# **Nuclear Radiations and Isotopes 3 MS**

#### Question 1

QUESTION	ANSWER	EXTRA INFORMATION	MARKS
a)	beta	must be a connection between	1
	alpha: would not pass through	detection / count rate / passing	1
	(the aluminium / foil)	through and change in thickness	
	gamma: no change in count rate		1
	when thickness changes		
b)	foil thickness increases then	a description of count rate	1
	decreases (then back to normal /	changes is insufficient	
	correct thickness)	accept tightness for pressure	
	gap between rollers decreases,		1
	then increases (then back to	answers may link change in	
	correct size)	thickness and gap width for full	
	or	credit ie:	
	pressure from rollers increases	foil thickness increases so gap	
	then decreases	between rollers decreases (1)	
		foil thickness decreases so gap	
		between rollers increases (1)	
c)	56(years)	accept any value between 55-57	2
		inclusive	
		allow 1 mark for correct	
		calculation of mass remaining as	
		1.5 (micrograms)	
		allow 1 mark for a mass of	
		4.5 micrograms plus correct use of	
		graph with an answer of 12	
		maximum of 1 compensation mark	
		can be awarded	
Total marks			7

## **QUESTION 2**

QUESTION	ANSWER	EXTRA INFORMATION	MARKS
a)	nucleus	do not accept core / centre / middle	1
b)	radiation damages our cells	accept radiation is dangerous / poisonous / harmful / toxic accept radiation can cause cancer / kills cells / change DNA / cause mutations / harm health accept so precautions can be taken accept so they know they may be exposed to / harmed by radiation it refers to radiation (source) to stop people being harmed is insufficient	1
c)	С		1
d)	gamma gamma will pass through the lead  or alpha and beta will not pass through lead	reason only scores if gamma chosen accept correct symbols for alpha, beta and gamma	1 1
e)i)	range of alpha too short or alpha absorbed whether box is full or empty	accept alpha would not reach detector accept alpha (always) absorbed by box / card accept alpha will not pass through the box / card alphas cannot pass through objects / solids is insufficient alpha not strong enough is insufficient	1
e)ii)	M less radiation / beta (particles) absorbed or more radiation absorbed by full boxes	reason only scores if M chosen accept more radiation / beta particles pass through accept reading is higher	1 1
Total marks			8

## **QUESTION 3**

QUESTION	ANSWER	EXTRA INFORMATION	MARKS
a)	(both graphs show an initial) increase in count rate	accept both show an increase	1
b)	only the right kidney is working correctly	if incorrect box chosen maximum of 1 mark can be awarded	1
	any two from:	reference to named kidney can be inferred from the tick box it decreases is insufficient	2
	• count-rate / level / line for right kidney decreases (rapidly)	it does not change is insufficient	
	<ul> <li>count-rate / level / line for left kidney does not change</li> <li>radiation is being passed out into urine – if referring to right kidney</li> </ul>		
	<ul> <li>radiation is not being passed out – if referring to the left kidney</li> <li>left kidney does not initially absorb as much technetium-99</li> </ul>		
Total marks			4

## **QUESTION 4**

QUESTION	ANSWER	EXTRA INFORMATION	MARKS
a)	protons, electrons	both required, either order	1
	neutrons		1
	electron, nucleus	both required, this order	1
Total marks			3

#### **QUESTION 5**

QUESTION	ANSWER	EXTRA INFORMATION	MARKS
a)i)	electromagnetic (wave / radiation)	accept em (wave / radiation)	1
		ignore reference to frequency	
a)ii)	gamma can penetrate the crate / box /	accept converse (but must relate	1
	packaging	to	
		both alpha and beta)	

		ignore just gamma radiation kills bacteria accept can get through to food	
a)iii)	neutrons		1
b)i)	absorb gamma / radiation	accept it stops / reduces the radiation	1
b)ii	<ul> <li>any one from:</li> <li>slow down the conveyor belt</li> <li>food does more than one circuit</li> <li>stay on the conveyor belt longer</li> <li>food closer to the source / radiation</li> </ul>		1
c)i)	idea of testing food on humans / animals	accept monitor people that have eaten	1
	no (measured) ill effects or monitor their health	the food accept a measurement / comparison for 1 mark eg measure the amount of radiation in treated food comparison plus a reason for the comparison would get 2 marks eg idea of measuring level of radiation in treated food with no measurable increase in level = 2 marks or comparing it to untreated food = 2 marks	1
Total marks			7

## **QUESTION 6**

QUESTION	ANSWER	EXTRA INFORMATION	MARKS
a)	alpha stopped beta the most gamma will not	1 mark for each correct line if more than one line is drawn from a box in List A all lines from that box are wrong	3
b)	Y any two from:	do not accept gamma do not accept other properties of	1 2
	② least dangerous (inside the body)	gamma do not accept not dangerous accept not as harmful as alpha	

	2 least ionising	(inside the body)	
	penetrates through the body	do not accept can be detected	
	② is a gas / can be breathed in	externally accept it is not a solid (cannot score if Z chosen) if X chosen can score this gas mark	
		if Z chosen can score both gamma marks	
c)	any one from: <ul><li>longer shelf life</li><li>food can be supplied from around</li></ul>	do not accept kills bacteria accept stays fresh longer / stops it going bad / mouldy	1
	the world wider market for farmers cost to consumers (may be) lower	/ / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / / /	
	less likely to / will not get food poisoning	accept infection / disease / ill for food poisoning	
Total marks			7