

10 (a) Define specific acoustic impedance.

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(b) Explain how ultrasound waves are detected by a piezoelectric crystal.

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(c) Table 10.1 shows the specific acoustic impedance Z for body tissue, water and steel.

Table 10.1

material	$Z/\text{kg m}^{-2}\text{s}^{-1}$
body tissue	1.38×10^6
water	1.48×10^6
steel	4.04×10^7

(i) Calculate the intensity reflection coefficient for ultrasound incident on a water–steel boundary.

intensity reflection coefficient = [2]

(ii) Explain, without calculation, what is likely to happen when ultrasound is incident on a body tissue–water boundary.

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[Total: 8]

8 Oxygen-15 ($^{15}_8\text{O}$) is radioactive and has a half-life of 2.04 minutes.

The decay of oxygen-15 produces positrons. For this reason, oxygen-15 is sometimes used as a tracer in positron emission tomography (PET scanning).

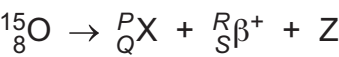
(a) State what is meant by a tracer.

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(b) The equation for the decay of oxygen-15 is



where X is the nucleus formed during the decay and Z is another particle.

(i) State the values of the integers P , Q , R and S .

$P =$

$R =$

$Q =$

$S =$

[2]

(ii) State the name of particle Z.

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(c) (i) Define the activity of a sample.

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(ii) Calculate the decay constant of oxygen-15. Give a unit with your answer.

decay constant = unit [2]

(iii) Determine the rate at which positrons are produced in a sample of oxygen-15 that has a mass of 2.85×10^{-6} kg.

rate = s^{-1} [4]

(d) The particles that are emitted from the body and detected outside it during PET scanning are not positrons but another type of particle.

(i) State the name of the particles that are detected.

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(ii) Explain how these particles are formed inside the body.

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[Total: 15]

- 6 Two parallel metal plates X and Y are separated by a distance of 0.041 m, as shown in Fig. 6.1.

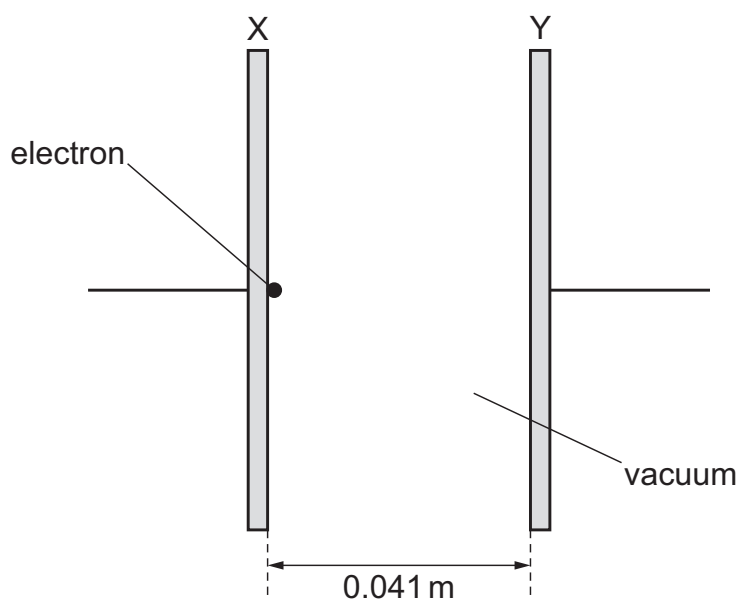


Fig. 6.1

There is a vacuum between the plates. An electron is at rest at the centre of plate X.

A potential difference (p.d.) of 58 kV is applied across the plates. This causes the electron to accelerate towards plate Y.

- (a) On Fig. 6.1, use the symbols + and – to indicate which of plates X and Y is the positive plate and which is the negative plate. [1]
- (b) (i) Calculate the electric field strength E between the plates. Give a unit with your answer.

$E =$ unit [2]

- (ii) Determine the acceleration of the electron.

acceleration = ms^{-2} [2]

(c) Many electrons are now accelerated from rest from plate X to plate Y in Fig. 6.1. When the electrons hit plate Y, the absorption of their kinetic energies results in the emission of electromagnetic waves.

(i) Show that the minimum wavelength of these electromagnetic waves is 21 pm.

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(ii) State the region of the electromagnetic spectrum that contains these waves.

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(iii) Explain how these electromagnetic waves may be used to form images of internal body structures.

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