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01.1	the iodine-131 has decayed into a different element		1	AO3
				6.4.2.1
01.2	it is random		1	AO3
				6.4.2.1
01.3	eight days	accept eight days with no working for two marks	2	AO2 6.4.2.3
		accept indication of having drawn on the graph takes eight hours for one mark		
01.4	below		1	AO3 6.4.2.3
02.1	A		1	AO1 6.4.2.1
02.2	C		1	AO1 6.4.2.1
02.3	α		1	AO1 6.4.2.1
02.4	Becquerel/Bq	do not accept bq or BQ	1	AO1 6.4.2.1
02.5	is the number of decays recorded each second by a detector/Geiger-Muller tube	accept other named type of detector	1	AO1 6.4.2.1

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03.1	six hours				1	AO2 6.4.2.3
03.2	250 it is anothe	r half-life			1 1	AO2 6.4.2.3
03.3	radioactive decay is a random process				1	AO3 6.4.2.1
03.4	alpha radiation does not go through the human body/alpha radiation is very ionising/harmful to human cells				1	AO2 6.4.2.4
04.1	Туре	Range in air		all correct for two marks one correct for one mark	2	AO1 4.4.2.1
	gamma	> 3 m				
	beta	1 m				
	alpha	< 10 cm				
04.2	no the radiatic (which) has	on that is the m s the smallest r	nost ionising (is alpha) ange in air		1 1 1	AO2 4.4.2.1
04.3	the alumini gamma is n	ium absorbs al ot stopped by	pha and beta radiation (so the activity goes down) the aluminium (so you can still detect radiation)		1 1	AO2 4.4.2.1

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04.4	nitrogen – beta		2	AO3
	radon – alpha			6.4.2.2
	barium – gamma			
05.1	<sup>0</sup> <sub>-1</sub> X		1	AO2 6.4.2.2
05.2	beta/β		1	AO2
				6.4.2.2
05.3	the time it takes for the activity/mass of a radioactive material to halve		1	AO1
				6.4.2.3
05.4	$\frac{80}{2}$ = 40 counts per minute		1	AO2 6.4.2.3
05.5	sodium-24 has a shorter half-life than magnesium-24		1	AO3 6.4.2.3
06.1	contamination — the unwanted presence of radioactive atoms on other materials		2	AO1 6.4.2.4
	irradiation — process of exposing an object to nuclear radiation			
06.2	An irradiated object does not become radioactive		1	AO1 6.4.2.4
06.3	yes		1	AO3
	eating things that have been irradiated does not make you radioactive		1	6.4.2.4

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07.1	alpha		1	AO2
07.2	beta particle		1	AO2 4.4.2.2
07.3	14 7		1 1	AO2 6.4.2.2
07.4	$^{238}_{92}U \rightarrow ^{234}_{90}Th + ^{4}_{2}He$		1 1	AO2 6.4.2.2
08.1	gamma, beta, alpha		1	AO1 6.4.2.1
08.2	damaged/killed		1	AO1 6.4.2.4
08.3	peer review		1	AO1 6.4.2.1
08.4	for example: put the source next to a Geiger counter start by putting paper between the source and the counter if the count rate goes down, the source is emitting alpha radiation repeat with aluminium if the count rate goes down, the source is emitting beta radiation repeat with lead if the count rate goes down, the source is emitting gamma radiation		6	AO1 6.4.2.1

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09.1	thermometer		1	AO1 6.1.2.1
09.2	protect work surface		1	AO3
09.3	time (it takes the water to cool down by a certain amount)		1	AO2 6.1.2.1
09.4	the (independent) variable is categoric/words		1	AO1 6.1.2.1
09.5	polystyrene		1	AO3 6.1.2.1
09.6	repeat experiment/heat water to a set temperature	accept other sensible answers	1	AO3 6.1.2.1

