

FORMULAE

You may find the following formulae useful.

$$\text{average velocity} = \frac{\text{displacement}}{\text{time}}$$

$$v = \frac{s}{t}$$

$$\text{acceleration} = \frac{\text{change in velocity}}{\text{time}}$$

$$a = \frac{(v-u)}{t}$$

$$\text{force} = \text{mass} \times \text{acceleration}$$

$$F = m \times a$$

$$\text{momentum} = \text{mass} \times \text{velocity}$$

$$p = m \times v$$

$$\text{change in potential energy} = \text{mass} \times \text{gravitational field strength} \times \text{change in height}$$

$$PE = m \times g \times h$$

$$\text{kinetic energy} = \frac{1}{2} \times \text{mass} \times (\text{velocity})^2$$

$$KE = \frac{1}{2} \times m \times v^2$$

$$\text{electrical energy} = \text{voltage} \times \text{current} \times \text{time}$$

$$E = V \times I \times t$$

$$\text{power} = \frac{\text{work done}}{\text{time taken}}$$


$$P = \frac{W}{t}$$

$$\text{work done} = \text{force} \times \text{distance moved in the direction of the force}$$

$$W = F \times s$$



1. (a) Ben has made some fact cards to help him revise for a test on radioactivity. Complete his fact cards correctly.




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charge =

ionising ability = high

range in air = a few cm

beta




charge = -1

ionising ability =

range in air =

gamma



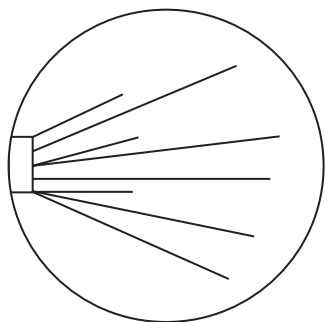
charge =

ionising ability = low

range in air =

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(b) Ben's teacher showed him a cloud chamber. A cloud chamber displays the tracks produced by ionising radiation. The tracks are formed along the paths of the ionising radiation.



cloud chamber facts

size – 10 cm diameter

contains – alcohol vapour

how it works – the alcohol vapour condenses on the ionised air particles

Ben thinks that the tracks shown have been caused by alpha particles.

Suggest **two** reasons to support Ben's statement.

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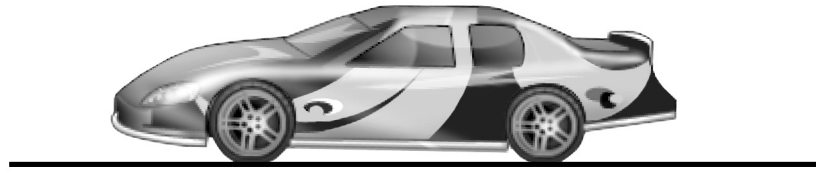
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2.



The diagram shows a racing car accelerating from rest along a straight road.

The acceleration of the car is 8.4 m/s^2 .

The mass of the car is 620 kg .

- (a) Calculate the force needed to produce this acceleration.
State the unit.

Force =
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- (b) Explain why the force produced by the engine must be greater than the force calculated in (a).

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(1)



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- (c) The car accelerates at 8.4 m/s^2 from 0 m/s to a velocity of 54 m/s .
Calculate the time taken.

Time = s
(3)

- (d) At a later time the car again travels at a velocity of 54 m/s .
Its kinetic energy is $860\,000 \text{ J}$.

- (i) Show that the mass of the car is now less than 600 kg .

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- (ii) Suggest why this is less than the initial mass of the car.

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(1)

(Total 10 marks)

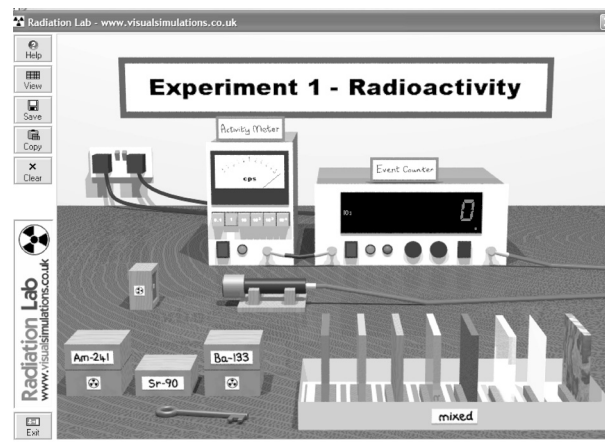
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3. Ben used a computer simulation to investigate half-life. The photograph shows a screenshot of the simulation he used.



- (a) Suggest an advantage of using a computer simulation to investigate half-life rather than watching a demonstration.

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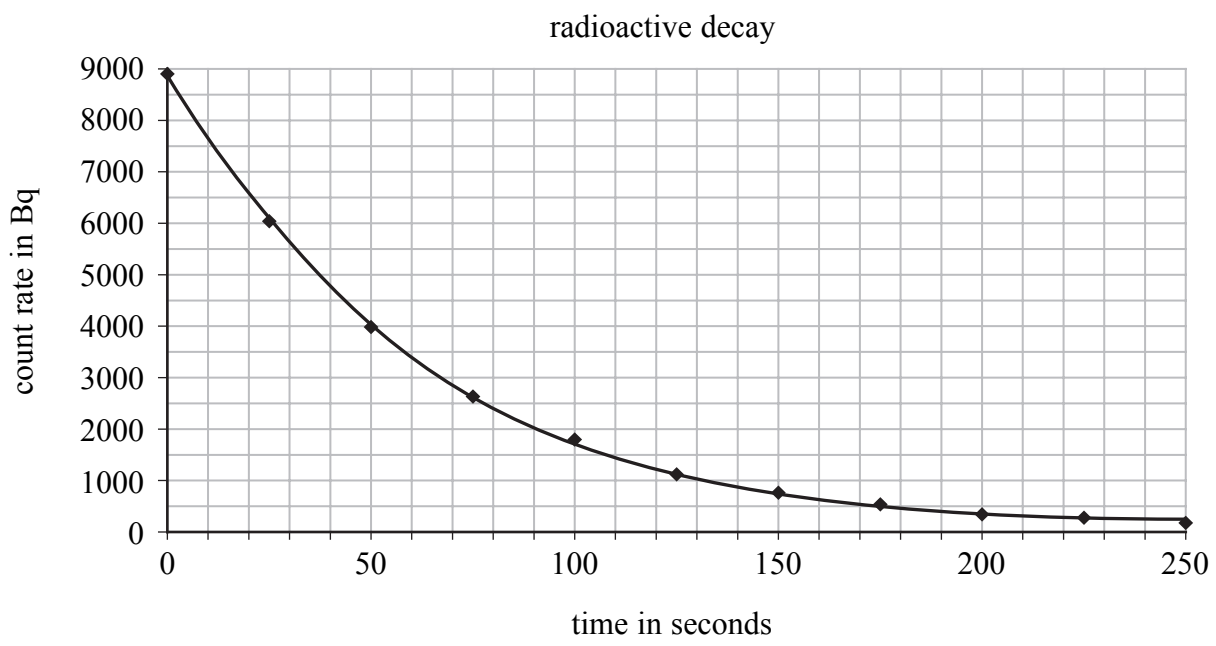
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(b) Using data from the simulation, Ben produced the following graph. He can use it to calculate the half-life.



(i) Explain what is meant by **half-life**.

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(ii) Use Ben's graph to estimate the half-life.

half-life = seconds

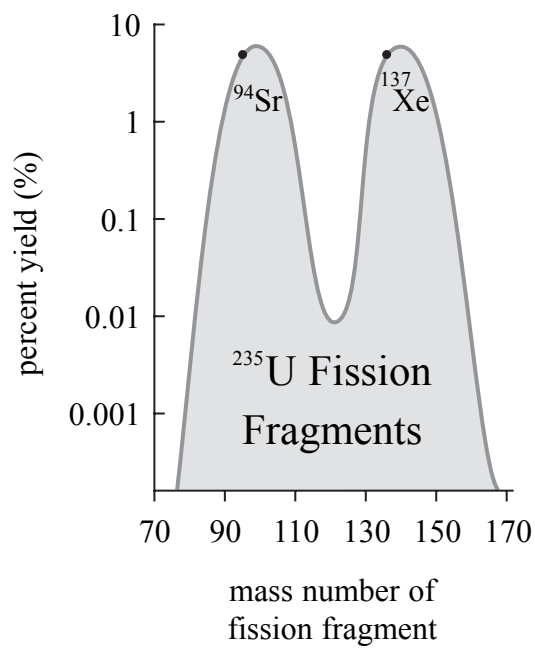
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Q3

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4. (a) Many different pairs of isotopes can be produced by the fission of uranium-235. The graph shows the percentage yields of different isotopes. The positions of strontium-94 and xenon-137 are shown.



- (i) The symbol for a nucleus of uranium-235 is ${}_{92}^{235}\text{U}$.
Calculate the number of neutrons in a nucleus of this isotope.
- number of neutrons = (1)
- (ii) Explain why uranium-235 cannot produce two xenon-137 fragments in the same fission reaction.
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- (1)
- (iii) Calculate how many neutrons are produced when uranium-235 fissions into xenon-137 and strontium-94.
- number of neutrons = (1)



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(b) Spent fuel rods contain uranium-235 and its fission products such as xenon-137 and krypton-94.

Uranium-235 is an alpha emitter with a half life of over 700 million years.

Xenon-137 and krypton-94 decay as shown in the tables.

isotope	decays into	with a half-life of	emits
xenon-137	caesium-137	3.8 min	beta
caesium-137	barium-137	30 years	beta
barium-137	stable		

isotope	decays into	with a half-life of	emits
krypton-94	rubidium-94	0.2 s	beta
rubidium-94	strontium-94	2.7 s	beta
strontium-94	yttrium-94	75.3 s	beta
yttrium-94	zirconium-94	18.7 min	beta
zirconium-94	stable		

Use the information in the tables to discuss the issues in the storage and the disposal of spent fuel rods.

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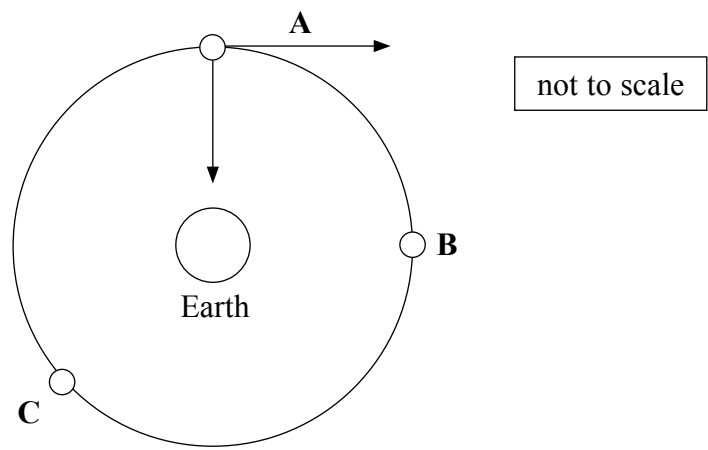
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Q4

(Total 6 marks)



5. The diagram shows three positions **A**, **B** and **C** of a satellite in orbit around the Earth.



- (a) The arrows at **A** show the direction of velocity of the satellite and the gravitational force acting on it.
 - (i) Draw an arrow on the satellite at **B** to show the direction of the velocity at this point. (1)
 - (ii) Draw an arrow on the satellite at **C** to show the direction of the gravitational force of the satellite. (1)

(b) The satellite travels at a constant speed.

Using the connection between acceleration and velocity, explain why the satellite must be accelerating as it moves around its orbit.

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(c) Using the connection between work and force, explain why the satellite does not need fuel to stay in orbit.

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