

| Question | | Expected Answers | Marks | Additional guidance |
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| 1 | (a) | Less chance of infection | B1 | |
| | (b) | Any <u>two</u> from: 1. Tracer is injected into the body / placed inside the body / circulates the body 2. Tracer is absorbed by organ / shows blockage 3. Beta detector / gamma camera (is used to detect radiation from the body) | B1×2 | Note: No marks for ingesting substances (e.g barium) |
| | (c) | Any <u>five</u> from: 1. A positron / beta-plus emitting tracer / source is used 2. The positron annihilates with an electron (inside the patient) 3. This produces <u>two</u> gamma photons 4. The photons travels in opposite directions 5. The patient is surrounded by a ring of gamma detectors 6. The arrival times of the photons / delay time indicates location (of tumour inside the body) 7. A 3-D image is created (by the computer connected to the detectors) | B1×5 | |
| Total | | | 8 | |

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| 3 | a | <p>Magnetic resonance: some <u>nuclei</u> behave as small magnets / certain <u>nuclei</u> possess a net spin / <u>nuclei</u> line up in the magnetic field</p> <p>Need for a strong magnetic field</p> <p>the frequency of precession is known as Lamor frequency (1)</p> <p>Application of RF pulses</p> <p>produces resonance / flip energy states (1)</p> <p>RF pulse turned off nuclei relax / flip back (and emit RF signal)</p> <p>RF detected (by coil receiver) and processed (1)</p> <p>Use of non-uniform field / gradient field (1)</p> <p>To locate position of nuclei in body (1)</p> <p>QWC mark: difference in the relaxation times for hydrogen in different tissues / materials MAX (3)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">MAX 8</p> | <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> <p>MAX B8</p> | <p>Allow protons instead of nuclei in the context of hydrogen nuclei or a single proton instead of nuclei</p> <p>There are 5 essential marks (in bold) and a maximum of THREE extra marks (1)</p> <p>Maximum of 8 marks</p> <p>Do not allow 'atoms' for nuclei but penalise once only</p> <p>Please annotate scripts as follows:</p> <p>Essential marks: ✓(ticks) on left hand side of candidate's work</p> <p>Extra marks: ✓(ticks) on right hand side of candidate's work</p> |

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| | b | <p>Advantage: not ionising radiation (as with X-rays) / better soft tissue contrast</p> <p>Disadvantage: heating effect of metal objects /effect on cardiac pacemakers / takes a long time to perform MRI scan</p> | <p>B1</p> <p>B1</p> | <p>Accept can view soft tissue in brain / skull</p> <p>Do not allow not harmful</p> <p>Do not allow no side effects</p> |
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| 4 | a | <p>ANY ONE from X-rays interact with matter by:</p> <p>the photoelectric effect where an (orbital) electron is ejected from atom / atom is ionised</p> <p>Compton scattering where X-ray scattered by the interaction with (orbital) electron</p> <p>Pair production where X-ray photon interacts with the nucleus / atom and an electron and positron are produced</p> <p>[allow one mark for statement and one for explanation]</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Max 2</p> | <p>(B2)</p> <p>(B2)</p> <p>(B2)</p> <p>B2</p> | <p>Allow electrons ejected from metal surface if reference is made to <u>free</u> electrons</p> <p>Allow: X-ray diffraction B1</p> <p>X-ray passes through the 'slits' / atomic gap formed by the atoms B1</p> |

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| | b | | $I = I_0 e^{-\mu x}$ $0.1 = e^{-\mu \cdot 3}$ $0.5 = e^{-\mu x}$ $\ln 0.5 / \ln 0.1 = x/3$ $x = 0.903 \text{ (mm)}$ | C1 Calculation of $\mu = 0.768$ C1 C1 Substitution into second equation C1 A1 Allow 0.9 (1sf) If question misread and 0.9 used for change $\mu = 0.035$ and $x = 19.7$ (allow 20) give 2/3 |
| 10 | c | (i) | Absorption of X-rays by (silver halide molecules) by a photographic film Uses of fluorescent / scintillator/ phosphor Photon releases electron (that is accelerated onto a fluorescent screen) number of electrons increased /multiplied <p style="text-align: center;">MAX B2</p> QWC: Phosphor / Intensifier/ it converts X-ray photon into increased number of 'visible' photons | (B1) (B1) (B1) (B1) B2 B1 |

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| | | <p>(ii)</p> <p>Different <u>soft</u> body <u>tissue</u> produce little difference in contrast/attenuation</p> <p>(Contrast media with) high atomic number / Z used / iodine or barium (used to give greater contrast)</p> <p>liquids injected or swallowed into soft tissue areas / or examples of such</p> <p style="text-align: right;">MAX B2</p> | <p>(B1)</p> <p>(B1)</p> <p>(B1)</p> <p>B2</p> | <p>This method produces good contrast for soft tissue /for similar Z values</p> |
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| 5 | (a) | $\lambda = \frac{0.693}{6.6 \times 10^3} \text{ or } \lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{6.6 \times 10^3}$ decay constant = $1.1 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$ | C1 A1 | Note: Answer to 3sf is $1.05 \times 10^{-4} \text{ (s}^{-1}\text{)}$ |
| | (b) | $A = \lambda N$ $N = \frac{250 \times 10^6}{1.05 \times 10^{-4}}$ number = 2.38×10^{12} or 2.4×10^{12} | C1 A0 | Possible ecf from (a) Allow full credit for bald 2.4×10^{12} |
| | (c) | mass of F-18 = $\frac{2.38 \times 10^{12}}{6.02 \times 10^{23}} \times 0.018 \text{ (= } 7.116 \times 10^{-14} \text{ kg)}$ mass of FDG = $7.116 \times 10^{-14} / 0.099$ mass of FDG = $7.2 \times 10^{-13} \text{ (kg)}$ | C1 C1 A1 | Possible ecf from (b) Allow full credit for using 2×10^{12} ; answer is $6.04 \times 10^{-13} \text{ (kg)}$ |
| | (d) | $A = 250 \times e^{-(1.05 \times 10^{-4} \times 20 \times 60)}$ activity = 220 (MBq) | C1 A1 | Possible ecf from (a) Allow: 1 mark for 249 (MBq); factor of 60 omitted |
| | (e) | (FDG/positron-emitting substance is injected into the patient) Any <u>three</u> from: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Annihilation of electron and positron Positron-electron annihilation produces <u>two</u> gamma photons The gamma photons travels in opposite directions The patient is surrounded by (a ring of) gamma detectors A 3-D image is created (using the detector-signals with the aid of computer software) <p>QWC: The arrival times / delay times of the photons (at diametrically opposite detectors) are used to pinpoint areas of increased activity (AW)</p> | B1 × 3 B1 | Allow: rays / waves instead of photons in 2 and 3 |
| Total | | | 12 | |