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Q	Question		Answer	Mark	Guidance
1	а		neutron (1) proton (1)	2	
	b		an element that emits ionising radiation (1)	1	more than one tick = 0 marks
			Total	[3]	

Qı	uesti	on	Answer	Mark	Guidance
2	а	i	by changes in the nucleus (1)	1	more than one tick = 0 marks
		ii	reactor (1) turbine (1) generator (1)	3	one mark per correct answer in correct place if no mark awarded then allow 1 mark if all words correct but all in the wrong places
	b		carbon dioxide (1)	1	accept steam/water/correct formulae if given in place of word do not accept CO ² or CO2
			Total	[5]	

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
3	any four from (max three from each group):	4	at least one from each group of ideas is required for 4 marks
	effects: damages/kills living cells; can lead to cancer; produces ions/causes ionisation / causes unwanted chemical reactions in cells / removes electrons from atoms; mutations / DNA/genes altered;		ignore changes living cells / kills you / damages eyes / any heating effect eg burns or blisters / cells ionised ignore radiation poisoning/sickness ignore damage to foetus
	factors: type of radiation (alpha / beta / gamma); idea of irradiation / contamination; intensity/activity/level/strength of radiation/dose; half-life; time of exposure; distance from source; amount of radioactive material;		eg breathe in and become contaminated accept how much radiation you get
	Total	[4]	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Mark	Guidance
4	а		X–rays ✓ gamma ✓	(1)	more than two ticks deduct one mark for each extra tick
	b		ultraviolet has high energy photons ✓	(1) 2 (1) (1)	more than two ticks deduct one mark for each extra tick
	С	i	intensity (1)	1	

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4	С	ii	the number of photons arriving (1) the distance from the source (1)	2	more than two ticks deduct one mark for each extra tick
	d		ozone (layer) (1)	1	
	е		any three from (max two from each group): method: example of methods to reduce exposure to sunlight; any two from: e.g. stay indoors/in shade; limit amount of time in the sun; any form of covering up; don't sunbathe; use sun screen/cream/lotion;	3	maximum 2 marks for methods
			explanation: any two from: e.g. block out the Sun/sunlight; reduce exposure time; (sun cream) absorbs UV; so sunlight will not damage cells;		maximum 2 marks for explanations explanation must be linked to method given

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4	f		any two from: sitting in the sunlight makes people relaxed/ happy / people enjoy sitting in the sun / enjoy heat on body; getting suntanned/to look good; idea of production of vitamin <u>D</u> ; they don't think they will get cancer; they don't agree with/believe official advice; they think sun screen offers protection;	2	ignore any reference to not knowing about the risks ignore 'benefits outweigh the risk' BUT mark any benefits
			Total	[13]	
5	а		idea of a <u>correlation</u> between CO ₂ and human activity / CO ₂ and global warming / human activity and global warming (1) idea of disagreement about the <u>cause</u> of global warming / a correlation does not mean a cause (1)	2	accept there is more than one cause of global warming, or examples
	b		expansion of water in the oceans some places getting colder winters melting of icecaps	2	3 correct answers = 2 marks 2 correct answers = 1 mark 0 or 1 correct answers = 0 marks more than three ticks then minus 1 mark for each extra tick
				[4]	

Q	uesti	on	Answer	Mark	Guidance
6	а		the shapes of the continents fit together (1) the same animals and plants are found (1)	2	more than two ticks deduct one mark for each extra tick
	b		nobody could detect the movement (1)	1	more than one tick = 0 marks
	С		C and X	1	both needed for one mark accept any clear indication on diagram
			Total	[4]	

Q	uestic	on	Answer	Mark	Guidance
7	а		B <u>and</u> E (1)	3	both needed, either order
			D or C (1)		
			A <u>and</u> C (1)		both needed, either order
	b		where two tectonic plates meet ✓ (1) where sea floor spreading is ✓ (1)	2	more than two ticks deduct one mark for each extra tick
			Total	[5]	

Question	Answer	Mark	Guidance
8	object in the solar system can be large or small, but always orbit planets asteroids (1)	4	one mark for each correct line drawn from a left hand box if two lines start from the same left hand side box then no mark awarded for that box
	are usually made of rocks and ice, (1) comets are large and orbit the Sun (1)		
	moons are very large and produce their own light		
	are usually made of rock, (1)	[4]	

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