

Name of the Student: \_\_\_\_\_

Max. Marks : 18 Marks

Time : 18 Minutes

**Q1.**

- (a) The names of three types of radiation are given in **List A**. Various properties of these three types of radiation are given in **List B**.

Draw a line to link each type of radiation in **List A** to its correct property in **List B**. Draw only **three** lines.

<b>List A</b> Type of radiation	<b>List B</b> Property of radiation
alpha ( $\alpha$ )	not dangerous
beta ( $\beta$ )	stopped by paper
gamma ( $\gamma$ )	travels at 300 000 000 m/s
	travels up to 1 metre in air

(3)

- (b) This sign warns people that a radioactive source is being used in a laboratory.



Why is it important to warn people that a radioactive source is being used?

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(1)

- (c) To study the blood flow in a patient's lungs, a doctor injects some technetium-99 compound into the patient. The gamma radiation given out by the technetium-99 atoms is detected using a gamma camera outside the patient's body.

Which statement gives the reason why gamma radiation is used? Put a tick (✓) in the box next to your choice.

It can travel through a vacuum.

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It is not affected by a magnet.

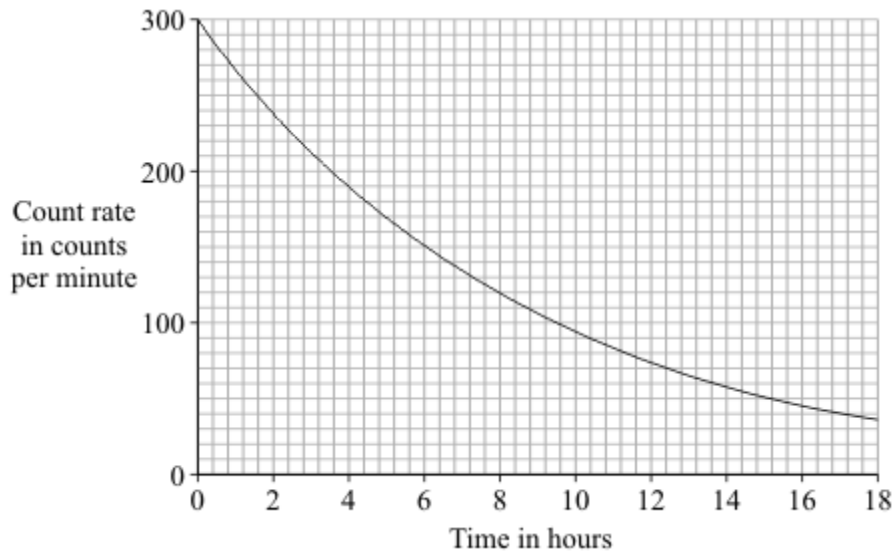
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It can pass through the human body.

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(1)

- (d) The graph shows how the count rate from a sample of technetium-99 changes with time.



- (i) How many hours does it take for the count rate to fall from 300 counts per minute to 150 counts per minute?

Time = \_\_\_\_\_ hours

(1)

- (ii) What is the half-life of technetium-99?

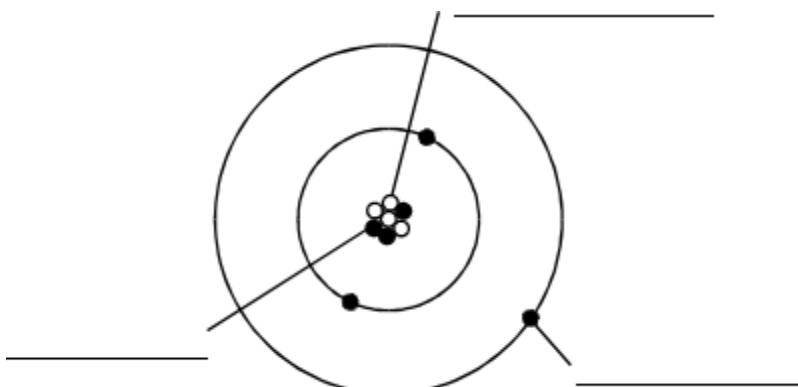
Half-life = \_\_\_\_\_ hours

(1)

(Total 7 marks)

## Q2.

The diagram represents an atom of lithium.



- (i) Complete the diagram by writing in the spaces the name of each type of particle. Use only words given in the box. Each word may be used once or not at all.

electron	neutron	nucleus	proton
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(3)

- (ii) Which type of particle found inside the atom is uncharged?

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

- (iii) What is the mass number of this atom, 3, 4, 7 or 10?

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Give a reason for your choice.

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(2)

(Total 6 marks)

### Q3.

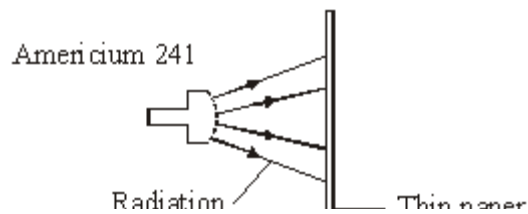
A smoke detector fitted inside a house contains a radioactive source, americium 241.

- (a) Complete the following table of information for an atom of americium 241.

Number of neutrons	146
Number of protons	95
Number of electrons	

(1)

- (b) The diagram shows that the radiation given out by americium 241 does not go through paper.



Which type of radiation, alpha ( $\alpha$ ), beta ( $\beta$ ), or gamma ( $\gamma$ ) is given out by americium 241?

\_\_\_\_\_

(1)

- (c) Explain why the radiation given out by the americium 241 is unlikely to do any harm to people living in the house.

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\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
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(2)

- (d) Complete the sentence by choosing an answer from the box.

<b>less than</b>	<b>more than</b>	<b>the same as</b>
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After many years the radiation emitted by americium 241 will be \_\_\_\_\_  
when the smoke detector was new.

(1)

(Total 5 marks)