

- 6 (a) Complete Table 6.1 to show the masses (in terms of the unified atomic mass unit u) and charges (in terms of the elementary charge e) of α , β^+ and β^- particles.

Table 6.1

	mass/u	charge/e
α -particle		
β^+ particle		
β^- particle		

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- (b) Carbon-14 is radioactive and decays by emission of β^- particles.

- (i) Nuclei do not contain β^- particles.

Explain the origin of the β^- particle that is emitted from the nucleus during β^- decay.

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- (ii) State the change in the quark composition of a carbon-14 nucleus when it emits a β^- particle.

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- (iii) Suggest why the β^- particles are emitted with a range of different energies.

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