

- 8 (a) Distinguish, for an atom, between a nucleus and a nucleon.

nucleus:

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nucleon:

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- (b) Radon gas is a naturally occurring radioactive gas with a half-life of 3.8 days.

The activity of radon gas in a room is found to be 97 Bq in each 1.0 m³ of air.

- (i) Calculate

- the decay constant, in s⁻¹, of radon,

decay constant = s⁻¹ [2]

- the number of radon atoms giving rise to an activity of 97 Bq.

number = [2]

- (ii) A volume of $2.5 \times 10^{-2} \text{ m}^3$ of air in the room contains 1.0 mol of molecules.

Determine the ratio, for 1.0 m^3 of air,

$$\frac{\text{number of radon atoms}}{\text{number of air molecules}} .$$

ratio = [2]