Practice Question Set For GCSE

Subject: Physics

Paper-1 Topic: 6_Radioactivity



Name of the Student:	

Max. Marks: 12 Marks

Time: 12 Minutes

Mark Schemes

Q1.

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
(i)	Atoms may form positive ions by losing electrons. (1)	accept any clear indication that correct word is in gap	(2)
	The electrons involved in forming positive ions are the <u>outer</u> electrons (1)		

Question Number	Answer	Mark
(ii)	The only correct answer is C gamma	(1)
	A is not correct because alpha radiation is not electromagnetic B is not correct because beta minus radiation is not electromagnetic	
	D is not correct because neutron radiation is not electromagnetic	

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(iii)	The only correct answer is A alpha	(1)
	B is not correct because beta minus travels further in air than alpha	
	C is not correct because beta plus travels further in air than alpha	
	D is not correct because gamma travels further in air than alpha and beta	

	Answer	Acceptable	Mark
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(i)	A description linking the following: • neutron decays / changes / becomes (1) • (neutron) into proton (1) • (plus an) electron (1)	quark changes (quark changes) from down to up / d to u e (do not accept β) accept n and p for neutron and proton n > p + e scores 3 marks IGNORE references to atomic and mass numbers; unstable nuclei; too many neutrons; gamma emitted	(3)
(ii)	An explanation linking three of the following: • mass number doesn't change (1) • (because) same number of nucleons / quarks (1) • atomic number goes up by one (1) • (because) there is an extra proton (1)	emitted electron mass is negligible proton and neutron have same mass a neutron has (decayed in)to a proton	(3)

Q3.

	Answer	Acceptable	Mark
		answers	
(i)	A 92		(1)
(ii)	neutron(s) (1)	allow phonetic spelling nutron, newtron, nuetron	(1)