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# 19.16 PROBLEMS:

# **Problem # 19.1**

When the chlorine atom of mass numbers 35 and charge number 17, is bombarded by Proton, the resulting disintegrates, emitting an  $\alpha$ -particle. Write the equation representing the reaction.

$$_{17}\text{Cl}^{35} + _{1}\text{H}^{1} \longrightarrow _{16}\text{S}^{32} + _{2}\text{He}^{4}$$
(alpha particle)

## **Problem # 19.2**

The half life of Radon is 3.80 days. What would be its decay constant?

Data:
 Solution:

 
$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = 3.80 \, days$$
 $T_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$ 
 $T_{\frac{1}{2}} = 328320 \, sec$ 
 $\lambda = \frac{0.693}{T_{\frac{1}{2}}}$ 
 $\lambda = ?$ 
 $\lambda = \frac{0.693}{328320}$ 
 $\lambda = 2.1 \times 10^{-6} \, S^{-1}$ 

# **Problem # 19.3**

The atomic weight of Bromine is 79.938u and it is composed of two isotopes of mass 78.943u and 80.942 u compute the percentage of each isotopes.

#### Solution:

Let the part of the  $1^{st}$  isotope be X and that of  $2^{nd}$  isotope be (1-X).

$$78.943 \text{ X} + (1-\text{ X}) 80.942 = 79.938$$
 $78.943 \text{ X} + 80.942 - 80.942 \text{ X} = 79.938$ 
 $+ 1.999 \text{ X} = + 1.004$ 
 $X = \frac{1.004}{1.999}$ 
 $X = 0.502$ 

Percentage of 1<sup>st</sup> isotope = 0.502 x 100
 $= 50.2\%$ 

Percentage of 2<sup>nd</sup> isotope = 100 - 50.2
 $= 49.8\%$ 

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## **Problem # 19.4**

The half of 104Po210 is 140 days. By what percent does its activity will decrease per week?

#### Data:

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = 140 \text{ days}$$
$$t = 1 \text{ week}$$

Percentage decrease in activity per week =?

#### Solution:

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{140}{7} = 20$$
 week

let the initial activity be A.

$$A = \lambda N_0$$

And activity after one week be A'

$$A' = \lambda N$$

Describe is activity per week = A-A'

$$= \lambda N - \lambda N$$
  
=  $\lambda (N_0 - N)$  (

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{0.693}{T_{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{0.693}{20}$$

 $\lambda = 0.03465 \text{ week}^{-1}$ 

From the law of radio activity decay

$$N = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$N = N_0 e^{-0.03465 \times 1}$$
  
 $N = N_0 e^{-0.03465 \times 1}$ 

$$N = 0.966 N_0$$

eq. (1) = Decrease in activity per week = 
$$\lambda (N_0 - 0.966 N_0)$$
  
=  $\lambda N_0 (1 - 0.966)$ 

$$= 0.034 \lambda N_0$$

Percentage decrease in activity per week = 
$$\frac{0.034\lambda N_0}{A}$$
 x

$$= \frac{0.034\lambda N_0}{\lambda N_0} \times 100$$
$$= 3.4 \%$$

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# **Problem # 19.5**

If a neutron would be entirely converted into energy, how much energy would be produced? Express your answer in joules as well as electron volts.

#### Data:

$$\begin{array}{ll} m_N &= 1.008665 u \\ E \ in \ eV = ? \\ E \ in \ J &= ? \end{array}$$

#### **Solution:**

$$E = m_N \times 931.5$$

$$E = 1.008665 \times 931.5$$

$$E = 939.6 \text{ MeV}$$

$$E = 939.6 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}$$

$$E \text{ in } J = E \text{ in eV} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$E \text{ in } J = 939.6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}$$

$$E = 1.50 \times 10^{-16} \text{ J}$$

# **Problem # 19.6**

Find the binding energy of 
$$_{52}$$
Tc<sup>126</sup>. Given

 $m_P = 1.0078u$ 
 $m_N = 1.0086u$ 
 $m_{Te} = 125.9033u$ 
 $1u = 931.5 \text{ MeV}$ 

#### Solution:

Mass of Tl in free stable

$$M = 52m_P + 74 m_N$$
  
 $M = 52 \times 1.0078 + 74 \times 1.0086$   
 $M = 52.4056 + 74.6364$   
 $M = 127.042u$   
Mass Defect  
 $\Delta m = M - m_{Tl}$   
 $\Delta m = 127.042 - 125.9033$   
 $\Delta m = 1.1387u$   
 $E = \Delta m \times 931.5$   
 $E = 1.1387 \times 931.5$ 

E = 1060.7 MeV

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## **Problem # 19.7**

If the number of atom per gramme of  $_{88}$ Ra $^{226}$  is  $2.666 \times 10^{21}$  and it decays with a half life of 1622 years. Find the decays constant and the activity of the sample. (2013)

#### Data:

$$N_0 = 2.666 \times 10^{21}$$
 $T_{\frac{1}{2}} = 1622 \text{ years} = 5.11 \times 10^{10} \text{ sec}$ 
 $\lambda = ?$ 
 $\Delta = 2$ 

### Solution:

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{0.693}{T_{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{0.693}{5.11 \times 10^{16}}$$

$$\lambda = 1.35 \times 10^{11} \text{ S}^{-1}$$

$$A = \lambda N^0$$

$$A = 1.35 \times 10^{-11} \times 2.666 \times 10^{21}$$

$$A = 3.61 \times 10^{10}$$
 disintegration/sec

# **Problem # 19.8**

What will be the maximum energy electron in the beta decay of 1H3 through the reaction.

mass of 
$$_{1}H^{3} = 3.016049u$$
  
mass of  $_{2}H^{3}e = 3.016029u$   
 $E = 2$ 

#### Solution:

Mass defect

$$\Delta m = \text{mass of }_1 \text{H}^3 - \text{mass of }_2 \text{H}^3$$

$$\Delta m = 3.016049 - 3.016029$$

$$\Delta m = 2.41 \times 10^{-4} \text{ u}$$

$$E = \Delta m \times 931.5$$

$$E = 2 \times 10^{-5} \times 931.5$$

$$E = 0.0186 \text{ MeV}$$

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## **Problem # 19.9**

Find the Q-value for nuclear reaction. 20Ca42 (P,d) 20Ca41

#### Data:

Mass of  $_{20}$ Ca<sup>42</sup> = 41.928u Mass of  $_{20}$ Ca<sup>41</sup> = 41.9118u Mass of Proton = 1.0078uMass of electron = 2.014102uO-Value = ?

### Solution:

Mass defect

$$\Delta m = m_2 + m_1$$

$$\Delta m = 43.926 - 42.9358$$

$$\Delta m = 0.9902u$$

O-value =  $\Delta m \times 931.5$ 

Q-value =  $0.9902 \times 931.5$ 

O-value = 924 MeV

# Problem # 19.10

Find the energy released when two deuterium (1H2) nuclei fuse together to form an alpha particle (2He4).

#### Data:

mass of deuterium = 2.014102u mass of alpha particle = 4.0026034

#### Solution

$$_{1}H^{2} + _{1}H^{2} \xrightarrow{\qquad \qquad } _{2}He^{4}$$
  
Mass of reactant,  $m_{1} = 2.014102 + 2.014102$   
 $m_{1} = 4.0282u$ 

Mass Defect

 $\Delta m = mass of two deuterium - mass of alpha particle$ 

$$\Delta m = 4.0282 - 4.002603$$

$$\Delta m = 0.0256u$$

$$E = \Delta m \times 931.5$$

$$E = 0.0256 \times 931.5$$

$$E = 23.82 \text{ MeV}$$

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# 19.17 SOLVED NUMERICALS OF PAPERS:

## **YEAR 2013:**

(Question# 19.7 of Book)

#### **YEAR 2012:**

Q.2(xii) Find the binding energy and binding fraction (Packing fraction) in meV

 $m_p = 1.0078U$ ,

 $m_n = 1.00866U$ ,

 $m_{Te} = 125.9033U$ 

Similar to Q# 19.6

Ans.  $B.E = 1.06 \times 103 \text{ MeV}$ 

B.F = 8.418 MeV/ Nucleon

#### **YEAR 2010:**

Q.2(xii)A deuteron (3.3431 x  $10^{-27}$  kg) is formed when a proton (1.6724 x  $10^{-27}$ kg) combine; calculate the mass defect and Binding Energy (in Mev) and a neutron (1.6748 x  $10^{-27}$  kg)

#### Data:

Mass of deuteron =  $A = 3.3431 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ 

Mass of Proton =  $M_p = 1.6724 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ 

Mass of Neutron =  $M_N = 1.6748 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ 

No. of Proton = Z = 1

No. of Neutrons = N = 1

Mass defect =  $\Delta m = ?$  B.E = ?

#### Solution:

$$\Delta m = m - A = (Zm_P + NM_N) - A$$

$$\Delta m = (1 \times 1.6724 \times 10^{-27} + 1.6748 \times 10^{-27}) - A$$

$$\Delta m = (1.6724 \times 10^{-27} + 1.6748 \times 10^{-27}) - A$$

$$\Delta m = 3.3472 \times 10^{-27} - 3.3431 \times 10^{-27}$$

$$\Delta m = 0.0041 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

$$\Delta m = 4.1 \times 10^{-30} \text{ kg}$$

#### Now

B.E = 
$$\Delta mC^2 = (4.1 \times 10^{-30}) (3 \times 10^8)^2$$

$$B.E = 4.1 \times 10^{-30} \times 9 \times 10^{16}$$

$$B.E = 3.69 \times 10^{-13}$$
 Joule

**But** 
$$1 \text{ ev} = 1.6 \times 10^{-19} \text{ Joule}$$

B.E = 
$$\frac{3.69 \times 10^{-13}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$$
 eV

$$B.E = 2.30625 \times 10^6 \text{ eV}$$

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B.E = 2.30625 MeV

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# YEAR 2009:

Q.8(d)If the number of atoms per gram of 88Ra<sup>226</sup> is 2.666 x 10<sup>21</sup> and it decay with Half Life of 1622 years. Find the decay constant and the activity of the sample.

Solution:

SIMILAR TO QUESTION NO. 19.7

Answer:

a) 
$$\lambda = 1.35 \times 10^{-11} \text{ sec}^{-1}$$

**b)** Activity = 
$$A = 3.59 \times 10^{10} \text{ decay / sec}$$

# YEAR 2006:

Q.8(d)The Half Life of 104Po<sup>210</sup> is 140 days. By what percent does its activity decrease per week?

Solution:

SIMILAR TO QUESTION NO. 19.4

Answer:

$$% \frac{\Delta A}{A} = 3.465\%$$

# **YEAR 2003:**

If a neutron is converted entirely into energy, how much energy is produced? Express your answer is joule and in electron volt.

Given  $m_N = 1.67 \times 10^{-27}$  Kg,  $c = 3 \times 10^8$  m/s<sup>2</sup>.

Data:

$$m_{\rm N} = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \, \text{Kg}$$

$$c = 3x10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Energy = 
$$E = ?$$

Solution:

Energy in joules.

$$E = mc^2$$

 $E = (1.67 \times 10^{-27})(3 \times 10^{8})^{2}$ 

 $E = 1.503 \times 10^{-10} J$ 

Energy in eV

As  $leV = 1.6x10^{-19}J$ 

$$E = \frac{1.503 \times 10^{10}}{1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$$

E = 939.375 MeV

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## YEAR 2001:

Find the binding energy of  $_{52}$   $T_e^{126}$  in MeV if the mass of a portion is 1.0078u, mass of neutron = 1.0086u, mass of  $T_e$  atom = 125.9033u.

#### Data:

$$m_P = 1.0078u$$

$$m_N = 1.0086u$$

$$A = 125.9033u$$

B.E of 
$$_{52}$$
Te<sup>126</sup> = ?

## Solution:

No. of protons = 
$$Z = 52$$

No. of neutrons = 
$$126 - 52$$

$$N = 74$$

Mass of nucleus in free state

$$M = ZM_p + NM_N$$

# $M = 52 \times 1.0078 + 74 \times 1.00876$

$$M = 127.042u$$
.

#### Mass defect

$$\Delta m = M - A$$

$$\Delta m = 127.042 - 125.9033$$

$$\Delta m = 1.1387u$$

As 
$$1u = 931.5 \text{ MeV}$$

$$B.E = \Delta m \times 931.5$$

$$B.E = 1.1387 \times 931.5$$

# B.E = 1060.7 MeV

## YEAR 1985:

The half life of radon is 3.80 days. What is the decay constant for radon?

#### Data:

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = 3.80$$
 Days

$$\lambda = ?$$

## Solution:

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = 3.80 \text{ x } 24 \text{ x } 3600$$

$$T_{\frac{1}{2}} = 328320 \text{ sec.}$$

$$T_{1} = \frac{0.692}{\lambda}$$

$$OR \ \lambda = \frac{0.693}{T_{\frac{1}{2}}}$$

$$\lambda = \frac{0.693}{32830}$$

$$\lambda = 2.11 \times 10^{-6} \text{ S}^{-1}$$