

5. (a) According to Niel Bohr's theory, the energy of a hydrogen atom when it is in the stationary state with principal quantum number  $n$  is given by  $E_n = -\frac{me^4}{8\varepsilon_0^2 h^2} \frac{1}{n^2}$ , where  $m$  &  $e$  are the mass and charge of an electron,  $\varepsilon_0$  is the permittivity of free space and  $h$  is the Planck's constant.

A hydrogen atom is initially at rest. An electron in the hydrogen atom makes a transition from the state with  $n = 3$  to the state with  $n = 1$ . Calculate the recoil speed and recoil energy of the hydrogen during the process.

[Mass of hydrogen atom is  $1.66 \times 10^{-27}$  kg]

[6 marks]