

Fission and Fusion

Mark Scheme 2

Level	IGCSE
Subject	Physics
Exam Board	Edexcel IGCSE
Module	Single Award (Paper 2P)
Topic	Radioactivity and Particles
Sub-Topic	Fission and Fusion
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Time Allowed: 15 minutes

Score: /12

Percentage: /100

Grade Boundaries:

A*	A	B	C	D	E	U
>85%	'75%	70%	60%	55%	50%	<50%

Question number	Answer	Notes	Marks
4 (a) (i)	uranium/plutonium;	allow chemical symbols	1
(ii)	(particles) formed after fission/ after U breaks up; plus any one from: - neutron; daughter nuclei; named products;	do not allow after decay allow gamma (radiation)	2
(iii)	MP1 they are (still) radioactive/ emit ionising radiation /eq; MP2 they last for a very long time/have a long half-life/eq;	allow harmful to people/environment	2
(iv)	it slows down neutrons/eq;	ignore absorbs neutrons	1
(v)	any two ideas from: - MP1 fewer neutrons would be absorbed; MP2 fission rate would increase / /(reactor) become critical ; MP3 too much energy produced (too fast); MP4 meltdown of core/reactor;	more neutrons available the reaction would go out of control do not accept "turns into a bomb" meltdown of 'it'	2

(b) (i)	773(K);		1
	<p>(ii) substitution; rearrangement; evaluation; e.g.</p> $\frac{8.4}{773} = \frac{P_2}{1170}$ $P_2 = \frac{8.4 \times 1170}{773}$ <p>13 (MPa)</p>	<p>no mark for the equation</p> <p>rearrangement and substitution in either order</p> <p>12.7</p> <p>allow ecf from (b)(i) for all 3 marks</p> <p>if calculation seen with °C for T₁ instead of K, then max mark = 2</p> <p>answer of 19.7 (MPa) with no working = 1 mark</p> <p>total marks = 12</p>	3