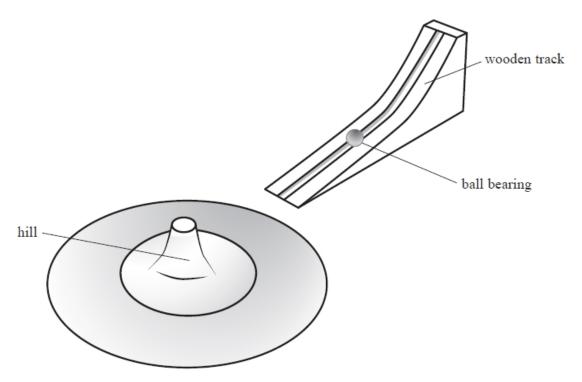
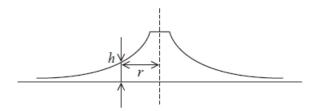
Nuclear Structure and Particle Accelerators

Q1.

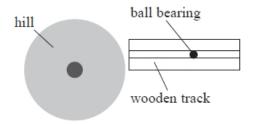
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A plan view of the arrangement is shown.



The wooden track is moved to different positions and the ball bearing is released.

Describe the results of the alpha particle scattering experiment and how these can be demonstrated by moving the wooden track to different positions.
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(Total for question = 4 marks

Q2.

Alpha particle scattering investigations were first carried out in the early part of the 20th century.

An alpha particle with initial kinetic energy 8.8 × 10^{-13} J approaches a nucleus of a gold $\binom{197}{79}$ Au) atom

Which of the following is an equation for the closest distance r, in metres, between the alpha particle and the nucleus?

$$B r = \frac{2 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 197 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{8.99 \times 10^9 \times 8.8 \times 10^{-13}}$$

$$\square$$
 C $r = 8.99 \times 10^9 \left(\frac{8.8 \times 10^{-13}}{4 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \times 79 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}} \right)$

Q3.

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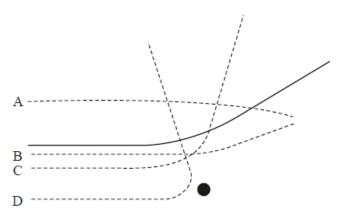
Which of the following conclusions could **not** be made as a result of these investigations?

- A The atom is mostly empty space.
- B The atom is neutral.
- □ C The nucleus is charged.
- D The nucleus is very small compared to the atom.

(Total for question = 1 mark)

Q4.

The solid line shows the path of an alpha particle as it passes close to a nucleus.



Another alpha particle approaches the nucleus with the same initial kinetic energy.

Which dashed path is possible for this alpha particle?

- A
- B
- C
- D

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The vast majority of the alpha particles went straight through the foil whilst a few were deflected straight back.

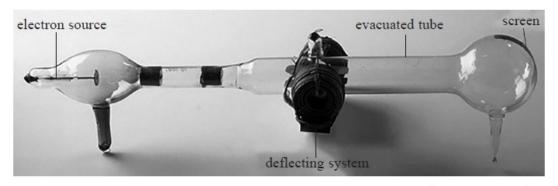
Describe how the model of the atom changed, as a consequence of these experiments.	
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Distance of closest approach =

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Q7.

At the end of the 19th century, J.J. Thompson used electric and magnetic fields to deflect beams of charged particles. A photograph of his apparatus is shown.



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Electrons were accelerated through a potential difference to produce a beam of high-energy electrons. The beam was then deflected in perpendicular directions by the magnetic and electric fields. The final position of the beam on the screen was determined by the charge and mass of the electrons.

In his original experiments, Thompson determined the specific charge of a range of particles. His results indicated that the specific charge of an electron is about 2000 times bigger than that for a hydrogen ion.

Deduce what conclusion can be made from this information.	
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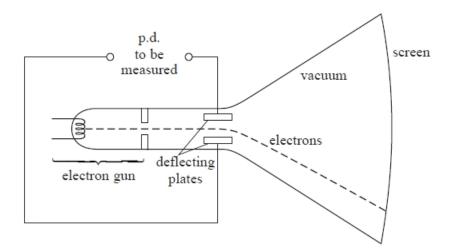
Q8.

Cathode ray tubes are used in oscilloscopes.



The diagram shows a simplified cathode ray tube that can be used to determine the magnitude and polarity of a potential difference (p.d.).

The cathode ray tube consists of an electron gun, a pair of deflecting plates and a fluorescent screen.



- (a) The electron gun includes a filament. When this filament is heated, electrons are released and are accelerated by a p.d. of 1.5 kV to form an electron beam.
- (i) Name the process by which electrons are released from the heated filament.

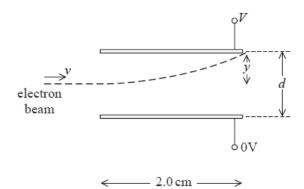
 (1)

 (ii) Show that the maximum velocity of the electrons is about 2 × 10⁷ m s⁻¹.

 (2)

(b) The electron beam then enters a uniform electric field between the two parallel horizontal deflecting plates. The magnitude and direction of the deflection is determined by the p.d. *V* that is applied across the plates.

The diagram shows one possible path of the electron beam as it passes between the plates.



(i)	Show that the acceleration of an electron, of mass m and charge Q , is given by
	\underline{VQ}
	dm

	(2)
(ii) Calculate the magnitude of the vertical deflection y of the beam as it leaves the plates. $V = 50 \text{ V}$ $d = 0.01 \text{ m}$	(5)

y =

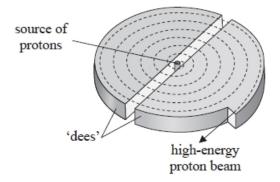
	scilloscope with the time base turned off operates in the same way ray tube. A student uses an oscilloscope in this way to monitor an $53~V_{\text{rms}}$	as this
	aw the trace that would be seen on the screen.	(4)
	1 square = 25 V	
	(Total for question = 14	marks)
Q9.		
A series of experir using the linac at	nents was carried out in the 1970s to investigate the structure of pr Stanford, USA.	otons
* Explain how an e	electron is accelerated in a linac.	
		(6)

(Total for question = 6 marks)
Q10.
A series of experiments was carried out in the 1970s to investigate the structure of protons using the linac at Stanford, USA.
The electron leaves the accelerator with a high energy.
Explain why electrons need high energies to investigate the structure of a proton.
(2)
(Total for question = 2 marks)

Q11.

Proton beam therapy is being introduced in the UK as a new cancer treatment.

A beam of protons is accelerated by a cyclotron to an energy of 23 MeV and is then focused onto a tumour.



* Explain how the cyclotron produces the high-energy proton beam.	
	(6)

Q12.

The following extract is taken from a quote by Rutherford, speaking about the scattering of alpha particles by a thin gold foil.

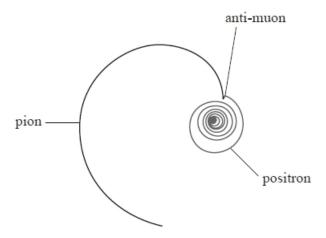
We knew the alpha particle was a very fast, massive particle with a great deal of energy, and the chance of an alpha particle being scattered backward was very small. Then I remember two or three days later Geiger coming to me in great excitement and saying "We have been able to get some of the alpha particles coming backward ..." It was almost as incredible as if you fired a 15-inch shell at a piece of tissue paper and it came back and hit you.

(a) Rutherford compared the scattering of alpha particle through large angles to firing "a 15 inch shell at a piece of tissue paper and it came back and hit you."	5 -
Explain, with reference to the properties of the alpha particle, why a relatively large force is needed to deflect alpha particles through a large angle.	e 2)
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(b) Before the alpha particle scattering experiment, scientists believed that the mass and charge of an atom were uniformly distributed throughout the atom in a radius of about 1.4×10^{-10} m. Following the scattering experiments, a model of the atom was developed in which there was a concentrated centre of charge called the nucleus.	
Assess the validity of this model of the atom given that the magnitude of the force required to scatter these alpha particles by a large angle is about 2.0 N. You should include a calculation in your answer.	
proton number of gold = 79	E \
	5)

Q13.

Pions have a short half-life and decay into muons.

The diagram shows the tracks from the decay of a pion in a bubble chamber.



The pion decays into an anti-muon and muon neutrino.

The anti-muon then decays into a positron and an electron neutrino.

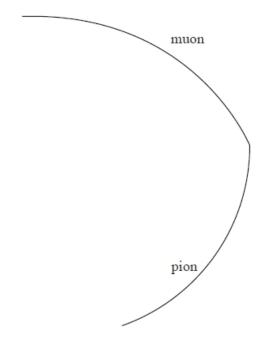
The magnetic field acts out of the page.

Use the diagram and the information given to explain what conclusions can be made about the particles in this interaction.

(6)

Q14.

A negatively charged pion decays into a muon and an antineutrino. The diagram shows tracks in a particle detector formed in such an event.



The momentum of the pion just before it decays is $9.1 \times 10^{-20} \,\mathrm{N}\,\mathrm{s}$.

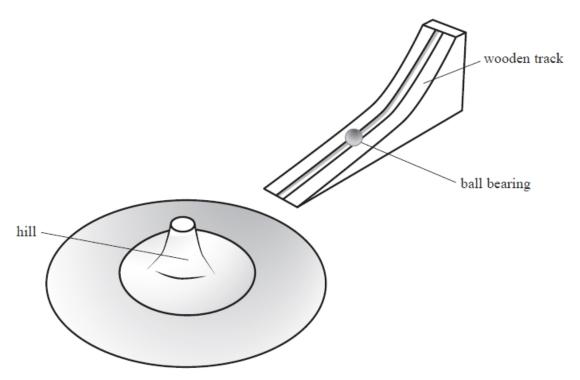
Determine the magnetic flux density of the magnetic field which acts in the detector and state its direction.

Scale of diagram 1 cm represents 10 cm

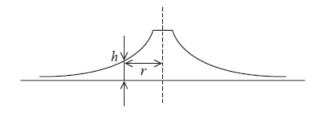
pion charge = -1.6×10^{-19} C		
		(4)
	Magnetic flux density =	
Direction of magnetic field =		
	(Total for question = 4 mark	ks)

Q15.

The diagram shows a model used to demonstrate alpha particle scattering. A ball bearing is set rolling on a wooden track. The track is positioned so that the ball bearing rolls onto a metal sheet with a curved surface known as a 'hill'.



The diagram shows a vertical cross-section through the hill. The surface is curved so that the height of a point h on the curved surface is inversely proportional to the distance r from the centre of the hill.



Explain why the hill is suitable as a model for the electric field surrounding the nucleus of an atom.

 (Total for question = 3 marks)
 (3)

Q16.

The alpha particle scattering experiment led to a number of observations and conclusions.

Which row in the table gives a correct observation and corresponding conclusion from the alpha particle scattering experiment?

(1)

	Observation	Conclusion
	Most alpha particles come straight back.	The nucleus is charged.
В	Most alpha particles come straight back.	The atom is mainly empty space.
	Most alpha particles go straight through.	The atom is mainly empty space.
■ D	Most alpha particles go straight through.	The nucleus is charged.

(Total for question = 1 mark)

Q17.

Electric and magnetic fields can be used in particle accelerators.

Which row in the table correctly describes the use of electric and magnetic fields in the particle accelerator indicated?

	Particle accelerator	Magnetic field	Electric field
⊠ A	cyclotron	not used	used to accelerate particles
⊠ B	cyclotron	used to accelerate particles	used to accelerate particles
	linac	used to accelerate particles	not used
\square D	linac	used to accelerate particles	used to accelerate particles

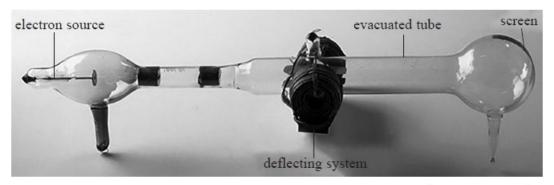
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Rutherford's alpha-scattering experiment gave evidence that changed our understanding of
the structure of the atom. Alpha particles were fired at a thin sheet of gold foil and their paths
observed.

		how the observations of the different paths taken by the alpha particles as they through the gold foil led to a new model of the atom.
		(Total for question = 4 marks)
Q1	9.	
Th	e nun	mber of neutrons in a nucleus of $^{238}_{92}$ U is
×	Α	92
X	В	146
X	С	238
X	D	330

Q20.

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Explain how electrons from the source become a beam of high-energy electrons.

(2)

Mark Scheme - Nuclear Structure and Particle Acceleration

Q1.

Question Number	Acceptable answers		Additional guidance	Mark
	Maximum of 4 marks for MP1,3,5 and any one of MP2,4 or 6			
	a few alpha's reflect straight back	(1)	accept deflect through large angles/more than 90°	
	 can be represented by the ball bearing being directly aimed at the centre of the "hill" 	(1)	MP2 dependent on being linked to MP1	
	 some alpha's slightly deflected/through small angles 	(1)		
	 can be represented by the ball bearing being aimed close to the centre line of the hill 	(1)	MP4 dependent on being linked to MP3	
	Many/most alpha's undeflected	(1)		
	 can be shown by aiming the ball bearing so that it touches/misses the edge of the hill 	(1)	MP6 dependent on being linked to MP5	4 Max

Q2.

Question Number	Acceptable answers	Additional guidance	Mark
	The only correct answer is A		1
	B is not correct because the charge on an Au		
	nucleus is 79 ×1.6×10 ⁻¹⁹ C		
	C is not correct because the charge on an alpha particle		
	is 2 ×1.6×10 ⁻¹⁹ C		
	D is not correct because the charges have not been		
	converted to C		

Q3.

Question Number	Acceptable answers	Additional guidance	Mark
	The only correct answer is B		1
	A is not correct because it is a correct conclusion		
	C is not correct because it is a correct conclusion		
	D is not correct because it is a correct conclusion		

Q4.

Quest Numl		Acceptable answers	Additional guidance	Mark
	C			1

Q5.

Question Number		Acceptable answers		Additional guidance	Mark
	•	Before scattering experiment: atom containing equally distributed mass/charge	(1)	alt: reference to	4
		After experiment:	(4)	'plum pudding model'	
	•	very small nucleus containing (almost all) the mass of the atom	(1)		
	•	atom mainly empty space	(1)		
	•	nucleus is charged	(1)		

Q6.

Question Number	Acceptable answers	Additional guidance	Mark
	• Use of $V = Q/4\pi\varepsilon_0 r$ (1)	allow for $Q = 2$ or 79, accept $V = kQ/r$	4
	Conversion MeV to J (1)		
	• Use of $V = W/Q$ (1)	Must use $e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ C to convert atomic number to C	
	• $r = 3.0 \times 10^{-14} \mathrm{m}$ (1)	monne manoer to c	
		Example of calculation: $7.7 \times 10^{6} \text{ eV} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{J eV}^{-1}$ $= 8.99 \times 10^{9} \text{N m}^{2} \text{C}^{-2} \times 2 \times 79 \times (1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^{2} \div r$ $r = 2.27 \times 10^{-7} \div 7.7 \times 10^{6}$ $r = 2.95 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}$	

Q7.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer		Additional Guidance	Mark
	 The hydrogen ion must be times) more massive than t Or the electron must be (al times) less massive than the ion 	ne electron out 2000	Accept "proton" for "hydrogen ion"	1

Q8.

Question Number	Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
(a)(i)	thermionic emission		(1)

Question Number	Acceptable Answer		Additional guidance	Mark
(a)(ii)			Example of calculation:	
	 equate ½mv² and VQ 	(1)	$E = 1500 \text{ V} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C} = 2.4 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}$	
	• $v = 2.3 \times 10^7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$	(1)	$v = \sqrt{\frac{2 \times 2.4 \times 10^{-16} \text{J}}{9.11 \times 10^{-81} \text{kg}}} = 2.3 \times 10^7 \text{m s}^{-1}$	
				(2)

Question Number	Acceptable Answer		Additional guidance	Mark
(b)(i)	• use of $F = EQ$ and $E = \frac{V}{d}$ OR see $F = \frac{VQ}{d}$	(1)		
	• equate $F = ma$ and $F = EQ$	(1)		(2)

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
		Example of calculation: $t = \frac{0.02 \text{ m}}{2.3 \times 10^7 \text{m s}^{-1}} = 8.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}$ $s = \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{50 \text{ V} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}}{0.01 \text{ m} \times 9.11 \times 10^{-31} \text{ kg}}\right) \times (8.7 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s})^2$	
	• use of $s = ut + \frac{1}{2}at^2$ (1) with $u = 0$ and vertical acceleration to find s • $s = 3.3 \times 10^{-4}$ m (1)		(6)

Acceptable Answer		Additional guidance	Mark
• use of $V = V_0 / \sqrt{2}$	(1)	Example of calculation:	
vertical line	(1)	$V_0 = 53 \text{ V} \times \sqrt{2} = 75 \text{ V}$	
positive and negative deflection shown	(1)		
maximum deflection 75 V	(1)		(4)
	 use of V = V₀/√2 vertical line positive and negative deflection shown maximum 	 use of V = V₀/√2 (1) vertical line (1) positive and negative deflection shown maximum (1) 	• use of $V = V_0/\sqrt{2}$ (1) Example of calculation: • vertical line (1) $V_0 = 53 \text{ V} \times \sqrt{2} = 75 \text{ V}$ • positive and negative deflection shown (1)

Q9.

Question Number	Acceptable answers	A	Additional	guidance		Mark
	This question assesses a student's ability to show a coherent and logically structured answer with linkages and fully-sustained reasoning. Marks are awarded for indicative content and for how the answer is structured and shows lines of	IC points	IC mark	Max linkage mark available	Max final mark	6
	reasoning.	6	4	2	6]
	The following table shows how the marks should be awarded for indicative content.	5	3	2	5	
	Indicative content:	4	3	1	4	
	TO	3	2	1	3	
	IC1: set of (metal drift) tubes (in a line)	2	2	0	2	
		1	1	0	1	
	IC2: electrons accelerated by electric field/potential difference	0	0	0	0	
	IC3: acceleration takes place in the gaps between tubes	IC points 1 well-draws		y be awarde	ed with	
	IC4: adjacent tubes connected to opposite terminals of a power supply or opposite charge/polarity	between ce	entres/ends	to distance of tubes m ed alternati		
	IC5: power supply/p.d./electric field is alternating (so that as electron emerges from one tube the next tube is positive)					
	IC6: time spent in each tube must be the same so as the electrons travel faster the tubes must					
	be longer / gaps between get longer					

Q10.

Question Number	Acceptable answers	Additional guidance	Mark
	High energy electrons will have a short (de Broglie) wavelength (1)		2
	The wavelength needs to be comparable/smaller than proton size (1)		

Q11.

Question Number	Accepta	ble answers	Additiona	Mark	
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Q12.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer		Additional guidance	Mark
(a)	An explanation that makes reference to the following: • due to the large mass and speed <u>OR</u> large momentum <u>OR</u> large energy	(1)		
	the alpha particle would have a large <u>change</u> in momentum when deflected through large angles which requires a large force	(1)		(2)

Question Number	Acceptable Answer	Additional guidance	Mark
(b)	• use of $F = \frac{Q_1 Q_2}{4\pi \varepsilon_0 r^2}$ (1)	Accept calculating a force for $r = 1.4 \times 10^{-10}$ and comparing forces	
	• charge of alpha = $2 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$ (C) (1)	Example of calculation:	
	• $r = 1.3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ (m)}$ (1)	$r = \sqrt{8.99 \times 10^9 \text{ N m}^2 \text{C}^{-2} \times \frac{(79 \times 2)(1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C})^2}{2}}$	
	• comparison of the two distances (1)	$r = \sqrt{8.99 \times 10^7 \text{ N m}^2\text{C}^2 \times \frac{2}{2}}$	
	conclusion that the alpha particle must reach a closer distance to give a larger force and relates this to the model	$r = 1.3 \times 10^{-13} \text{ m}$	(5)

Q13.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer		Additional guidance	Mark
	An explanation that makes reference to the following points: Pion/ positron • radius decreasing indicates speed/momentum is decreasing	(1)		
	smaller radius indicates positron has smaller momentum than the pion	(1)		
	direction of deflection indicates a positive charge by LH rule OR compares direction of deflection between positron and pion to conclude they have the same charge	(1)		
	Anti-muon short path – short lived	(1)		(6)
	conservation of charge indicates it has same charge as pion	(1)		
	Muon neutrino OR electron neutrino no path visible indicates no charge	(1)		

Q14.

Question Number	Acceptable answers		Additional guidance	Mark
	measures radius (allow between 4 cm and 6 cm)	(1)		
	• Use of $p = Bqr$	(1)	Allow use of their measured radius in	
	• B = 1.1 T (range 0.95 T – 1.42 T)	(1)	MP2 Example of calculation:	
	direction: out of page	(1)	9.1 × 10 ⁻²⁰ N s = B × 1.6 × 10 ⁻¹⁹ C × 0.52 m B = 1.09 T	4

Q15.

Question Number	Acceptable answers		Additional guidance	Mark
	The curved surface is (analogous to) a radial field	(1)		
	• (as $h \propto 1/r$ then) potential (energy) $\propto 1/r$	(1)		
	• compares with $V \propto 1/r$ around a point charge	(1)		3

Q16.

Question Number	Acceptable answers	Additiona	l guidance	Mark
	С	Most alpha particles go straight through.	The atom is mainly empty space.	1
	A the observation is incorrect B the observation is incorrect D the observation is correct but this is not the corresponding conclusion			

Q17.

Question Number	Acceptable answers	Additional guidance	Mark
	The only correct answer is B A is not correct because a cyclotron uses a magnetic field C is not correct because a LINAC uses an electric field D is not correct because a LINAC does not use a magnetic field	Cyclotron accelerated	1

Q18.

Question number	Acceptable answers	Additional guidance	Mark
	An explanation that makes reference to:		
	Most alpha particles pass through undeflected (1) OR some deflected through a small angle (1)		
	 A very small number are deflected through an angle greater than 900 (1) 		
	 This suggests that the alpha particles are deflected by a charged nucleus that has a very small diameter compared to that of the atom rather than the charge being distributed throughout the atom (1) 		
	and that most of the mass of the atom is concentrated in the nucleus rather than distributed throughout the atom (1)		4

Q19.

Question Number	Answer	Mark
	В	1

Q20.

Question Number	Acceptable Answer		Additional Guidance	Mark
	An explanation that makes reference to the following points: The potential difference creates an electric field An (electric) field/force does work on the electrons (increasing their kinetic energy) Or an (electric) field/force	(1)		
	(increasing their velocity)	(1)		2