

## **GCSE Physics A (Gateway)**

J249/02 Physics A P5-P8 and P9 (Foundation Tier)

## **Question Set 28**

Multiple Choice Questions

P6: Radioactivity

1	What is the number of neutrons in this isotope of uranium?		
	<sup>238</sup> <sub>92</sub> <b>U</b>		
	Α	92 238-92=146	
	В	119	
	С	146	
	D	238	
	You	r answer C	[1]
2	All ra	adioactive sources have a half-life.	
	Which statement about the half-life of a source is correct?		
	Α	It is half the time for an atom to decay.	
	В	It is half the time for the activity of the source to decrease to zero.	
	С	It is half the time for the radioactive source to become safe.	
	D	It is the time for the activity of the source to decrease by half.	
	You	r answer D	[1]
3	Whi	ch statement is true about the <b>nucleus</b> of an atom?	
	A	It contains neutrons and ions and has a negative charge.	
	В	It contains neutrons and ions and has a neutral charge.	
	С	It contains neutrons and protons and has a neutral charge.	
	D	It contains neutrons and protons and has a positive charge	

[1]

Your answer

4 Which equation shows a correct alpha decay?

A 
$$^{241}_{95} \text{Am} \rightarrow ^{239}_{91} \text{Np} + ^{2}_{4} \text{He}$$

**B** 
$$^{241}_{95} \text{Am} \rightarrow ^{237}_{93} \text{Np} + ^{0}_{2} \text{He}$$

C 
$$^{241}_{95} \text{Am} \rightarrow ^{237}_{93} \text{Np} + ^{4}_{2} \text{He}$$

**D** 
$$^{241}_{95}$$
Am  $\rightarrow ^{237}_{93}$ Np +  $^{0}_{1}$ He

Your answer



[1]

**5** Which radioactive decay equation is correct?

**A** 
$${}^{14}_{6}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{10}_{4}\text{Be} + {}^{0}_{-1}\text{e}$$

**B** 
$${}^{14}_{6}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{10}_{4}\text{Be} + {}^{0}_{0}\gamma$$

$$C \quad {}^{14}_{6}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{14}_{7}\text{N} + {}^{4}_{2}\text{He}$$

**D** 
$${}^{14}_{6}\text{C} \rightarrow {}^{14}_{7}\text{N} + {}^{0}_{-1}\text{e}$$

Your answer



[1]

**Total Marks for Question Set 28: 5** 



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