- **9** This is a question about nuclear energy.
 - (a) Nuclear fusion can take place between different isotopes of hydrogen to produce an isotope of helium.
 - (i) Complete the nuclear equation for this process.



$$^{2}H + ^{3}H \longrightarrow He + ^{1}n$$

(ii) This process also results in the release of energy.

State where the fusion process takes place naturally.



(iii) Explain why the isotopes of hydrogen must be heated to a very high temperature for fusion to take place.



(b) Nuclear fission also results in a release of energy.

Explain how nuclear fission differs from nuclear fusion.

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(Total for Question 9 = 8 marks)