1. Iron-55 decays by electron capture. What are its end products?

2. For each of the following reactions, identify the particle "X":

$$^{23}\text{Mg} \rightarrow e^{-} + \nu_{e} + X$$

$$X \rightarrow ^{186}\text{Os} + \alpha$$

$$^{11}\text{C} \rightarrow e^{+} + \nu_{e} + X$$

$$^{12}\text{N} \rightarrow ^{12}\text{C} + \nu_{e} + X$$

$$p + X \rightarrow {}^{2}\mathrm{H} + e^{+} + \nu_{e}$$

3. Calculate the kinetic energy of an alpha particle from the decay of ²³⁹Pu.

4. Why does the proton cycle dominates over the carbon cycle at lower temperature?