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COURSE CODE: CHM 406
COURSE TITLE: Nuclear and radiochemistry
COURSE UNIT: 2
TIME: 2 Hours
INSTRUCTION: Answer question one and any three questions.

QUESTION ONE

- 1a. Compare and contrast the ordinary chemical reaction with nuclear reaction. 6 mks
- 1b. Write short explanation notes on
- i) Natural radioactivity (3 mks) (ii) Artificial radioactivity (3 mks) (iii) Electron capture (3 mks)
- 1c. Write brief explanatory notes on Ionization chamber. 3 mks
- 1di. The nucleus of an atom is dense explain. 2 mks
- 1dii. ${}^{97}_{40}\text{Zr} \rightarrow {}^{97}_{41}\text{Nb} + ?$ 2 mks
- 1e. Explain extensively the effect of radiation on human health 3 mks

QUESTION TWO

- 2a. Show with examples the rule that guide prediction of nuclear stability. 4 mks
- 2bi. Complete and balance the equations below
- i) ${}^2\text{D}_1 + {}^3\text{T}_1 \rightarrow {}^4\text{He}_2 + ? + \text{Energy} + \gamma \text{ ray}$ 2 mks
- ii) ${}^4\text{He}_2 + {}^{14}\text{N}_7 \rightarrow {}^1\text{H}_1 + ?$ 2mks
- 2bi. Describe Beta ray. 3 mks

2c. In what proven ways has larger dose radiation occurred? 4 mks

QUESTION THREE

3a. With two supporting relevant equation, explain Gamma (γ) ray emission. 8 mks

3b. Explain what you understand by chain reaction. 4 mks

3c. Write short note on Proportional counter. 3 mks

QUESTION FOUR

4a. With simple chemical equation explain the type of reaction that occur in the sun. 4 mks

4b. In simple term explain the main function of a fusion reactor. 2 mks

4c. In nuclear models reactions, the facilitator intends to achieve certain objectives, list them
5 mks

4d. What does the symbol Q represent in the particles below?

(i) ${}^0_{-1}Q$ (2 mks) (ii) 4_2Q (2 mks)

QUESTION FIVE

5a. List some human health challenges and radio nuclear treatment option. 8 mks

5b. Explain briefly the management of radioactive waste and associated problems. 7 mks