

Question Number	Answer	Mark
20(a)	A massive nucleus splits into two (or more) smaller nuclei/fragments (of roughly equal mass and some neutrons) (1)	1
20(b)(i)	Top line correct (1) Bottom line correct (1) ${}^{137}_{55}\text{Cs} \rightarrow {}^{137}_{56}\text{Ba} + {}^0_{-1}\beta^{-} + {}^0_0\bar{\nu}$	2
20(b)(ii)	Momentum is conserved (so the Ba nucleus recoils) (1) Energy released is shared (randomly) between the β^{-} and $\bar{\nu}$ Or the energy is shared between the 3 particles in the decay (1)	2

20(c)(i)	<p>Use of $N = \frac{\text{mass of caesium}}{\text{mass of caesium atom}}$ (1)</p> <p>Use of $1 \text{ u} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ (1)</p> <p>Use of $\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{t_{1/2}}$ (1)</p> <p>Use of $A = \lambda N$ (1)</p> <p>$A = 7.7 \times 10^{16} \text{ Bq}$ (1)</p> <p>Valid conclusion based on calculated value of activity (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> $N = \frac{24 \text{ kg}}{(136.9 \times 1.66 \times 10^{-27}) \text{ kg}} = 1.06 \times 10^{26}$ $\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{(30.2 \times 3.15 \times 10^7) \text{ s}} = 7.29 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}^{-1}$ $A = -7.29 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}^{-1} \times 1.06 \times 10^{26} = -7.73 \times 10^{16} \text{ Bq}$ <p>$7.7 \times 10^{16} \text{ Bq}$ is not equal to $7.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ Bq}$ (so statement is incorrect) Or $7.7 \times 10^{16} \text{ Bq}$ is approximately equal to $7.3 \times 10^{16} \text{ Bq}$ (so statement is correct)</p>	6
20(c)(ii)	<p>Use of 500 Bq per 100 g to calculate initial count rate (1)</p> <p>Use of $A = A_0 e^{-\lambda t}$ (1)</p> <p>$t = 5.37 \times 10^9 \text{ s}$ [171 year] [ecf from (i)] (1)</p> <p><u>Example of calculation</u></p> $A_0 = \frac{1}{4} \times 500 \text{ Bq} = 125 \text{ Bq}$ $A = \frac{150}{60 \text{ s}} = 2.5 \text{ Bq}$ $2.5 \text{ Bq} = 125 \text{ Bq} e^{-7.28 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}^{-1} \times t}$ $\therefore \ln \frac{2.5 \text{ Bq}}{125 \text{ Bq}} = -7.28 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}^{-1} \times t$ $\therefore t = \frac{-3.91}{-7.28 \times 10^{-10} \text{ s}^{-1}} = 5.37 \times 10^9 \text{ s}$	3
Total for question 20		14