

8 (a) State what is meant by a photon.

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(b) Fig. 8.1 shows a tube in which X-rays are produced at a metal target.

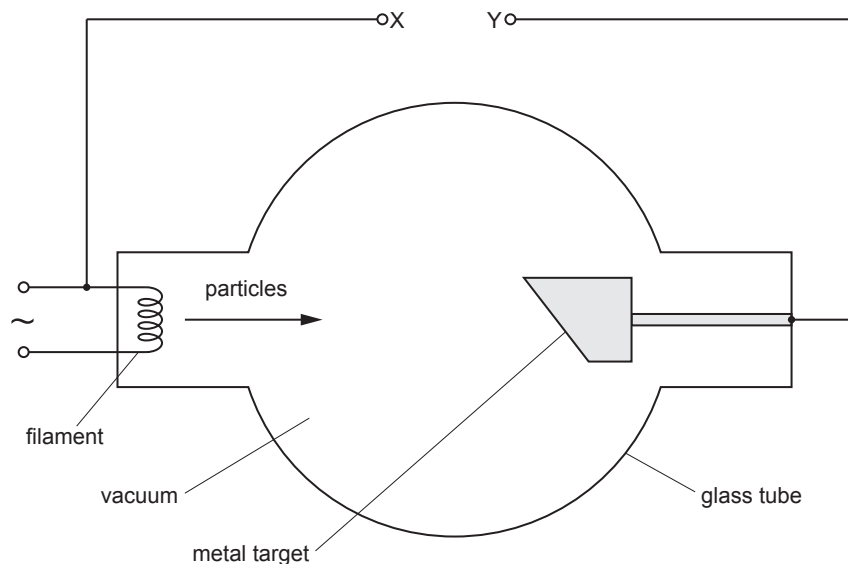


Fig. 8.1

Particles are accelerated from the filament to the target by a constant high voltage applied across the terminals X and Y.

(i) State the name of the particles.

..... [1]

(ii) On Fig. 8.1, use + and – signs to label terminals X and Y to indicate the polarity of the high voltage. [1]

(c) For an accelerating voltage of 32 kV in Fig. 8.1, determine:

(i) the maximum energy, in MeV, of an X-ray photon produced at the target

maximum photon energy = MeV [1]

(ii) the maximum momentum of an X-ray photon produced at the target

maximum photon momentum = N s [2]

(iii) the minimum wavelength of X-rays produced at the target.

minimum wavelength = m [3]

(d) Explain why X-rays can be used to produce images of internal body structures that have good contrast.

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[Total: 13]

10 Ultrasound and X-rays are both types of wave that are used in medical diagnosis to form images of internal body structures.

- (a) Complete Table 10.1 to state, for each type of wave:
- the method of production of the wave
 - whether the wave that is detected and used to form the image is the wave that has been absorbed, reflected or transmitted by the internal body structure.

Table 10.1

	ultrasound	X-rays
method of production		
detected wave (absorbed, reflected or transmitted)		

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- (b) (i) For one type of wave passing through tissue, the wave has 72% of its initial intensity after it has passed through 6.2 cm of the tissue.

Calculate the linear attenuation coefficient μ of the tissue for this wave.

$\mu = \text{..... cm}^{-1}$ [2]

- (ii) Another wave of the same type as in (b)(i) passes through 9.3 cm of the same tissue.

Calculate the percentage of the initial intensity of the wave that is attenuated by the tissue.

percentage attenuated = % [2]

10 (a) X-rays for use in medical diagnosis are produced in an X-ray tube. In the X-ray tube, charged particles are accelerated towards a metal target by an applied potential difference (p.d.).

- (i) State the name of the charged particles that are accelerated by the applied p.d.
- [1]
- (ii) Explain how X-rays are produced at the metal target.
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- [2]
- (iii) Calculate the minimum wavelength of X-rays produced when the applied p.d. is 5.80 kV.

wavelength = m [3]

- (b) X-rays pass through a medium that has an attenuation coefficient of 1.4 cm^{-1} .

Calculate the percentage of the X-ray energy that is **absorbed** by a 2.8 cm thickness of this medium.

percentage absorbed = % [3]

[Total: 9]