

7 (a) State what is meant by a fundamental particle.

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(b) A nucleus X has 14 nucleons and p protons. The ratio of charge to mass for nucleus X is $4.1 \times 10^7 \text{ C kg}^{-1}$.

(i) Determine p .

$p =$ [3]

(ii) Nucleus X undergoes β^- decay to form nucleus Z.

Complete the equation representing this decay.



[3]

(c) A sample of a radioactive substance emits particles that are positively charged and have a continuous range of kinetic energies.

State and explain whether the nuclei in the sample are undergoing α -decay, β^+ decay or β^- decay.

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