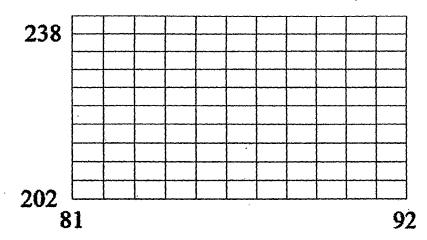


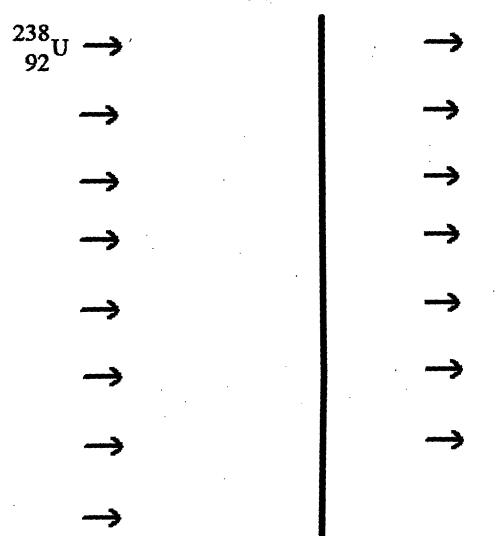


1. Complete the table using the decay series of U-238

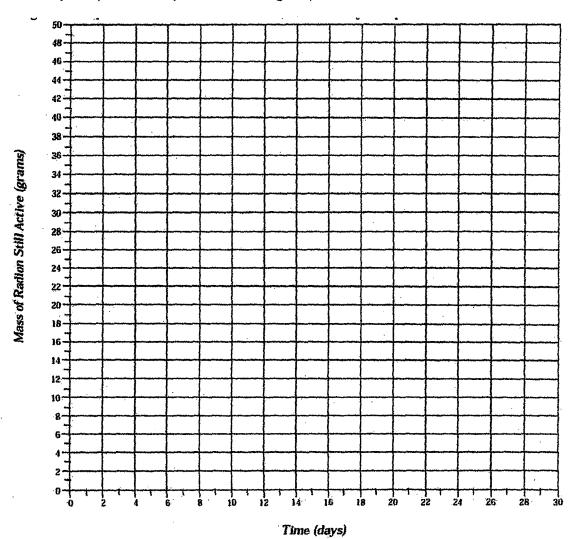


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2. Complete the reactions and mark the graph above with the nuclide that is formed.



The Half-Life of Radon-226 is approximately 4 days. On the grid below, plot the amount of Radon-226 left after each 4 day time period when you start with a 48g sample of Radon-226



Questions

- 1. How many grams of radon would be present after 4 days?
- 2. How many grams of radon would be present after 12 days?
- 3. How many grams of radon would be present after 24 days?
- 4. If 8 g of radon are left, what is the time elapsed?
- 5. How many grams of radon would be present after 6 days?

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HALF-LIFE WORKSHEET

- ***Use Reference Table N of the N. Y.S. Chemistry Regents Reference Tables to assist you in answering the following questions.
- 1 How long does it take a 100.00g sample of Au-l 98 to decay to 6.25g?
- 2. How many half-lives will pass by the time a 60.0g sample of Co-60 decays to 7.5g?
- 3. How long does it take a 180g sample of Au-198 to decay to 1/8 its original mass?
- 4. What fraction of a sample of N-16 remains undecayed after 42.78 seconds?
- 5. What is the half-life of a radioactive isotope if a 500.0g sample decays to 62.5g in 24.3 hours?
- 6. How old is a bone if it presently contains 0.3125g of C-14, but it was estimated to have originally contained 80.000g of C-14?
- 7. If you are injected with 1.0000 mg of Tc-99, how long will it take for the sample to decay to 1/64 of its original mass?
- 8. What is the half-live of a radioactive isotope if it takes 6.2 days for a 72g sample to decay to 18g?
- 9. Cs-137 is produced as a waste product in nuclear fission reactors. What fraction remains undecayed after 241.60 years?
- 10. How many half-lives of K-37 will pass after 6.15 seconds?
- 11. What fraction of Pu-239 (an artificially produced isotope used as a fuel in some nuclear fission reactors) remains undecayed after 219,600 years?
- 12. If a 700.00g sample of I-131 decays to 43.75g, how much time has passed?
- 13. How long will it take a 3.5g sample of Fr-220 to decay so that only 1/4 of the original amount of Fr-220 remains?
- 14. What is the half-life of a radioisotope if 1/16 of it remains undecayed after 26.4 days?
- 15. H-3 (tritium) is an artificially produce radioisotope used in some nuclear reactions. How much of a 1.000 kg sample remains undecayed after 86.17 years?
- 16. If a radioactive sample of a pure material decays from 600g to 75g in 42.84 days, what radioisotope could be in the sample?

NUCLEAR DECAY

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Predict the products of the following nuclear reactions.

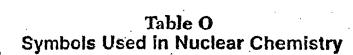


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$${}_{13}^{27}AI + {}_{2}^{4}He \rightarrow {}_{15}^{30}P + _____$$

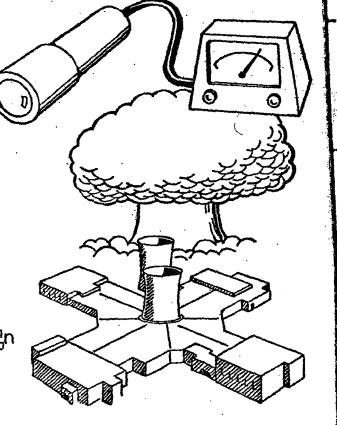
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$${}^{37}K \rightarrow {}^{0}e + \underline{\hspace{1cm}}$$

9. _____ +
$${}_{0}^{1}$$
n $\rightarrow {}_{56}^{142}$ Ba + ${}_{36}^{91}$ Kr + $3{}_{0}^{1}$ n

10.
$$^{238}_{92}U + ^{4}_{2}He \rightarrow _{----} + ^{1}_{0}n$$



Name	Notation	Symbol
alpha particle	⁴ ₂ He or ⁴ ₂ α	α
beta particle (electron)	_1e or 0β ·	β-
gamma radiation	87	γ
neutron	$\frac{1}{0}n$	'n
proton	' lH or lp	P
positron	0e or 0β	β+



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Practice Problems (Level 1)

Balance each of the nuclear equations shown below by determining the missing particle in each case.

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Nuclear Equations

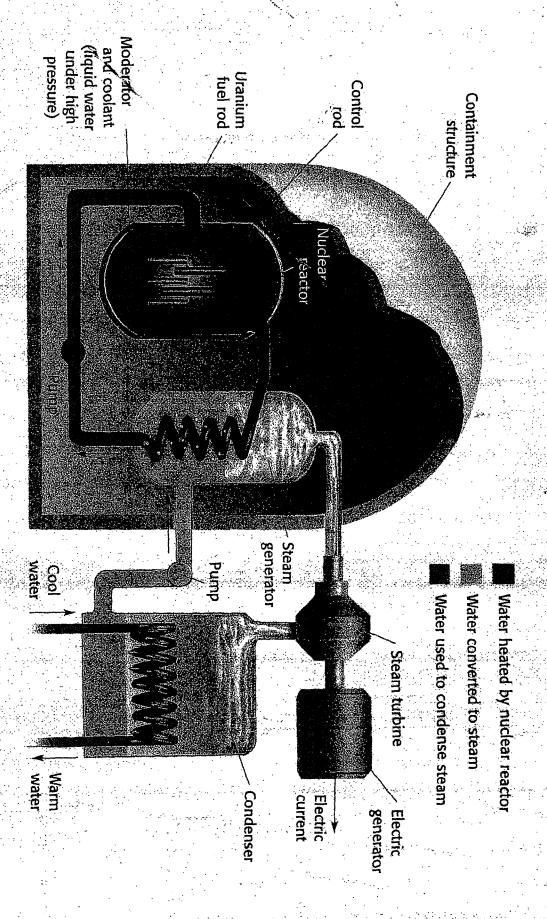
Practice Problems (Level 2)

Balance each of the nuclear equations shown below by determining the missing particle in each case.

6.
$$\frac{6}{30}$$
Zn + β - $\frac{6}{30}$ Cu + $\frac{6}{30}$ Cu + $\frac{6}{30}$

7.
$$\frac{1}{3}L1 + p - \frac{1}{3}n + \frac{1}{3}$$

Model of a Pressurized, Light-Water Nuclear Reactor



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1. Which equation represents a transmutation reaction?

$$)_{92}^{239}U \rightarrow {}_{92}^{239}U + {}_{0}^{0}\gamma$$

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$$_{92}^{239}{\rm U} \rightarrow _{92}^{239}{\rm U} + _{0}^{0}\gamma$$

B) $_{6}^{14}{\rm C} \rightarrow _{7}^{14}{\rm N} + _{-1}^{0}{\rm e}$

C)
$$C_3H_8 + 5 O_2 \rightarrow 3 CO_2 + 4 H_2O$$

D) $nC_2H_4 \xrightarrow{\text{catalyst}} (-C_2H_4-)n$

D)
$$nC_2H_4 \xrightarrow{\text{catalyst}} (-C_2H_4-)n$$

2. In the reaction:

$${}_{4}^{9}\text{Be} + X \rightarrow {}_{3}^{6}\text{Li} + {}_{2}^{4}\text{He}$$

The X represents

A)
$$_{+1}^{0}$$
e B) $_{1}^{1}$ H C) $_{-1}^{0}$ e D) $_{0}^{1}$ n

B)
$${}_{1}^{1}H$$

C)
$$\frac{0}{-1}$$
e

D)
$$\frac{1}{0}$$
n

- 3. Which conditions are required to form ⁴₂He during the fusion reaction in the Sun?
 - A) high temperature and low pressure
 - B) high temperature and high pressure
 - C) low temperature and low pressure
 - D) low temperature and high pressure
- 4. Which nuclide is paired with a specific use of that riclide?
 - A) carbon-14, treatment of cancer
 - B) cobalt-60, dating of rock formations
 - C) iodine-131, treatment of thyroid disorders
 - D) uranium-238, dating of once-living organisms
- 5. Which equation represents natural transmutation?

A)
$${}_{5}^{10}{\rm B} + {}_{2}^{4}{\rm He} \rightarrow {}_{7}^{13}{\rm N} + {}_{0}^{1}{\rm n}$$

B) ${}_{6}^{14}{\rm C} \rightarrow {}_{7}^{14}{\rm N} + {}_{0}^{-1}{\rm e}$

B)
$${}_{6}^{14}C \rightarrow {}_{7}^{14}N + {}_{-1}^{0}e$$

$$C) S \perp 20^{-} \rightarrow S^{2-}$$

C) S + 2e⁻
$$\rightarrow$$
 S²⁻
D) Na \rightarrow Na⁺ + e⁻

- 6. An original sample of the radioisotope fluorine-21 had a mass of 80.0 milligrams. Only 20.0 milligrams of this original sample remain unchanged after 8.32 seconds. What is the half-life of fluorine-21?
 - A) 1.04s B) 2.08s C) 4.16s D) 8.3s
- 7. A nuclear reaction in which two light nuclei combine to form a more massive nucleus is called
 - A) addition
- B) fission
- C) fusion
- D) substitution

8. Which nuclear equation represents a natural transmutation?

A)
$${}_{4}^{9}\text{Be} + {}_{1}^{1}\text{H} \rightarrow {}_{3}^{6}\text{Li} + {}_{2}^{4}\text{He}$$

B)
$$^{27}_{13}$$
Al + $^{4}_{2}$ He $\rightarrow ^{30}_{15}$ P + $^{1}_{0}$ n

B)
$${}^{27}_{13}\text{Al} + {}^{4}_{2}\text{He} \rightarrow {}^{30}_{15}\text{P} + {}^{1}_{0}\text{n}$$

C) ${}^{14}_{7}\text{N} + {}^{4}_{2}\text{He} \rightarrow {}^{17}_{8}\text{O} + {}^{1}_{1}\text{H}$

D)
$$^{235}_{92}\text{U} \rightarrow ^{231}_{90}\text{Th} + ^{4}_{2}\text{He}$$

- 9. The amount of energy released from a fission reaction is much greater than the energy released from a chemical reaction because in a fission reaction
 - A) mass is converted into energy
 - B) energy is converted into mass
 - C) ionic bonds are broken
 - D) covalent bonds are broken
- 10. Which substance can be used as both a coolant and a moderator in a nuclear reactor?
 - A) heavy water
- B) carbon dioxide
- C) graphite
- D) helium
- 11. Substances used as fuel in nuclear power plants must
 - A) have high heats of formation
 - B) be beta emitters
 - C) be fissionable
 - D) be effective moderators
- 12. Which equation represents a fusion reaction?

A)
$$H_2O(g) \rightarrow H_2O(\ell)$$

B)
$$C(s) + O_2(g) \rightarrow CO_2(g)$$

C)
$${}_{1}^{2}H + {}_{1}^{3}H \rightarrow {}_{2}^{4}He + {}_{0}^{1}n$$

D)
$$_{92}^{235}$$
U + $_{0}^{1}$ n $\rightarrow _{56}^{142}$ Ba + $_{36}^{91}$ Kr + 3 $_{0}^{1}$ n

- 13. The temperature levels in a nuclear reactor are maintained primarily by the use of
 - A) shielding
- B) coolants
- C) moderators
- D) control rods
- 14. If $\frac{1}{8}$ of an original sample of krypton-74 remains unchanged after 34.5 minutes, what is the half-life of krypton-74?
 - A) 11.5 min
- B) 23.0 min
- C) 34.5 min
- D) 46.0 min
- 15. According to Table N, which radioactive waste can be stored for decay and then safely released directly into the environment?
 - A) N-16
- B) Sr-90
- C) Cs-137
- D) Pu-239

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16. V	Which s	statement	best	describes	gamma	radiation?
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- A) It has a mass of 1 and a charge of 1.
- B) It has a mass of 0 and a charge of -1.
- C) It has a mass of 0 and a charge of 0.
- D) It has a mass of 4 and a charge of +2.

17. The fission process in a reactor can be regulated by adjusting the number of neutrons available. This is done by the use of

- A) moderators
- B) control rods
- C) coolants
- D) shielding

18. During a nuclear reaction, mass is converted into

- A) charge
- B) energy
- C) isomers
- D) volume

19. Which radioisotopes have the same decay mode and have half-lives greater than 1 hour?

- A) Au-198 and N-16
- B) Ca-37 and Fe-53
- C) I-131 and P-32
- D) Tc-99 and U-233

20. Given the nuclear reaction:

$$_{16}^{32}S + _{0}^{1}n \rightarrow _{1}^{1}H + X$$

What does X represent in this reaction?

- A) $^{31}_{15}P$ B) $^{32}_{15}P$ C) $^{31}_{16}P$ D) $^{32}_{16}P$

- A) nuclei of H-1 and H-2, only
- B) nuclei of H-1 and H-3 only
- C) nuclei of H-2 and H-3 only
- D) nuclei from H-1, H-2, and H-3

22. Given the equation representing a reaction where the masses are expressed in atomic mass units:

hydrogen-2 + hydrogen-1 \rightarrow helium-3 + 8.814 × 10⁻¹⁶

2.014 102 u 1.007 825 u 3.016 029 u

Which phrase describes this reaction?

- A) a chemical reaction and mass being converted to
- B) a chemical reaction and energy being converted to
- C) a nuclear reaction and mass being converted to
- D) a nuclear reaction and energy being converted to
- 23. Compared to an ordinary chemical reaction, a fission reaction will
 - A) release smaller amounts of energy
 - B) release larger amounts of energy
 - C) absorb smaller amounts of energy
 - D) absorb larger amounts of energy
- 24. Types of nuclear reactions include fission, fusion, and
 - A) single replacement B) neutralization
 - C) oxidation-reduction D) transmutation
- 25. Control rods in nuclear reactors are commonly made c boron and cadmium because these two elements have the ability to
 - A) absorb neutrons
 - B) emit neutrons
 - C) decrease the speed of neutrons
 - D) increase the speed of neutrons
- 26. Given the balanced equation representing a reaction:

$$^{27}_{13}\text{Al} + ^{4}_{2}\text{He} \rightarrow ^{30}_{15}\text{P} + ^{1}_{0}\text{n}$$

Which type of reaction is represented by this equation

- A) combustion
- B) decomposition
- C) saponification
- D) transmutation
- 27. The energy released in a fusion reaction comes from
 - A) a conversion of some of the reactant's mass
 - B) the formation of chemical bonds by the reactants
 - C) the loss of kinetic energy of the reactants
 - D) the splitting of a nucleus

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- 28. The course of a chemical reaction can be traced by using a
 - A) polar molecule
- B) diatomic molecule
- C) stable isotope
- D) radioisotope
- 29. Which components of a fission reactor are used to slow neutrons during a fission reaction?
 - A) control rods
- B) coolants
- C) shields
- D) moderators
- 30. Which balanced equation represents a fusion reaction?

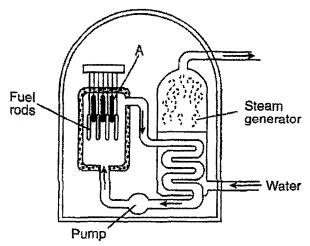
A)
$$^{235}92\text{U} + ^{1}0\text{n} \rightarrow ^{93}36\text{Kr} + ^{140}56\text{Ba} + 3^{1}0\text{n}$$

B)
$${}^{2}_{1}H + {}^{3}_{1}H \rightarrow {}^{4}_{2}He + {}^{1}_{0}n$$

C)
$${}^{14}_{7}N + {}^{4}_{2}He \rightarrow {}^{17}_{8}O + {}^{1}_{1}H$$

D)
$$^{226}88Ra \rightarrow ^{222}86Rn + ^{4}2He$$

31. Base your answer to the following question on The diagram below represents a nuclear reactor. The arrows indicate the direction of the flow of water.



Which structure is indicated by letter A?

- A) turbine
- B) moderator
- C) control rod
- D) internal shield
- 32. Given the nuclear reaction:

$${}^{235}_{92}\mathrm{U}\,+\,{}^{1}_{0}\mathrm{n}\to\,{}^{138}_{56}\mathrm{Ba}\,+\,{}^{95}_{36}\mathrm{Kr}\,+\,3\,{}^{1}_{0}\mathrm{n}\,+\,\mathrm{energy}$$

This equation can best be described as

- A) fission
- B) fusion
- C) natural decay
- D) endothermic

33. Given the nuclear equation:

$${}_{1}^{1}H + X \rightarrow {}_{3}^{6}Li + {}_{2}^{4}He$$

The particle represented by X is

- A) ${}_{4}^{9}\text{Li}$ B) ${}_{4}^{9}\text{Be}$ C) ${}_{5}^{10}\text{Be}$ D) ${}_{6}^{10}\text{C}$
- 34. Which particle has the greatest mass?
 - A) an alpha particle
- B) a beta particle
- C) a neutron
- D) a positron
- 35. Which risk is associated with using nuclear fission to produce energy in a power plant?
 - A) depletion of hydrocarbons
 - B) depletion of atmospheric oxygen
 - C) exposure of workers to radiation
 - D) exposure of workers to sulfur dioxide
- 36. Which balanced equation represents nuclear fusion?

A)
$${}_{1}^{2}H + {}_{1}^{2}H \rightarrow {}_{2}^{4}He$$

- B) $2H_2 + O_2 \rightarrow 2H_2O$
- C) ${}_{3}^{6}\text{Li} + {}_{0}^{1}\text{n} \rightarrow {}_{1}^{3}\text{H} + {}_{2}^{4}\text{He}$
- D) $CaO + CO_2 \rightarrow CaCO_2$
- 37. Which balanced equation represents nuclear fusion?
 - A) ${}_{1}^{3}H \rightarrow {}_{2}^{3}He + {}_{-1}^{0}e$
 - B) $_{92}^{235}$ U $\rightarrow _{90}^{231}$ Th $+_{2}^{4}$ He
 - C) ${}_{1}^{2}H + {}_{1}^{2}H \rightarrow {}_{2}^{4}He$
 - D) $_{92}^{235}$ U + $_{0}^{1}$ n $\rightarrow _{38}^{90}$ Sr + $_{54}^{143}$ Xe + $_{0}^{1}$ n
- 38. Which procedure is based on the half-life of a radioisotope?
 - A) accelerating to increase kinetic energy
 - B) radiating to kill cancer cells
 - C) counting to determine a level of radioactivity
 - D) dating to determine age
- 39. The change that is undergone by an atom of an element made radioactive by bombardment with high-energy protons is called
 - A) natural transmutation
 - B) artificial transmutation
 - C) natural decay
 - D) radioactive decay
- 40. Which fraction of an original 20.00-gram sample of nitrogen-16 remains unchanged after 36.0 seconds?

- A) $\frac{1}{5}$ B) $\frac{1}{8}$ C) $\frac{1}{16}$ D) $\frac{1}{39}$

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41. Given the nuclear reaction:

$$^9_4\mathrm{Be} + X \to {}^{12}_6\mathrm{C} + {}^1_0\mathrm{n}$$

What is the identity of particle *X*?

A) alpha particle

B) beta particle

C) proton

D) neutron

42. Given the equation representing a nuclear reaction in which X represents a nuclide:

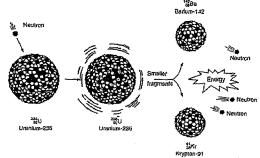
$$^{232}_{90}\mathrm{Th} \rightarrow \,^{4}_{2}\mathrm{He} + X$$

Which nuclide is represented by X?

A) $^{236}_{92}$ Ra C) $^{236}_{92}$ U

B) ²²⁸₈₈Ra D) ²²⁸₈₈U

43. The diagram below represents a nuclear reaction in which a neutron bombards a heavy nucleus.



Which type of reaction does the diagram illustrate?

- A) fission
- B) fusion
- C) alpha decay
- D) beta decay

44. A radioisotope which is sometimes used by doctors to pinpoint a brain tumor is

- A) carbon-12
- B) lead-206
- C) technetium-99
- D) uranium-238

45. In which list can all particles be accelerated by an electric field?

- A) alpha particles, beta particles, and neutrons
- B) alpha particles, beta particles, and protons
- C) alpha particles, protons, and neutrons
- D) beta particles, protons, and neutrons

46. Given the reaction:

$$^{7}_{3}\text{Li} + X \rightarrow ^{8}_{4}\text{Be}$$

Which species is represented by X?

- A) ${}^{1}1H$
- B) $^{2}1H$
- C) ${}^{3}_{2}$ He D) ${}^{4}_{2}$ He

47. Which list of nuclear emissions is arranged in order from the *least* penetrating power to the greatest penetrating power?

- A) alpha particle, beta particle, gamma ray
- B) alpha particle, gamma ray, beta particle
- C) gamma ray, beta particle, alpha particle
- D) beta particle, alpha particle, gamma ray

48. A particle accelerator is used to provide charged particles with sufficient

- A) kinetic energy to penetrate a nucleus
- B) kinetic energy to penetrate an electron cloud
- C) potential energy to penetrate a nucleus
- D) potential energy to penetrate an electron cloud

49. Which radioactive isotope is used in geological dating

- A) uranium-238
- B) iodine-131
- C) cobalt-60
- D) technetium-99

50. Which particle has the *least* mass?

- A) alpha particle
- B) beta particle
- C) neutron
- D) proton

51. Which isotope is used to treat cancer?

- A) C-14
- B) U-238
- C) Co-60
- D) Pb-206

52. Which nuclides are used to date the remains of a once-living organism?

- A) C-14 and C-12
- B) Co-60 and Co-59
- C) I-131 and Xe-131
- D) U-238 and Pb-206

53. In the fusion reaction:

$${}^{2}_{1}H + {}^{3}_{1}H \rightarrow {}^{4}_{2}He + {}^{1}_{0}n + X$$

The X represents

- A) a released electron
- B) another neutron
- C) energy converted from mass
- D) mass converted from energy

54. Which is a gaseous radioactive waste produced during some fission reactions?

- A) nitrogen-16
- B) thorium-232
- C) uranium-235
- D) plutonium-239

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55.	The operation of a commercial nuclear reactor requires
	an isotope that will undergo

- A) fission and a controlled chain reaction
- B) fission and an uncontrolled chain reaction
- C) fusion and a controlled chain reaction
- D) fusion and an uncontrolled chain reaction
- 56. Which element is used for dating archaeological discoveries?
 - A) carbon-12
- B) carbon-13
- C) carbon-14
- D) carbon-15
- 57. Which type of radiation has neither mass nor charge?
 - A) gamma
- B) neutron
- C) alpha
- D) beta
- 58. What is the half-life and decay mode of Rn-222?
 - A) 1.91 days and alpha decay
 - B) 1.91 days and beta decay
 - C) 3.82 days and alpha decay
 - D) 3.82 days and beta decay
- 59. A radioisotope is called a tracer when it is used to
 - A) kill bacteria in food
 - B) kill cancerous tissue
 - C) determine the age of animal skeletal remains
 - D) determine the way in which a chemical reaction occurs
- 60. Which isotope will spontaneously decay and emit particles with a charge of +2?

 - A) 53Fe B) 137Cs C) 198Au D) 220Fr
- 61. Given the reaction:

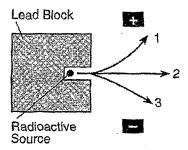
$$^{27}_{13}\text{Al} + ^{4}_{2}\text{He} \rightarrow X + ^{1}_{0}\text{n}$$

When the equation is correctly balanced, the nucleus represented by X is

- A) ³⁰/₁₃Al B) ³⁰/₁₄Si C) ³⁰/₁₅P D) ³⁰/₁₆S

- 62. A radioactive isotope used in the study of many organic reaction mechanisms is
 - A) carbon-12
- B) carbon-14
- C) oxygen-16
- D) oxygen-18
- 63. Which term identifies a type of nuclear reaction?
 - A) fermentation
- B) deposition
- C) reduction
- D) fission

64. The diagram below represents radiation passing through an electric field.



Which type of emanation is represented by the arrow labeled 2?

- A) alpha particle
- B) beta particle
- C) positron
- D) gamma radiation
- 65. Which fissionable elements are produced in breeder reactors?
 - A) lithium-6 and hydrogen-3
 - B) carbon-14 and oxygen-17
 - C) uranium-233 and plutonium-239
 - D) cesium-137 and radon-222
- 66. High energy is a requirement for fusion reactions to occur because the nuclei involved
 - A) attract each other because they have like charges
 - B) attract each other because they have unlike charges
 - C) repel each other because they have like charges
 - D) repel each other because they have unlike charges
- 67. In which reaction is mass converted to energy by the process of fission?

A)
$$\frac{14}{5}$$
N + $\frac{1}{6}$ n $\rightarrow \frac{14}{6}$ C + $\frac{1}{1}$ H

A)
$${}^{14}_{7}{}^{N} + {}^{1}_{0}{}^{n} \rightarrow {}^{14}_{6}{}^{C} + {}^{1}_{1}{}^{H}$$

B) ${}^{235}_{92}{}^{U} + {}^{1}_{0}{}^{n} \rightarrow {}^{87}_{35}{}^{Br} + {}^{146}_{57}{}^{La} + 3 {}^{1}_{0}{}^{n}$
C) ${}^{226}_{88}{}^{Ra} \rightarrow {}^{222}_{86}{}^{Ra} + {}^{4}_{2}{}^{He}$

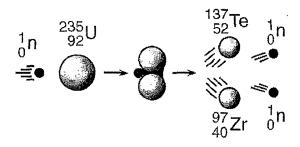
C)
$$^{226}_{88}$$
Ra $\rightarrow ^{222}_{86}$ Ra $+ ^{4}_{2}$ He

D)
$${}_{1}^{2}H + {}_{1}^{2}H \rightarrow {}_{2}^{4}He$$

- 68. The waste products from nuclear reactors can be in the form of
 - A) solids, only
 - B) solids and liquids, only
 - C) solids and gases, only
 - D) solids, liquids, and gases

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69. Given the diagram representing a reaction:



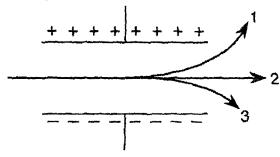
Which phrase best describes this type of reaction and the overall energy change that occurs?

- A) nuclear, and energy is released
- B) nuclear, and energy is absorbed
- C) chemical, and energy is released
- D) chemical, and energy is absorbed
- 70. What is one benefit associated with a nuclear fission reaction?
 - A) The products are not radioactive.
 - B) Stable isotopes are used as reactants.
 - C) There is no chance of biological exposure.
 - D) A large amount of energy is produced.
- 71. Which radioisotope is used for diagnosing thyroid disorders?
 - A) U-238
- B) Pb-206
- C) I-131
- D) Co-60
- 72. Which particle can be accelerated by an electric field?
 - A) a proton
- B) a neutron
- C) a helium atom
- D) a hydrogen atom
- 73. Which particle can *not* be accelerated by the electric or magnetic fields in a particle accelerator?
 - A) neutron
- B) proton
- C) alpha particle
- D) beta particle
- 74. In a fission reactor, the speed of the neutrons may be decreased by
 - A) a moderator
- B) an accelerator
- C) a fuel rod
- D) shielding
- 75. An alpha particle has the same composition as a
 - A) hydrogen nucleus
- B) deuterium nucleus
- C) beryllium nucleus
- D) helium nucleus
- 76. Which nuclear decay emission consists of energy, only?
 - A) alpha particle
- B) beta particle
- C) gamma radiation
- D) positron

- 77. What is the total number of years that must pass before only 25.00 grams of an original 100.0-gram sample of C-14 remains unchanged?
 - A) 2865 y
- B) 5730 y
- C) 11 460 y
- D) 17 190 y
- 78. The decay of which radioisotope can be used to estimate the age of the fossilized remains of an insect?
 - A) Rn-222
- B) I-131
- C) Co-60
- D) C-14
- 79. Which materials are commonly used for shielding in a nuclear fission reactor?
 - A) uranium and plutonium
 - B) boron and cadmium
 - C) steel and concrete
 - D) beryllium and heavy water
- 80. Which statement best describes a primary occurrence i an uncontrolled fission reaction?
 - A) Mass is created and energy is released.
 - B) Mass is created and energy is stored.
 - C) Mass is converted to energy, which is released.
 - D) Mass is converted to energy, which is stored.
- 81. What is the half-life of sodium-25 if 1.00 gram of a 16.00-gram sample of sodium-25 remains unchanged after 237 seconds?
 - A) 47.4 s B) 59.3 s C) 79.0 s D) 118 s
- 82. Which substance has *chemical* properties similar to those of radioactive ²³⁵U?
 - A) ²³⁵Pa B) ²³³Pa C) ²³³U D) ²⁰⁶Pb

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83. A mixture of emanations from radioactive atoms is passed through electrically charged plates, as shown in the diagram below.



The nuclear emanations 1, 2, and 3 are called, respectively,

- A) alpha, beta, and gamma
- B) beta, gamma, and alpha
- C) gamma, alpha, and beta
- D) gamma, beta, and alpha
- 84. One benefit of nuclear fission reactions is
 - A) nuclear reactor meltdowns
 - B) storage of waste materials
 - C) biological exposure
 - D) production of energy

A serious risk factor associated with the operation of a nuclear power plant is the production of

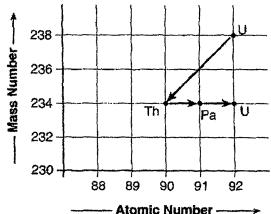
- A) acid rain
- B) helium gas
- C) greenhouse gases, such as CO2
- D) radioisotopes with long half-lives
- 86. Which nuclide is listed with its half-life and decay mode?
 - A) K-37, 1.24 h, α
 - B) N-16, 7.2 s, β -
 - C) Rn-222, 1.6 x 10^3 y, α
 - D) U-235, 7.1×10^8 y, β -
- 87. Which type of reaction produces energy and intensely radioactive waste products?
 - A) fusion of tritium and deuterium
 - B) fission of uranium
 - C) burning of heating oil
 - D) burning of wood

- 88. When an atom of the unstable isotope Na-24 decays, it becomes an atom of Mg-24 because the Na-24 atom spontaneously releases
 - A) an alpha particle
- B) a beta particle
- C) a neutron
- D) a positron
- 89. Given the nuclear equation:

$${}^{14}_{7}{
m N} + X \rightarrow {}^{16}_{8}{
m O} + {}^{2}_{1}{
m H}$$

What is particle X?

- A) an alpha particle
- B) a beta particle
- C) a deuteron
- D) a triton
- 90. The chart below shows the spontaneous nuclear decay of U-238 to Th-234 to Pa-234 to U-234.



What is the correct order of nuclear decay modes for the change from U-238 to U-234?

- A) β decay, γ decay, β decay
- B) β decay, β decay, α decay
- C) α decay, α decay, β decay
- D) α decay, β decay, β decay
- 91. Given the correctly balanced nuclear equation:

$${}_{6}^{12}\text{C} + {}_{98}^{249}\text{Cf} \rightarrow {}_{104}^{257}\text{Unq} + 4X$$

Which particle is represented by the X?

- A) ${}_{1}^{1}H$ B) ${}_{0}^{1}n$ C) ${}_{2}^{4}He$ D) ${}_{-1}^{0}e$
- 92. Given the fusion reaction:

$$^{2}_{1}\text{H} + ^{2}_{1}\text{H} \rightarrow X + \text{energy}$$

Which particle is represented by X?

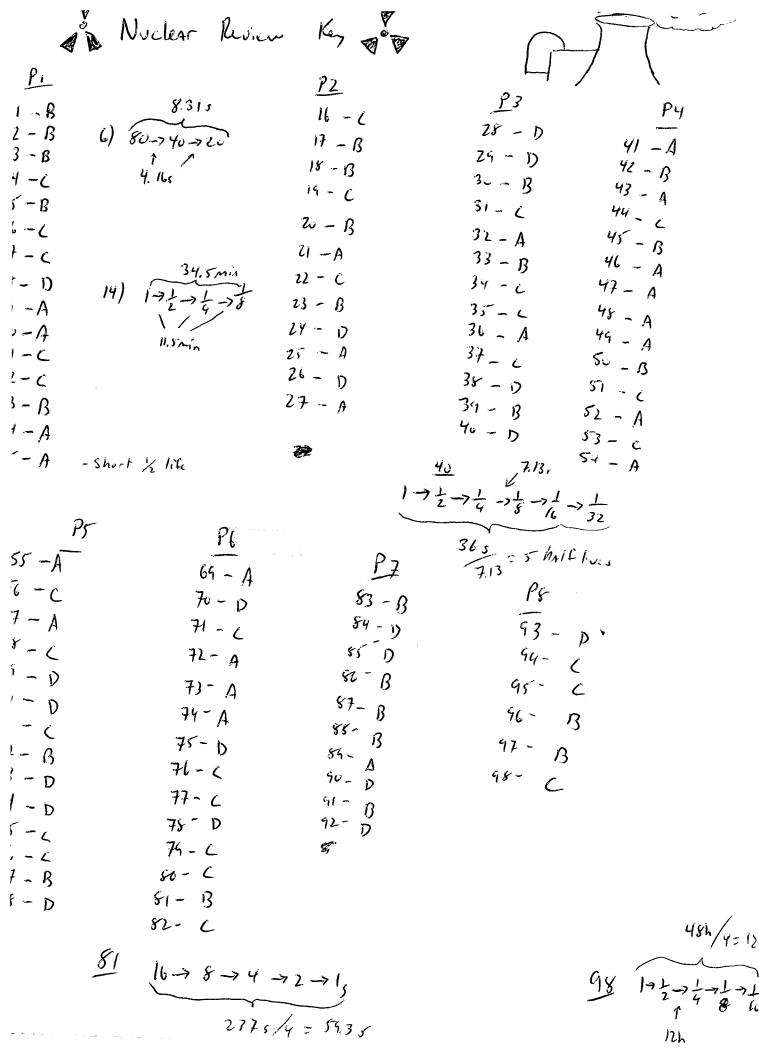
- A) ¹H B) ³He C) ³H
- D) ${}_{5}^{4}$ He

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- 93. What is a problem commonly associated with nuclear power facilities?
 - A) A small quantity of energy is produced.
 - B) Reaction products contribute to acid rain.
 - C) It is impossible to control nuclear fission.
 - D) It is difficult to dispose of wastes.
- 94. Energy is released during the fission of Pu-239 atoms as a result of the
 - A) formation of covalent bonds
 - B) formation of ionic bonds
 - C) conversion of matter to energy
 - D) conversion of energy to matter
- 95. Radioisotopes used for medical diagnosis must have
 - A) long half-lives and be quickly eliminated by the body
 - B) long half-lives and be slowly eliminated by the
 - C) short half-lives and be quickly eliminated by the
 - D) short half-lives and be slowly eliminated by the

- 96. Radiation used in the processing of food is intended to
 - A) increase the rate of nutrient decomposition
 - B) kill microorganisms that are found in the food
 - C) convert ordinary nutrients to more stable forms
 - D) replace chemical energy with nuclear energy
- 97. Which radioisotope is used to treat thyroid disorders?
 - A) Co-60
- B) I-131
- C) C-14
- D) U-238
- 98. After decaying for 48 hours, $\frac{1}{16}$ of the original mass of a radioisotope sample remains unchanged. What is the half-life of this radioisotope?
 - A) 3.0 h B) 9.6 h C) 12 h

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