

## Q1 FUSION REACTION (10 pts)

### Part 1. Energy from fusion reaction (2.8 pts)

**1.1 (a)** D-D: 3.270 MeV 0.1 pt  
D-T: 17.59 MeV 0.1 pt

**1.1 (b)**  $E_n = \left( \frac{m_x}{m_x + m_n} \right) Q$  0.6 pts

**1.1 (c)** D-D:  $E_n = 2.450$  MeV 0.1 pt  
D-T:  $E_n = 14.05$  MeV 0.1 pt

**1.2 (a)** D-D:  $4.728 \times 10^{-4}$  kg ( $4.680 \times 10^{-4} - 4.775 \times 10^{-4}$  kg) 0.25 pts  
D-T:  $1.098 \times 10^{-4}$  kg ( $1.087 \times 10^{-4} - 1.108 \times 10^{-4}$  kg) P 0.25 pts  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of these values are acceptable.*

**1.2 (b)**  $5.285 \times 10^{-4}$  kg ( $5.232 \times 10^{-4} - 5.337 \times 10^{-4}$  kg) 0.25 pts  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.*

**1.2 (c)**  $4.181 \times 10^2$  kg 0.15 pt

**1.2 (d)**  $3.808 \times 10^6$  ( $3.769 \times 10^6 - 3.846 \times 10^6$ ) 0.1 pt  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.*

## Part 2. Tritium production (3.2 pts)

**2.1** 2.468 MeV ( $2.443 - 2.493$  MeV) 0.8 pts  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.*

**2.2 (a)** 0.597 g of  ${}^3_1\text{H}$  ( $0.590 - 0.603$  g) 1.0 pt  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.*

**2.2 (b)**  $2.513 \times 10^5$  kg ( $2.488 \times 10^5 - 2.538 \times 10^5$  kg) 0.2 pts  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.*

## Part 3. Overcoming the Coulomb barrier (4.0 pts)

**3.1 (a)**  $7.630 \times 10^{-14} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  ( $7.553 \times 10^{-14} - 7.706 \times 10^{-14} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$ ) 0.8 pts  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable. Alternate unit is joules or J.*

**3.1 (b)**  $7.115 \times 10^{-14} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$  ( $7.044 \times 10^{-14} - 7.186 \times 10^{-14} \text{ N} \cdot \text{m}$ ) 0.8 pts  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable. Alternate unit is joules or J.*

- 3.2 (a)** D-D:  $1.842 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$  ( $1.824 \times 10^9 - 1.860 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$ ) 0.3 pts  
D-T :  $1.718 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$  ( $1.701 \times 10^9 - 1.735 \times 10^9 \text{ K}$ ) 0.3 pts  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of these values are acceptable.*

- 3.2 (b)** D-D: 121.5% (120.3 – 122.7%) 0.15 pts  
D-T : 167.9% (166.2 – 169.6%) 0.15 pts  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of these values are acceptable*

## Part 4. Portable neutron generators (3.5 pts)

- 4.1** (a) D:  $N_{s,D} = 7.566 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  ( $7.490 \times 10^{21} - 7.642 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ) 0.7 pts  
(b) T:  $N_{s,T} = 7.536 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$  ( $7.461 \times 10^{21} - 7.612 \times 10^{21} \text{ cm}^{-2}$ ) 0.7 pts  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of these values are acceptable*

- 4.2** D-D:  $2.005 \times 10^{-5} \text{ A}$  ( $1.985 \times 10^{-5} - 2.025 \times 10^{-5} \text{ A}$ ) 0.7 pts  
D-T :  $6.869 \times 10^{-8} \text{ A}$  ( $6.801 \times 10^{-8} - 6.938 \times 10^{-8} \text{ A}$ ) 0.7 pts  
*Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of these values are acceptable.*

- 4.3 (a)**  $8.842 \times 10^4 \text{ n/cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}$  ( $8.754 \times 10^4 - 8.930 \times 10^4 \text{ n/cm}^2 \cdot \text{s}$ ) 0.2 pts  
*Note: Answer within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value is acceptable.*

- 4.3 (b)**  $\phi_2 = \frac{D_2^2}{D_1^2} \phi_1 = \left( \frac{D_2}{D_1} \right)^2 \phi_1$  0.5 pts

## Q2 STERILE INSECT TECHNIQUE FOR MOSQUITOES (10 pts)

### Part 1. Absorbed Dose Measurement Using Fricke Dosimeter (4.5 points)

**1.1**  $P \text{ (J h}^{-1}\text{)} = 5.768 \times 10^{-4} AE$  0.5 pt  
(**5.710  $\times 10^{-4}$  to 5.826  $\times 10^{-4} AE$** )  
**Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.**

**1.2**  $P \text{ (J h}^{-1}\text{m}^{-2}\text{)} = \frac{1.442 \times 10^{-4} AE}{\pi r^2} \text{ or } \frac{4.590 \times 10^{-5} AE}{r^2}$  1.0 pt  
(**1.428  $\times 10^{-4}$  to 1.456  $\times 10^{-4}$** )  $AE/\pi r^2$  (if with  $\pi$ )  
(**4.544  $\times 10^{-5}$  to 4.636  $\times 10^{-5}$** )  $AE/r^2$  (if no  $\pi$ )  
**Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.**

**1.3**  $DR = 489.1 \text{ Gy h}^{-1}$  (1.0 pt); 1.5 pt  
(**484.2 to 494.0**)  $\text{Gy h}^{-1}$   
 $D = 81.5 \text{ Gy}$  (0.5 pt);  
(**80.70 to 82.33**)  $\text{Gy}$   
**Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.**

**1.4**  $0.997 \mu\text{mol J}^{-1}$  0.5 pt  
(**0.988 to 1.007**)  $\mu\text{mol J}^{-1}$   
**Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.**

**1.5**

Absorbed dose	No. of photon interactions	1.0 pt (0.2 pt each)
10	$2.081 \times 10^{11}$ ( <b>2.060 to 2.101</b> ) $\times 10^{11}$	
20	$4.161 \times 10^{11}$ ( <b>4.119 to 4.203</b> ) $\times 10^{11}$	
30	$6.242 \times 10^{11}$ ( <b>6.179 to 6.304</b> ) $\times 10^{11}$	

40	$8.322 \times 10^{11}$ $(8.239 \text{ to } 8.405) \times 10^{11}$
50	$1.040 \times 10^{12}$ $(1.030 \text{ to } 1.051) \times 10^{12}$

**Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.**

## Part 2. Egg Hatch and Dose in SIT (3.5 points)

**2.1** 11.60 Gy  
 $(11.48 \text{ to } 11.71) \text{ Gy}$  0.5 pt  
**Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.**

**2.2** 58.94 min or 58 min & 56 sec. 1.0 pt  
 $(58.4 \text{ to } 59.5) \text{ min}$   
or  $(58 \text{ min } 21 \text{ sec to } 59 \text{ min } 32 \text{ sec})$   
**Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.**

**2.3** 0.896 cm 1.0 pt  
 $(0.887 \text{ to } 0.905) \text{ cm}$   
**Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.**

**2.4 (a)**  $0.05343 \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$  0.5 pt  
 $(0.0529 \text{ to } 0.0540) \text{ cm}^2/\text{g}$   
**Note: Answers within  $\pm 1\%$  of this value are acceptable.**

**2.4 (b)** 14 sheets 0.5 pt

## Part 3. Competitiveness and Dose in SIT (2.0 points)

<b>3.1</b>	0.256 ( 0.253 to 0.258) <i>Note: Answers within <math>\pm 1\%</math> of this value are acceptable.</i>	1.0 pt
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<b>3.2</b>	20.21 Gy ( 20.01 to 20.41 ) Gy <i>Note: Answers within <math>\pm 1\%</math> of this value are acceptable.</i>	1.0 pt
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## Q3 PARTICLES FOR DESTROYING CANCER (10 pts)

### Part 1. Proton Stopping Power, Range, and Dose (5.0 pts)

**1.1** Stopping power is defined as the rate of energy loss per unit path length by a particle traveling through a material. 0.2 pt

LET is the average energy deposited/transferred to the material per unit path length. 0.2 pt

**1.2** A: Electron 0.2 pt

B: Photon 0.2 pt

C: Proton 0.2 pt

**1.3** 
$$\frac{S}{\rho} = - \frac{dE}{\rho dx} = \frac{0.170}{\rho \beta_v^2} [F(\beta_v) - 4.31]$$
 0.5 pt

Other acceptable answers:

$$\frac{S}{\rho} = - \frac{dE}{\rho dx} = \frac{0.17}{\rho \beta_v^2} [F(\beta_v) - 4.31]$$

$$\frac{S}{\rho} = - \frac{dE}{\rho dx} = \frac{0.17}{(g \cdot cm^{-3}) \beta_v^2} [F(\beta_v) - 4.31]$$

**1.4 (a)** 1 MeV:  $0.046 c = 1.38 \times 10^7 m \cdot s^{-1}$  0.25 pt

10 MeV:  $0.145 c = 4.34 \times 10^7 m \cdot s^{-1}$  0.25 pt

100 MeV:  $0.428 c = 1.28 \times 10^8 m \cdot s^{-1}$  0.25 pt

**1.4 (b)** 1 MeV:  $\frac{S}{\rho} = - \frac{dE}{\rho dx} = 269 MeV \cdot cm^2 \cdot g^{-1}$  0.25 pt

10 MeV:  $\frac{S}{\rho} = - \frac{dE}{\rho dx} = 45.9 MeV \cdot cm^2 \cdot g^{-1}$  0.25 pt

$$100 \text{ MeV: } \frac{S}{\rho} = - \frac{dE}{\rho dx} = 7.28 \text{ MeV} \cdot \text{cm}^2 \cdot \text{g}^{-1}$$

0.25 pt

Other acceptable answers:

$$1 \text{ MeV: } 4.32 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$$

$$10 \text{ MeV: } 7.35 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$$

$$100 \text{ MeV: } 1.17 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J} \cdot \text{m}^2 \cdot \text{kg}^{-1}$$

**1.4 (c)**

$$1 \text{ MeV: } 0.00230 \text{ or } 2.30 \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}$$

0.25 pt

$$10 \text{ MeV: } 0.129 \text{ or } 1.29 \times 10^{-1} \text{ cm}$$

0.25 pt

$$100 \text{ MeV: } 7.27 \text{ cm}$$

0.25 pt

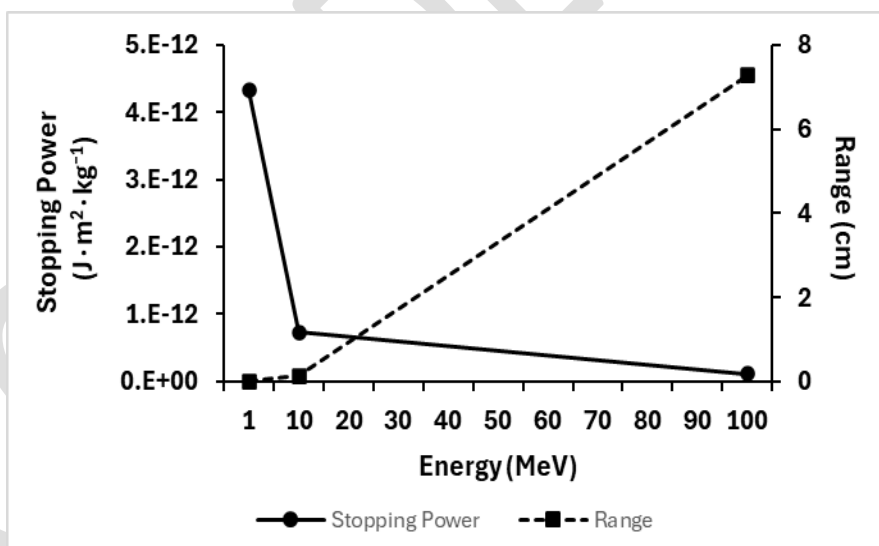
Other acceptable answers:

$$1 \text{ MeV: } R = 0.00230 \text{ or } 2.30 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$$

$$10 \text{ MeV: } R = 0.129 \text{ or } 1.29 \times 10^{-1} \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$$

$$100 \text{ MeV: } R = 7.27 \text{ g} \cdot \text{cm}^{-2}$$

**1.4 (d)**



0.3 pt

**Note:** ACCEPT answer even if:

(1) Unit of Energy is in joules (J).

(2) Energy (1,10,100 MeV) is not graphed to the appropriate scale.

(3)  $\log_{10}$  of energy values is used in the graph.

(4) Obtained values (stopping power & range) are graphed with proton energy separately.

0.2 pt



The mass stopping power decreases, whereas the range of proton increases with increasing proton energy.

**1.5**

$$D = 1.46 \frac{J}{kg} \text{ (or Gy)}$$

0.75 pt

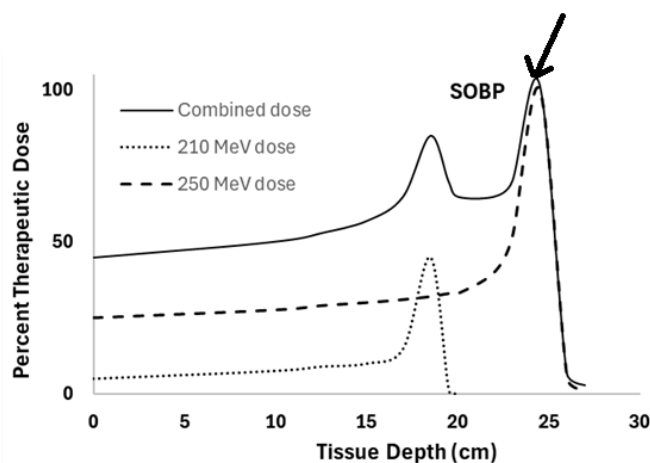
Other acceptable answer:

$$D = 9.11 \times 10^9 \frac{MeV}{g}$$

**Part 2. Proton Therapy (4.0 pts)**

**2.1 (a)**

0.3 pt



**2.1 (b)** FALSE

0.3 pt

**2.1 (c)** TRUE

0.3 pt

**2.1 (d)** D or D. 235 MeV

0.3 pt

**2.2**

$$RBE = \frac{D_x}{D_p} = \frac{\sqrt{\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)_x^2 + 4D_p\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)_x RBE_{max} + 4D_p^2 RBE_{min}^2} - \left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)_x}{2D_p}$$

1.0 pt

**2.3 (a) HaCat**

$LET_d$	$RBE_{2Gy}$
1.9	<b>1.06</b>
2.5	<b>1.08</b>
4.5	<b>1.12</b>

0.6 pt  
(0.2 pt each)

**SKMel**

$LET_d$	$RBE_{2Gy}$
1.9	<b>1.16</b>
2.5	<b>1.19</b>
4.5	<b>1.29</b>

0.6 pt  
(0.2 pt each)

**2.3 (b)**  $RBE$  increases with increasing  $LET_d$ .

0.2 pt

Higher (or lower)  $RBE$  values can be expected for tissues with low (or high)  $(\alpha/\beta)_x$  given similar  $LET_d$  values.

0.2 pt

Note: Exact word usage not required. Accept answers with similar interpretation.

**2.3 (c)**

**HaCat**

$LET_d$	$D_x(Gy)$
1.9	<b>2.13</b>
2.5	<b>2.15</b>
4.5	<b>2.24</b>

0.6 pt  
(0.2 pt  
each)

**SKMeI**

$LET_d$	$D_x(Gy)$
1.9	<b>2.32</b>
2.5	<b>2.38</b>
4.5	<b>2.57</b>

0.6 pt  
(0.2 pt  
each)

## Q4 MASS AND ABUNDANCE OF ISOTOPES (10 pts)

### Part 1. Basic operation of a Mass Spectrograph (2.1 pts)

**1.1**

$1.923 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}$   
Accept 1.91 – 1.93

0.3 pt

**1.2**

$1.40 \times 10^5 \text{ m/s}$   
Accept 1.3 – 1.5

0.4 pt

**1.3. (a)**

oz direction

0.3 pt

**1.3 (b)**

0.14 T  
Accept 0.13 – 0.15

0.7 pt

**1.3 (c)**

140.00 km/s

0.4 pt

### Part 2. Motion of ions inside the ion separator (3.2 pts)

**2.1**

116 cm

0.7 pt

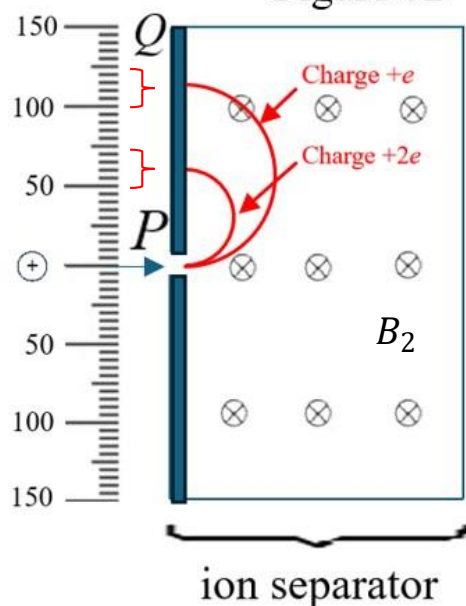
2.2

0.01 u

1.0 pt

2.2

Figure 02



For correct direction for both ions

0.6 pt

For correct dimensions for both ions

0.6 pt

**Part 3: Mass spectrometers (1.6 pts)**

3.1

$$m_{min} = 5.51 \text{ u}$$

0.5 pt

Accept 5.50-5.52

0.5 pt

$$m_{max} = 88.2 \text{ u}$$

Accept 88.1 – 88.2

3.2

89.2

0.6 pt

Accept 89.1 – 89.3

## Part 4: Determining the age of rock samples (3.4 pts)

**4.1 (a)**

$$N_P(t_1) + N_D(t_1) = N_P(t_0) + N_D(t_0)$$

0.4 pt

**4.1 (b)**

$$G = [e^{\lambda(t_1 - t_0)} - 1]$$

0.7 pt

**4.2 (a)**

Table 1. Nuclide ratios for the rock samples

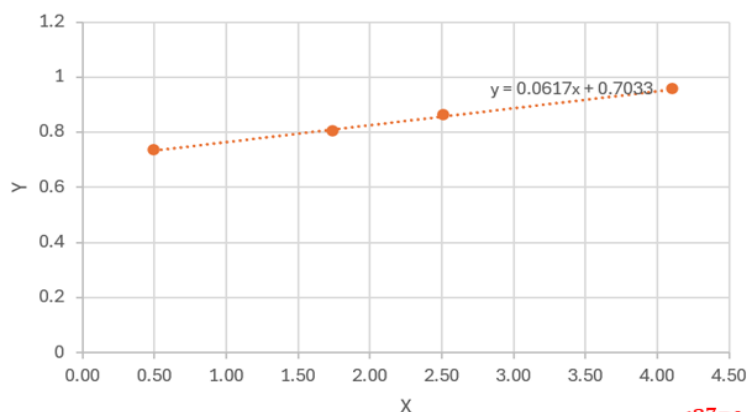
Rock Sample	$\frac{N(^{87}\text{Rb})}{N(^{86}\text{Sr})}$	$\frac{N(^{87}\text{Sr})}{N(^{86}\text{Sr})}$
1	2.51	0.864
2	0.50	0.736
3	1.74	0.804
4	4.11	0.956

0.8 pt

(0.1 pt for each entry)

**4.2**  
**(b)**

$$\frac{N(^{87}\text{Sr})}{N(^{86}\text{Sr})}$$



$$\frac{N(^{87}\text{Rb})}{N(^{86}\text{Sr})}$$

For the selection of the correct axes

0.2 pts

For the correct marking of the points (0.1/each)

0.4 pts

**4.2 (c)**

Gradient = 0.0617  
 Accept 0.061 – 0.063

0.3 pt

**4.2 (d)**

$4.15 \times 10^9$  years ~ 4.2 billion years

0.6 pt

## Q5 ADVANTAGES OF USING LOW ENRICHED URANIUM IN NUCLEAR REACTORS (10 pts)

For the boxed results containing numeric answers, three values are given: **low value**, **exact value**, **high value**. Exact value is the result obtained when computations are performed starting from the problem given without rounding-off until final answer. The low and high value corresponds to  $\pm 5\%$  of the exact value. **Numerical results ranging from the low value up to the high value are considered correct regardless of how many significant figures are presented.** This was done to accommodate examinee solutions implementing the correct process but failed to follow the instruction not to truncate in intermediate calculations.

### Part 1. Uranium Enrichment (3.5 pts)

<b>1.1 (a)</b>	(i)		0.05 pt
		$M_F = M_P + M_T$	0.05 pt
	(ii)		
		$x_F M_F = x_P M_P + x_T M_T$	

<b>1.1 (b)</b>	$M_F = \frac{x_T - x_P}{x_T - x_F} M_P$ $M_F = \frac{x_P - x_T}{x_F - x_T} M_P$ $M_P = \frac{x_T - x_F}{x_T - x_P} M_F$ $M_P = \frac{x_F - x_T}{x_P - x_T} M_F$	0.3 pt
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Any of the 4 possible answers will merit full credit (0.3 pt)

<b>1.2 (a)</b>		0.5 pt						
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**1.2 (b)**

0.5 pt

Low Value	Exact Value	High Value
180.8 M <sub>235</sub>	190.4 M <sub>235</sub>	199.9 M <sub>235</sub>

Or

Low Value	Exact Value	High Value
180.8	190.4	199.9

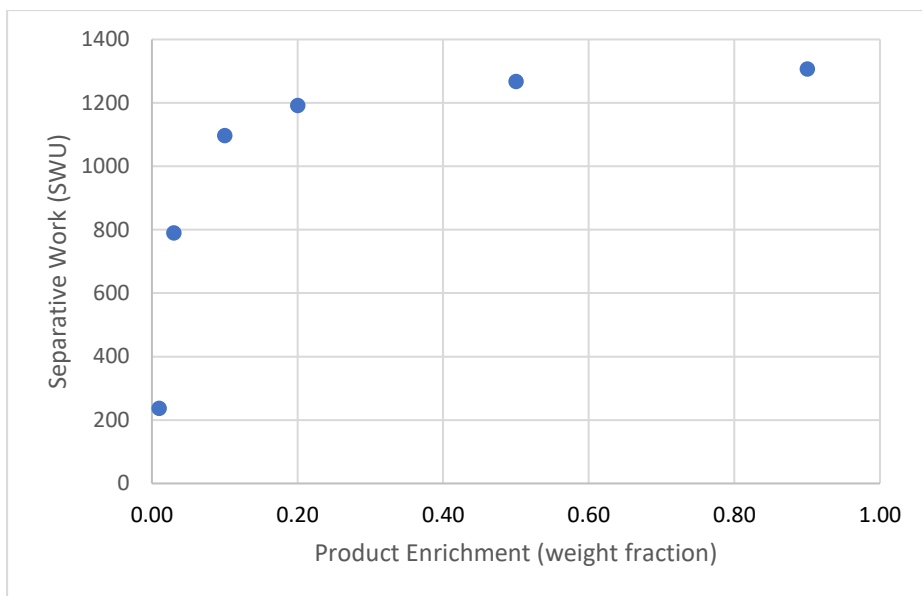
**1.3 (a)**

1.2 pt

X <sub>P</sub>	SWU		
	Low Value	Exact Value	High Value
1.0%	225.4	237.3	249.2
3.0%	750.4	789.9	829.4
10.0%	1042	1097	1152
20.0%	1132	1192	1251
50.0%	1204	1268	1331
90.0%	1241	1307	1372

0.2 pt  
per  
answer  
for a  
given  $x_p$

**1.3 (b)**



0.6  
pt

Grading Rubric:

Case for 0.6 pt:

- All answers to problem 1.3a are correct and data points placed appropriately.

Case for 0.4 pt:

- Correct trend of steep climb from 0 to 0.2 weight fraction then gradual increase thereafter. Acceptable even without dots/markers. Acceptable even if the y-axis range is missing or incorrect.

Case for 0.2 pt:

- Examinee wrote values in y-axis regardless of the range

**1.3 (c)**

Difficult for enrichment plants to achieve enrichment from a lower percentage up to the 20% mark. After the 20% mark, we can see that a lesser amount of work is needed to get to the higher enrichment values.

Or

More work to enrich from low percentage up to 20% than increasing beyond 20% to higher enrichment level.

0.3 pt

## Grading Rubric:

Full credit is given when any of the following thoughts are expressed:

- More effort required to enrich from low value up to 0.2 weight fraction (20% enrichment)
- Less effort required to enrich above 0.2 weight fraction (20% enrichment)

## Part 2. Energy from $^{235}\text{U}$ and $^{238}\text{U}$ (4.0 pts)

**2.1**

0.6 pt

Low Value	Exact Value	High Value
3864 kg	4068 kg	4271 kg

**2.2a**

0.6 pt

Low Value	Exact Value	High Value
4384 kg	4615 kg	4846 kg

**2.2b**

0.6 pt

Low Value	Exact Value	High Value
5127 kg	5396 kg	5666 kg

**2.2c**

0.8 pt

Low Value	Exact Value	High Value
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$9.295 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$	$9.785 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$	$1.027 \times 10^6 \text{ kg}$
Or		
<b>Low Value</b>	<b>Exact Value</b>	<b>High Value</b>
929,500 kg	978,500 kg	1,027,000 kg

**2.2d**

0.2 pt

<b>Low Value</b>	<b>Exact Value</b>	<b>High Value</b>
$6.199 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$	$6.525 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$	$6.852 \times 10^5 \text{ kg}$
Or		
<b>Low Value</b>	<b>Exact Value</b>	<b>High Value</b>
619,900 kg	652,500 kg	685,200 kg

**2.3**

$^{236}\text{U}$

0.4 pt

0.8 pt

<b>Low Value</b>	<b>Exact Value</b>	<b>High Value</b>
742.3 kg	781.4 kg	820.5 kg
Or		
<b>Low Value</b>	<b>Exact Value</b>	<b>High Value</b>
745.7 kg	784.9 kg	824.2 kg

$^{240}\text{Pu}$

<b>Low Value</b>	<b>Exact Value</b>	<b>High Value</b>
941.6 kg	991.2 kg	1040.8 kg
Or		
<b>Low Value</b>	<b>Exact Value</b>	<b>High Value</b>
945.6 kg	995.3 kg	1045.1 kg

## Part 3. Criticality Accident (2.5 pts)

**3.1**

0.5 pt

Low Value	Exact Value	High Value
0.4365 kg TNT	0.4595 kg TNT	0.4825 kg TNT

**3.2**

1.0 pt

Low Value	Exact Value	High Value
5.279 Sv	5.557 Sv	5.835 Sv

**3.3**

$E_{\text{neutrons}}$

0.6 pt

Low Value	Exact Value	High Value
178.9 Sv	188.3 Sv	197.7 Sv

0.3 pt

0.1 pt

$E_{\text{total}}$

Low Value	Exact Value	High Value
184.1 Sv	193.8 Sv	203.5 Sv

Which type of ionizing Radiation:

Neutron or Neutrons