

4. (b) The intensity of solar radiation at the surface of the Earth is 1.38 kW m^{-2} . The orbital radii of Earth and Mars are respectively $1.496 \times 10^8 \text{ km}$ and $2.280 \times 10^8 \text{ km}$. Estimate the surface temperature of Mars assuming that both planets behave like blackbodies.

[6 marks]

5. (b) Radioactive nucleus A with half-life of 1 hour decays into another radioactive nucleus B which has a half-life of 6 hours. Nucleus B decays into nucleus C which is stable. At time $t = 0$, a specimen contains 10^{-3} mole of A but none of B and C. Nucleus B in the specimen reaches a maximum quantity of X nuclei at time $t = T$ hours. Find X and T .

[For the first order differential equation, $\frac{dy}{dx} + c_1 y = c_2 e^{-kx}$,

where c_1, c_2 & k are constants, the solution is

$$y = \frac{c_2}{c_1 - k} \left(e^{-kx} - e^{-c_1 x} \right)$$

[6 marks]