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Time : 3 hours

Please check that the examination paper consists of **EIGHT** printed pages before you commence this examination.

Answer all FOUR questions. Students are allowed to answer all questions in English OR Bahasa Malasyia OR combinations of both.

1. (a) Explain what is meant by radioactivity. (10/100)

(b) Describe briefly the decay (transformation) process via:

(i) β^+ emission
(ii) electron capture
(iii) Auger electron

(30/100)

(c) (i) The age of archaelogical remains such as wood and bone are done by radiocarbon dating.

Describe how this process is done.
(Half-life of carbon-14 is 5730 years).

(ii) Why are there no ^{14}C atoms in petroleum products?

(20/100)

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(d) A pure $^{90}_{38}Sr$ source with an initial activity of 20 μCi decays with a half life of 28.1 year to $^{90}_{39}Y$. $^{90}_{39}Y$ in turn decays with $t_{1/2}$ = 64 hours to stable zirconium (Zr).

(i) Calculate the time taken for the daughter nuclide activity to reach maximum.

(ii) Calculate the ratio of parent and daughter activity at t_{max}. State the type of equilibrium from the ratio obtained.

(iii) Calculate the number of Y atom and Zr atoms produced at t = 120 days.

Given $1\ Ci = 3.7 \times 10^{10}\ Bq$

(40/100)

2. (a) Describe briefly the four main interactions of photons with matter.

(20/100)

(b) Using conservation of energy and momentum show that a photoelectric process cannot occur with a free electron.
(Law of Invariance $pc = \sqrt{T^2 + 2m_o c^2 T}$).

(20/100)

(c) (i) State the assumptions used in Klein-Nishina equation. Are they valid? Explain

(ii) Draw the expected energy distribution of Compton recoil electrons according to Klein-Nishina equation for 4 MV photon. State the value of T_{max}.
What does the area under the curve represent?

(30/100)

(d) (i) Explain what is meant by a Bragg peak.

(ii) For a single electron of energy 6 MeV, draw the depth dose curve in water. Now draw the expected depth dose curve for a flux of 10^4 electrons/cm^2. Explain. State any assumptions used.

(30/100)

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3. (a) Discuss Boron Neutron Capture Therapy.

(30/100)

(b) Explain the basis for neutron detection by the foil activation method.

(25/100)

(c) To make a ^{60}Co source, a 50 g sample of cobalt metal (^{59}Co, 100% abundance) is exposed to thermal neutrons at a constant fluence rate of 10^9 $cm^{-2}s^{-1}$. (i) How much exposure time is required to make a 1 mCi source of ^{60}Co atoms consumed in 1 week.

Given: Thermal neutron capture cross section, $\sigma_0 = 37$ barns
Avogardro's No. $= 6.023 \times 10^{23}$ atoms/g-atom

(30/100)

(d) Fission chambers can be used for detection of either thermal or fast neutrons. Which uranium isotope (^{235}U or ^{238}U) provides for detection of thermal neutrons. Explain your answer.

(15/100)

4. (a) Describe the following for detection of photons:

(i) Scintillation detectors
(ii) Semiconductor detectors

(50/100)

(b) Gamma-rays of energy 1.0 MeV and 3.0 MeV strike a NaI(Tℓ) detector. Plot a typical energy spectrum that is obtained. Show your justification and calculations in obtaining all the peaks in the spectrum.

(50/100)

APPENDIX E. *(Continued)*

Water (Liquid)

ENERGY	STOPPING POWER COLLISION	STOPPING POWER RADIATIVE	STOPPING POWER TOTAL	CSDA RANGE	RADIATION YIELD	DENS.EFF. CORR. (DELTA)
MeV	MeV cm²/g	MeV cm²/g	MeV cm²/g	g/cm²		
0.0100	2.256E+01	3.898E-03	2.257E+01	2.515E-04	9.408E-05	0.0
0.0125	1.897E+01	3.927E-03	1.898E+01	3.728E-04	1.133E-04	0.0
0.0150	1.647E+01	3.944E-03	1.647E+01	5.147E-04	1.316E-04	0.0
0.0175	1.461E+01	3.955E-03	1.461E+01	6.761E-04	1.492E-04	0.0
0.0200	1.317E+01	3.963E-03	1.318E+01	8.566E-04	1.663E-04	0.0
0.0250	1.109E+01	3.974E-03	1.110E+01	1.272E-03	1.990E-04	0.0
0.0300	9.653E+00	3.984E-03	9.657E+00	1.756E-03	2.301E-04	0.0
0.0350	8.592E+00	3.994E-03	8.596E+00	2.306E-03	2.599E-04	0.0
0.0400	7.777E+00	4.005E-03	7.781E+00	2.919E-03	2.886E-04	0.0
0.0450	7.130E+00	4.018E-03	7.134E+00	3.591E-03	3.165E-04	0.0
0.0500	6.603E+00	4.031E-03	6.607E+00	4.320E-03	3.435E-04	0.0
0.0550	6.166E+00	4.046E-03	6.170E+00	5.103E-03	3.698E-04	0.0
0.0600	5.797E+00	4.062E-03	5.801E+00	5.940E-03	3.955E-04	0.0
0.0700	5.207E+00	4.098E-03	5.211E+00	7.762E-03	4.452E-04	0.0
0.0800	4.757E+00	4.138E-03	4.762E+00	9.773E-03	4.931E-04	0.0
0.0900	4.402E+00	4.181E-03	4.407E+00	1.196E-02	5.393E-04	0.0
0.1000	4.115E+00	4.228E-03	4.120E+00	1.431E-02	5.841E-04	0.0
0.1250	3.591E+00	4.355E-03	3.596E+00	2.083E-02	6.912E-04	0.0
0.1500	3.238E+00	4.494E-03	3.242E+00	2.817E-02	7.926E-04	0.0
0.1750	2.984E+00	4.643E-03	2.988E+00	3.622E-02	8.894E-04	0.0
0.2000	2.793E+00	4.801E-03	2.798E+00	4.487E-02	9.826E-04	0.0
0.2500	2.528E+00	5.141E-03	2.533E+00	6.372E-02	1.161E-03	0.0
0.3000	2.355E+00	5.514E-03	2.360E+00	8.421E-02	1.331E-03	0.0
0.3500	2.235E+00	5.913E-03	2.241E+00	1.060E-01	1.496E-03	0.0
0.4000	2.148E+00	6.339E-03	2.154E+00	1.288E-01	1.658E-03	0.0
0.4500	2.083E+00	6.787E-03	2.090E+00	1.523E-01	1.818E-03	0.0
0.5000	2.034E+00	7.257E-03	2.041E+00	1.766E-01	1.976E-03	0.0
0.5500	1.995E+00	7.747E-03	2.003E+00	2.013E-01	2.134E-03	1.103E-02
0.6000	1.963E+00	8.254E-03	1.972E+00	2.265E-01	2.292E-03	2.938E-02
0.7000	1.917E+00	9.312E-03	1.926E+00	2.778E-01	2.608E-03	7.435E-02
0.8000	1.886E+00	1.043E-02	1.896E+00	3.302E-01	2.928E-03	1.267E-01
0.9000	1.864E+00	1.159E-02	1.876E+00	3.832E-01	3.251E-03	1.835E-01
1.0000	1.849E+00	1.280E-02	1.862E+00	4.367E-01	3.579E-03	2.428E-01
1.2500	1.829E+00	1.600E-02	1.845E+00	5.717E-01	4.416E-03	3.944E-01
1.5000	1.822E+00	1.942E-02	1.841E+00	7.075E-01	5.281E-03	5.437E-01
1.7500	1.821E+00	2.303E-02	1.844E+00	8.432E-01	6.171E-03	6.866E-01
2.0000	1.824E+00	2.678E-02	1.850E+00	9.785E-01	7.085E-03	8.218E-01
2.5000	1.834E+00	3.468E-02	1.868E+00	1.247E+00	8.969E-03	1.069E+00
3.0000	1.846E+00	4.299E-02	1.889E+00	1.514E+00	1.092E-02	1.288E+00
3.5000	1.858E+00	5.164E-02	1.910E+00	1.777E+00	1.291E-02	1.484E+00
4.0000	1.870E+00	6.058E-02	1.931E+00	2.037E+00	1.495E-02	1.660E+00
4.5000	1.882E+00	6.976E-02	1.951E+00	2.295E+00	1.702E-02	1.821E+00
5.0000	1.892E+00	7.917E-02	1.971E+00	2.550E+00	1.911E-02	1.967E+00
5.5000	1.902E+00	8.876E-02	1.991E+00	2.802E+00	2.123E-02	2.102E+00
6.0000	1.911E+00	9.854E-02	2.010E+00	3.052E+00	2.336E-02	2.227E+00
7.0000	1.928E+00	1.185E-01	2.047E+00	3.545E+00	2.766E-02	2.453E+00
8.0000	1.943E+00	1.391E-01	2.082E+00	4.030E+00	3.200E-02	2.652E+00
9.0000	1.956E+00	1.601E-01	2.116E+00	4.506E+00	3.636E-02	2.831E+00
10.0000	1.968E+00	1.814E-01	2.149E+00	4.975E+00	4.072E-02	2.992E+00
12.5000	1.993E+00	2.362E-01	2.230E+00	6.117E+00	5.163E-02	3.341E+00
15.0000	2.014E+00	2.926E-01	2.306E+00	7.219E+00	6.243E-02	3.633E+00
17.5000	2.031E+00	3.501E-01	2.381E+00	8.286E+00	7.309E-02	3.885E+00
20.0000	2.046E+00	4.086E-01	2.454E+00	9.320E+00	8.355E-02	4.107E+00
25.0000	2.070E+00	5.277E-01	2.598E+00	1.130E+01	1.039E-01	4.487E+00
30.0000	2.089E+00	6.489E-01	2.738E+00	1.317E+01	1.233E-01	4.806E+00
35.0000	2.105E+00	7.716E-01	2.876E+00	1.496E+01	1.418E-01	5.082E+00
40.0000	2.118E+00	8.955E-01	3.013E+00	1.665E+01	1.594E-01	5.326E+00
45.0000	2.129E+00	1.021E+00	3.150E+00	1.828E+01	1.762E-01	5.544E+00
50.0000	2.139E+00	1.146E+00	3.286E+00	1.983E+01	1.923E-01	5.741E+00
55.0000	2.148E+00	1.273E+00	3.421E+00	2.132E+01	2.076E-01	5.921E+00
60.0000	2.156E+00	1.400E+00	3.556E+00	2.276E+01	2.222E-01	6.087E+00
70.0000	2.170E+00	1.656E+00	3.827E+00	2.547E+01	2.496E-01	6.383E+00
80.0000	2.182E+00	1.914E+00	4.096E+00	2.799E+01	2.747E-01	6.641E+00
90.0000	2.193E+00	2.173E+00	4.366E+00	3.035E+01	2.978E-01	6.871E+00