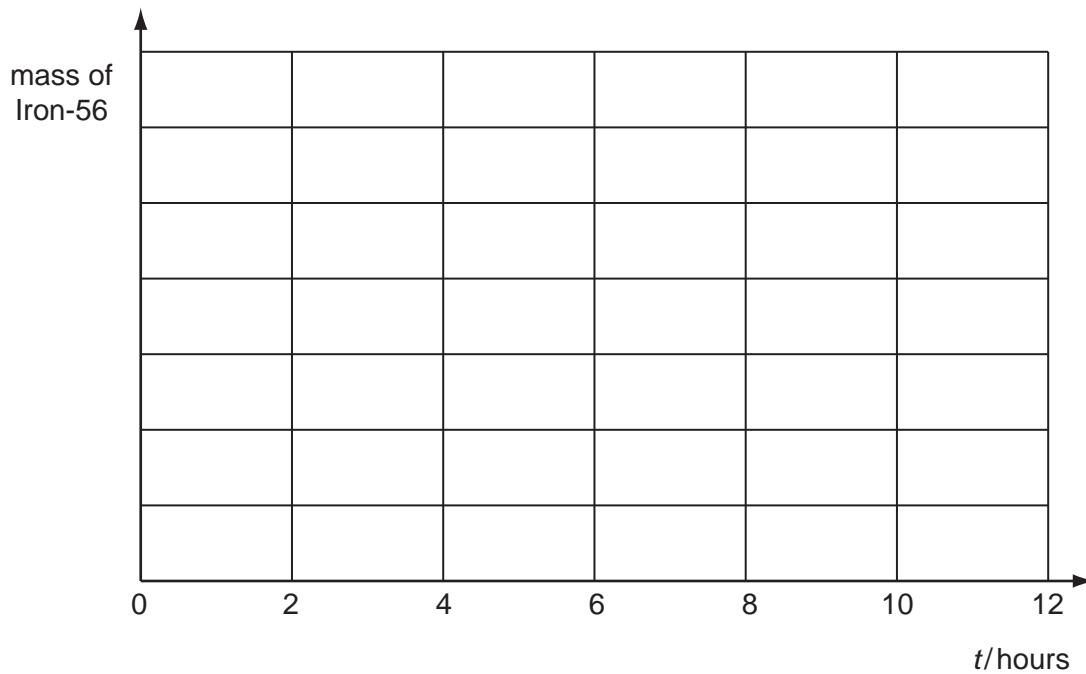


- 7 The isotope Manganese-56 decays and undergoes β -particle emission to form the stable isotope Iron-56. The half-life for this decay is 2.6 hours.

Initially, at time $t = 0$, a sample of Manganese-56 has a mass of $1.4\ \mu\text{g}$ and there is no Iron-56.

- (a) Complete Fig. 7.1 to show the variation with time t of the mass of Iron-56 in the sample for time $t = 0$ to time $t = 11$ hours.



[2]

Fig. 7.1

- (b) For the sample of Manganese-56, determine

- (i) the initial number of Manganese-56 atoms in the sample,

$$\text{number} = \dots \quad [2]$$

- (ii) the initial activity.

$$\text{activity} = \dots \text{Bq} \quad [3]$$

(c) Determine the time at which the ratio

$$\frac{\text{mass of Iron-56}}{\text{mass of Manganese-56}}$$

is equal to 9.0.

time = hours [2]