

- 16 A recent theory suggests that, during the Big Bang, an ‘anti-universe’ was created alongside our universe.

This theory suggests that dark matter is a new type of neutrino particle.

- (a) Describe what is meant by dark matter.

(2)

- (b) The theory suggests that the mass of the new type of neutrino particle is $4.8 \times 10^8 \text{ GeV}/c^2$.

Calculate the mass of this particle in kg.

(3)

Mass of particle = kg

- (c) The ultimate fate of our universe is uncertain.

Explain how the existence of dark matter contributes to this uncertainty.

(2)

(Total for Question 16 = 7 marks)