

- 6 (a) One of the results of the  $\alpha$ -particle scattering experiment is that a very small minority of the  $\alpha$ -particles are scattered through angles greater than  $90^\circ$ .

State what may be inferred about the structure of the atom from this result.

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- (b) An  $\alpha$ -particle is made up of other particles. One of these particles is a proton.

State and explain whether a proton is a fundamental particle.

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- (c) A radioactive source produces a beam of  $\alpha$ -particles in a vacuum. The average current produced by the beam is  $6.9 \times 10^{-9} \text{ A}$ .

Calculate the average number of  $\alpha$ -particles passing a fixed point in the beam in a time of 1.0 minute.

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- (d) The  $\alpha$ -particles in the vacuum in (c) enter a uniform electric field. The  $\alpha$ -particles enter the field with their velocity in the same direction as the field.

State and explain whether the magnitude of the acceleration of an  $\alpha$ -particle due to the field decreases, increases or stays constant as the  $\alpha$ -particle moves through the field.

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- (e) A nucleus X is an isotope of a nucleus Y. The mass of nucleus X is greater than that of Y.

Both of the nuclei are in the same uniform electric field.

State and explain whether the magnitude of the electric force acting on nucleus X is greater than, less than or the same as that acting on nucleus Y.

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