

7 A graph of nucleon number A against proton number Z is shown in Fig. 7.1.

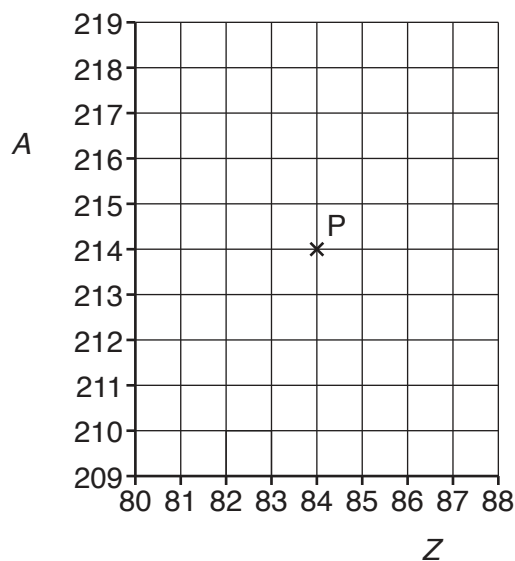


Fig. 7.1

The graph shows a cross (labelled P) that represents a nucleus P.

Nucleus P decays by emitting an α particle to form a nucleus Q.

Nucleus Q then decays by emitting a β^- particle to form a nucleus R.

(a) On Fig. 7.1, use a cross to represent

(i) nucleus Q (label this cross Q), [1]

(ii) nucleus R (label this cross R). [1]

(b) State the name of the class (group) of particles that includes the β^- particle.

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(c) The quark composition of one nucleon in Q is changed during the emission of the β^- particle. Describe this change to the quark composition.

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[1]

[Total: 4]

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