## **HL Paper 3**

This question is about the standard model.

- a. State what is meant by the standard model.
- b. Use the conservation of lepton number and charge to deduce the nature of the particle *x* in the following reaction.

$$v_{
m e} + \mu^- 
ightarrow e^- + x$$

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c. State what is meant by deep inelastic scattering.

This question is about linear accelerators.

b. A moving proton is incident on a stationary pion, producing a kaon (K meson) and an unknown hadron X according to the reaction given below. [2]

$$p+\pi^- \rightarrow X+K^-$$

- (i) State, with a reason, the electric charge of X.
- (ii) State, with a reason, if X is a baryon **or** a meson.
- c. In a deep inelastic scattering experiment, protons of momentum  $2.70 \times 10^{-18} \, \mathrm{N}$  s are scattered by gold nuclei.

Given that the diameter of nucleons is of the order  $10^{-15}$  m and the diameter of quarks is less than  $10^{-18}$  m, determine if these protons will be able to resolve

- (i) nucleons within the gold nuclei.
- (ii) quarks within the gold nuclei.
- d. Outline how deep inelastic scattering experiments led to the conclusion that gluons exist.