

- 29** A radioactive source contains two species.

One has a half-life of 4 days and decays by the emission of alpha particles whilst the other has a half-life of 3 days and emits beta particles.

The initial count-rate is  $352 \text{ min}^{-1}$ , but when a sheet of paper is placed between the source and the detector this becomes  $256 \text{ min}^{-1}$ . The background count-rate is  $16 \text{ min}^{-1}$ .

What will be the count-rate after 12 days, without the paper present?

**A**  $27 \text{ min}^{-1}$

**B**  $28 \text{ min}^{-1}$

**C**  $43 \text{ min}^{-1}$

**D**  $44 \text{ min}^{-1}$