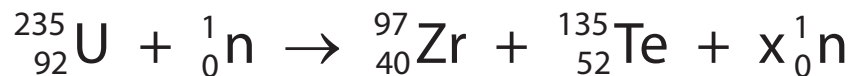


- 10 (a) Uranium-235 captures a neutron and undergoes nuclear fission in a chain reaction.

The equation shows a possible nuclear fission reaction.



Calculate x, the number of neutrons released by this fission reaction.

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- (b) Describe what is meant by a **chain reaction**.

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- (c) Iodine-129 is an isotope found in radioactive waste from nuclear power stations.

Iodine-129 has a half-life of approximately 15 million years.

A sample of iodine-129 has an activity of 72 kBq.

Show that the time required for the sample to have an activity less than 5 kBq is approximately 60 million years.

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(d) Some radioactive waste from nuclear power stations has a very long half-life.

Discuss precautions that must be taken when disposing of this radioactive waste.

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(Total for Question 10 = 13 marks)



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