

Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks
7 (a) (i)	90		1
(ii)	time; either for amount of (radioactive) isotope to halve; or for (radio)activity to halve;	Allow for amount - (number of un-decayed) nuclei/atoms/molecules (un-decayed) mass of isotope	2
(iii)	Any two of – MP1 Idea that (beta) radiation causes a stated hazard; MP2 Idea that strontium-90 has a long half-life; MP3 Idea that <u>all</u> beta emission will be absorbed by the body;	e.g. causes cancer, kills cells, mutates DNA, ionises tissue Accept lasts a long time Accept answers in terms of range	2
(b) (i)	90 and 0; -1; <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 5px;">90</div> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">Sr</div> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">→</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 5px;">90</div> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">Y</div> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">+</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 5px;">0</div> <div style="margin-right: 10px;">β^-</div> </div> <div style="display: flex; align-items: center; justify-content: center; margin-top: 5px;"> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 5px;">38</div> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 5px;">39</div> <div style="margin-right: 10px;"></div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 5px; margin-right: 5px;">-1</div> </div>	Must have both Minus is essential	2
(ii)	Any two ideas from – MP1 They are isotopes of different elements; MP2 Strontium-90 (nucleus/atom) has the same number of protons as other strontium (nuclei/atoms); MP3 Yttrium-90 (nucleus/atom) has the same number of protons as other yttrium (nuclei/atoms);	Allow use of proton number data (38) Allow use of proton number data (39)	2

Total 9 marks