagnosis / treatment) greater than risk (of radiation) accept may be the only procedure available

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