

1. Silver-108 has a half-life of 2.4 minutes. If the initial mass is M the mass remaining after 7.2 minutes is
 - a) $M/8$
 - b) $M/6$
 - c) $M/4$
 - d) $M/2$
2. What is the source of the energy in the process of nuclear **fusion**?
 - a) Oxidizing the critical mass.
 - b) Splitting atoms into more energy.
 - c) Internal atomic friction.
 - d) Transformation of mass into energy.
3. In nuclear fusion the total mass-energy of the system before fusion compared to the total mass-energy of the system after fusion is
 - a) the same
 - b) larger
 - c) smaller
4. Which one of the following represents a **fusion** reaction?
 - a) $^{239}_{93}\text{Np} \rightarrow ^{239}_{94}\text{Pu} + ^0_{-1}\text{e}$
 - b) $^{235}_{92}\text{U} + ^1_0\text{n} \rightarrow ^{114}_{56}\text{Ba} + ^{90}_{20}\text{Kr} + 2^1_0\text{n} + \text{energy}$
 - c) $^9_4\text{Be} + ^4_2\text{He} \rightarrow ^{12}_6\text{C} + ^1_0\text{n}$
 - d) $^{211}_{84}\text{Po} \rightarrow ^{207}_{82}\text{Pb} + ^4_2\text{He}$
5. A sample of 4 g of cobalt isotope $^{60}_{27}\text{Co}$ is produced. If the half-life of $^{60}_{27}\text{Co}$ is 30 years, what will be the mass (in grams) of the cobalt remaining after 90 years?

Base your answers to questions 6-9 on the following information

A sample of isotopically pure radon gas ($^{222}_{86}\text{Rn}$) is sealed in a glass ampule. The half-life of radon is 4 days.

6. Which is an isotope of radon?
 - a) $^{220}_{84}\text{X}$
 - b) $^{222}_{86}\text{X}$
 - c) $^{222}_{89}\text{X}$
 - d) $^{220}_{86}\text{X}$

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7. If the pressure inside the glass ampule were doubled the half-life of radon would

- be doubled
- be halved
- remain the same
- be quadrupled

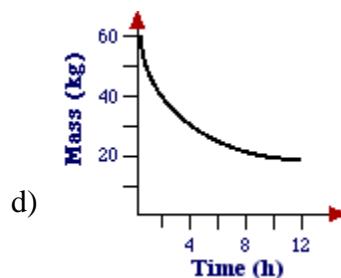
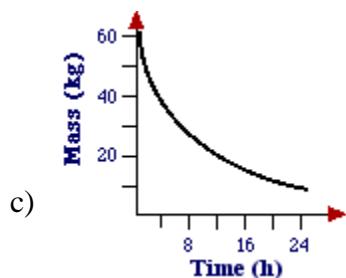
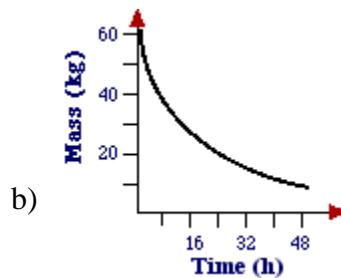
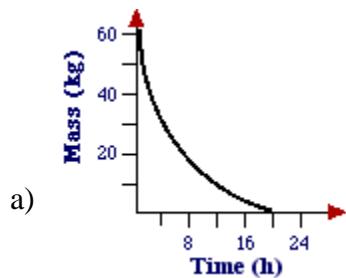
8. Twelve days after the radon gas is sealed in the glass ampule the fraction of radon gas remaining will be

- $1/16$
- $1/2$
- $1/4$
- $1/8$

9. Several days later an analysis shows that there is a second gas in the sealed ampule. This second gas is most likely

- hydrogen
- oxygen
- nitrogen
- helium

10. Which one of the following graphs represents the decay of an element with a half-life of 8 hours?



11. At the atomic level, the reason that copper is different from gold is because;

- the number of neutrons is different.
- the number of protons in the neutral atom is different.
- the diffusion coefficient is different.
- the atomic mass is different.

12. How many neutrons does the nucleus of $^{19}_{10}\text{Ne}$ contain?

- 29
- 9
- 10
- 19

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13. A tritium nucleus contains 1 proton and 2 neutrons. What is the atomic mass of the nucleus?

- a) 0
- b) 1
- c) 2
- d) 3

14. T F An atom of carbon-14 isotope has more protons than an atom of carbon-12 isotope.

15. The energy released in a nuclear reactor is converted to

- a) light energy
- b) sound energy
- c) kinetic energy
- d) electrical energy

16. A chain reaction in a nuclear reactor can be shut down by

- a) setting the master control switch to off.
- b) turning off the supply of uranium.
- c) inserting control rods to absorb neutrons.
- d) turning down the heat so the reaction can cool down.

17. If all of the following particles were travelling at the same velocity which would have the greatest energy?

- a) proton
- b) neutron
- c) alpha particle
- d) beta particle

18. During the process of radioactive decay which of the following occurs?

- a) mass, energy and charge are conserved
- b) energy only is conserved
- c) mass only is conserved
- d) charge only is conserved

19. Which of the following are NOT emitted by radioactive materials?

- a) gamma rays
- b) alpha particles
- c) protons
- d) electrons

20. Which of the following is another term for a helium nucleus?

- a) proton
- b) alpha particle
- c) gamma ray
- d) beta particle

21. How many neutrons remain in the nucleus **after** $^{210}_{84}\text{Po}$ decays by alpha emission?

- a) 208
- b) 82
- c) 84
- d) 124

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22. In the interior of the sun, Hydrogen fuses to create Helium. Approximately 2.0×10^6 kg of Hydrogen is converted into energy each second. How much mass could this energy raise to a height of 2.0 km?

23. A standard nuclear warhead contains the equivalent of 20.0 Megatons of TNT. One megaton of TNT is the equivalent of 5.0×10^{15} J. What mass of U-235 would be converted into energy in such a warhead?

24. How much mass must be converted into energy to produce 9.0×10^{10} J?

- a) 3.0×10^{-2} kg
- b) 1.0×10^{-6} kg
- c) 1.0×10^6 kg
- d) 3.0×10^2 kg