

3. An electron is accelerated from rest through a potential difference $\Delta V = 10^7$ volts. Find

(a) its kinetic energy in Joules and electron volt (eV). (2 points)

$$K = eV = (1.6 \times 10^{-19}) (10^7) = \boxed{1.6 \times 10^{-12} \text{ J}}$$

$$= \boxed{10^7 \text{ eV}}$$

(b) its total relativistic energy in eV (2 points)

$$E = K + m_0 c^2 = 10 \text{ MeV} + 0.511 \text{ MeV}$$

$$= \boxed{10.511 \text{ MeV}}$$

(c) its mass (2 points)

$$E = mc^2 \Rightarrow m = \frac{E}{c^2} = \frac{10.511 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}{(3 \times 10^8)^2}$$

$$\boxed{m = 1.87 \times 10^{-29} \text{ Kg}}$$

(d) its speed (2 points)

$$E = \gamma m_0 c^2 = mc^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{mc^2}{m_0 c^2} = \frac{1.87 \times 10^{-29}}{9.1 \times 10^{-31}} = 20$$

$$\gamma = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 - v^2/c^2}} \Rightarrow \frac{v}{c} = \sqrt{\frac{\gamma^2 - 1}{\gamma^2}} \Rightarrow v = c \sqrt{\frac{399}{400}} = \boxed{0.9987c}$$

(e) its momentum in MeV/c (2 points)

$$p = \gamma m_0 v = 20 \times 9.1 \times 10^{-31} \times 0.9987 \times 3 \times 10^8 = 5.45 \times 10^{-21} \text{ Kg } \frac{\text{m}}{\text{s}}$$

$$= \frac{5.45 \times 10^{-21}}{5.33 \times 10^{-29}} = \boxed{10.23 \frac{\text{MeV}}{c}}$$