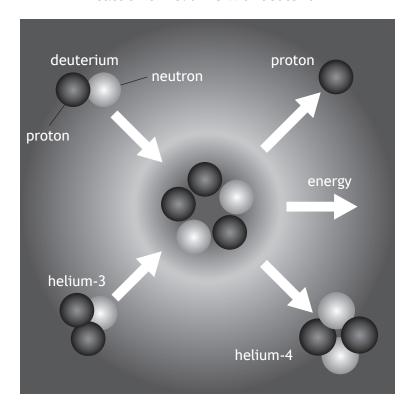
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9. A diagram from a 'How Things Work' website contains information about a nuclear fusion reaction.

Reaction of helium-3 with deuterium



(a) State what is meant by the term nuclear fusion.



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9. (continued)

(b) The following statement represents this fusion reaction.

$${}_{2}^{3}\text{He} + {}_{1}^{2}\text{H} \rightarrow {}_{2}^{4}\text{He} + {}_{1}^{1}\text{p}$$

The mass of the particles involved in the reaction are shown in the table.

Particle	Mass (kg)
³He	5·008 × 10 ⁻²⁷
² ₁ H	3·344 × 10 ⁻²⁷
⁴ ₂ He	6·646 × 10 ⁻²⁷
¹ ₁ p	1·673 × 10 ⁻²⁷

(i) Explain why energy is released in this reaction.

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(ii) Determine the energy released in this reaction.

Space for working and answer

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