

**Nuclear Chemistry Assignment**

- $^{23}\text{Na}$  is the more stable isotope of  $\text{Na}$ . Find out the process by which  $^{24}_{11}\text{Na}$  can undergo radioactive decay
  - $\beta^-$  - emission
  - $\alpha$  - emission
  - $\beta^+$  - emission
  - $K$  - electron capture
- What is the packing fraction of  $^{56}_{26}\text{Fe}$  (Atomic, mass = 55.92066)
  - 14.167
  - 173.90
  - 14.187
  - 73.90
- Consider the following decay.  $^A_Z X \longrightarrow ^A_{Z+1} Y + ^0_{-1} e + \bar{\nu}$ ,  $X$  is unstable because
  - Of its large nuclide
  - Its nucleus has excess energy
  - The nuclide has more neutrons than protons
  - The nuclide has more protons than neutrons
- Which of the following does not occur
  - $^{40}_{20}\text{Ca} + ^1_0 n \longrightarrow ^{40}_{19}\text{K} + ^1_1 \text{H}$
  - $^{24}_{12}\text{Mg} + ^4_2 \text{He} \longrightarrow ^{27}_{14}\text{Si} + ^1_0 n$
  - $^{113}_{48}\text{Cd} + ^1_0 n \longrightarrow ^{112}_{48}\text{Cd} + ^0_{-1} e$
  - $^{43}_{20}\text{Ca} + ^4_2 \text{He} \longrightarrow ^{46}_{21}\text{Sc} + ^1_1 \text{H}$
- A nuclide has mass number =  $A$  and atomic number =  $Z$ . During a radioactive process, if
  - Both  $A$  and  $Z$  decrease, the process is called  $\alpha$  -decay
  - $A$  remains unchanged and  $Z$  decreases by one, the process is called  $\beta^+$  - decay or  $K$  -electron capture
  - Both  $A$  and  $Z$  remain unchanged, the process is called  $\gamma$  -decay
  - Both  $A$  and  $Z$  increase, the process undergoes nuclear isomerism
- The binding energy of  $^8\text{O}^{16}$  is 127 MeV. Its binding energy per nucleon is
  - 0.794 MeV
  - 1.5875 MeV
  - 7.94 MeV
  - 15.875 MeV
- In terms of energy 1 a.m.u. is equal to
  - 100 J
  - 931.1 MeV
  - 931.1 kcal
  - $10^7$  erg
- Radioactive disintegration differs from a chemical change in being
  - An exothermic change
  - A spontaneous process
  - A nuclear process
  - A unimolecular first order reaction
- Which one of the following statements is incorrect
  - Mass defect is related with binding energy
  - 'Meason' was discovered by Yukawa
  - The size of the nucleus is of the order of  $10^{-12} - 10^{-13}$  cm
  - Magnetic quantum number is a measure of orbital angular momentum of the electron
- 1 a.m.u. is equal to
  - $\frac{1}{12}$  of  $\text{C}-12$
  - $\frac{1}{14}$  of  $\text{O}-16$
  - 1 gm of  $\text{H}_2$
  - $1.66 \times 10^{-23}$  kg
- Which one of the following notations shows the product incorrectly
  - $^{242}_{96}\text{Cm} (\alpha, 2n) ^{243}_{97}\text{Bk}$
  - $^{10}_5\text{B} (\alpha, n) ^{13}_7\text{N}$
  - $^{14}_7\text{N} (n, p) ^{14}_6\text{C}$
  - $^{28}_{14}\text{Si} (d, n) ^{29}_{15}\text{P}$
- Which of the following has the maximum penetrating power
  - $\alpha$  -particle
  - Proton
  - $\gamma$  -radiation
  - Positron
- Which of the following does not characterise  $X$  -rays
  - The radiation can ionise gases
  - It causes  $\text{ZnS}$  to fluorescence
  - Deflected by electric and magnetic field
  - Have wavelength shorter than ultra-violet rays
- The radiations from a naturally occurring radioactive substances as seen after deflection by a magnetic field in one direction, are
  - Definitely alpha rays
  - Definitely beta rays
  - Both alpha and beta rays
  - Either alpha or beta rays
- During a negative  $\beta$  -decay
  - An atomic electron is ejected
  - An electron which is already present within the nucleus is ejected
  - A neutron in the nucleus decays emitting an electron
  - A part of the binding energy of the nucleus is converted into an electron
- Emission of an alpha particle leads to a

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- (a) Decrease of 2 units in the charge of the atom (b) Increase of 2 units in the charge of the atom  
(c) Decrease of 2 units in the mass of the atom (d) Increase of 4 units in the mass of the atom
17. Consider an  $\alpha$ -particle just in contact with a  ${}_{92}\text{U}^{238}$  nucleus. Calculate the coulombic repulsion energy (i.e., the height of the coulombic barrier between  $\text{U}_{238}$  and alpha particle) assuming that the distance between them is equal to the sum of their radii  
(a)  $23.851 \times 10^4 \text{ eV}$  (b)  $26.147738 \times 10^4 \text{ eV}$  (c)  $25.3522 \times 10^4 \text{ eV}$  (d)  $20.2254 \times 10^4 \text{ eV}$
18. The decay constant of a radioactive sample is  $\lambda$ . The half life and mean life of the sample are respectively  
(a)  $\frac{1}{\lambda}, \frac{\ln 2}{\lambda}$  (b)  $\frac{\ln 2}{\lambda}, \frac{1}{\lambda}$  (c)  $\lambda \ln 2, \frac{1}{\lambda}$  (d)  $\frac{\lambda}{\ln 2}, \frac{1}{\lambda}$
19. The decay constant of  $\text{Ra}^{226}$  is  $1.37 \times 10^{-11} \text{ sec}^{-1}$ . A sample of  $\text{Ra}^{226}$  having an activity of 1.5 millicurie will contain ..... atoms  
(a)  $4.1 \times 10^{18}$  (b)  $3.7 \times 10^{17}$  (c)  $2.05 \times 10^{15}$  (d)  $4.7 \times 10^{10}$
20. A freshly prepared radioactive source of half life 2 hours emits radiations of intensity which is 64 times the permissible safe level. The minimum time after which it would be possible to work safely with this source is  
(a) 6 hours (b) 12 hours (c) 24 hours (d) 128 hours
21. What is the half-life of a radioactive substance if 87.5% of any given amount of the substance disintegrates in 40 minutes  
(a) 160 min (b) 10 min (c) 20 min (d) 13 min 20 sec
22. If 8.0 g of a radioactive isotope has a half-life of 10 hrs. The half life of 2.0 g of the same substance is  
(a) 2.5 hrs (b) 5 hrs (c) 10 hrs (d) 40 hrs
23. A radioactive nuclide  $X$  decays at the rate of  $1.00 \times 10^5$  disintegration  $\text{s}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1}$ . Radium decays at the rate of  $3.70 \times 10^{10}$  disintegration  $\text{s}^{-1} \text{g}^{-1}$ . The activity of  $X$  in millicuries  $\text{g}^{-1} (\text{m ci g}^{-1})$  is  
(a) 0.027 (b)  $0.270 \times 10^{-5}$  (c) 0.00270 (d) 0.000270
24. The half-life of a radionuclide is 69.3 minutes. What is its average life (in minutes)  
(a) 100 (b)  $10^{-2}$  (c)  $(69.3)^{-1}$  (d)  $0.693 \times 69.3$
25. In the case of a radio-isotope the value of  $T_{1/2}$  and  $\lambda$  are identical in magnitude. The value is  
(a) 0.693 (b)  $(0.693)^{1/2}$  (c)  $1/0.693$  (d)  $(0.693)^2$
26. The half life of  ${}_{92}\text{U}^{238}$  is  $4.5 \times 10^9$  years. After how many years, the amount of  ${}_{92}\text{U}^{238}$  will be reduced to half of its present amount  
(a)  $9.0 \times 10^9$  years (b)  $13.5 \times 10^9$  years (c)  $4.5 \times 10^9$  years (d)  $4.5 \times 10^{4.5}$  years
27. 8 gm of the radioactive isotope, cesium-137 were collected on February 1 and kept in a sealed tube. On July 1, it was found that only 0.25 gm of it remained. So the half-life period of the isotope is  
(a) 37.5 days (b) 30 days (c) 25 days (d) 50 days
28. The half life of the radioelement  ${}_{83}\text{Bi}^{210}$  is 5 days. Starting with 20g of this isotope, the amount remaining after 15 days is  
(a) 10 g (b) 5 g (c) 2.5g (d) 6.66 g
29. A certain nuclide has a half life of 25 minutes. It one starts with 100 g of it, how much of it will remain at the end of 100 minutes  
(a) 1.0 g (b) 4.0 g (c) 6.25 g (d) 12.50 g
30. The half-life of a radioactive isotope is 3 hours. Value of its disintegration constant is  
(a) 0.231 per hr (b) 2.31 per hr (c) 0.2079 per hr (d) 2.079 per hr
31. The half-life of an isotope is 10 hrs. How much will be left behind after 4 hrs in 1 gm sample  
(a)  $45.6 \times 10^{23}$  atoms (b)  $4.56 \times 10^{23}$  atoms (c)  $4.56 \times 10^{21}$  atoms (d)  $45.6 \times 10^{21}$  atoms
32. The radioisotope, tritium ( ${}^3_1\text{H}$ ) has a half-life of 12.3 years. If the initial amount of tritium is 32 mg. How many milligrams of it would remain after 49.2 years  
(a) 8 mg (b) 1 mg (c) 2 mg (d) 4 mg
33. If 1 microgram of radium has disintegrated for 500 years. How many alpha particles will be emitted per second  
(a)  $2.92 \times 10^4 / \text{sec}$  (b)  $292 \times 10^4 / \text{sec}$  (c)  $0.292 \times 10^4 / \text{sec}$  (d)  $29.2 \times 10^4 / \text{sec}$
34. Radioactive lead  ${}_{82}\text{Pb}^{201}$  has a half life of 8 hours. Starting from one milligram of this isotope, how much will remain after 24 hours  
(a) 1/2 mg (b) 1/3 mg (c) 1/8 mg (d) 1/4 mg

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35. The half-life of  ${}_6\text{C}^{14}$ , if its  $\lambda$  is  $2.31 \times 10^{-4}$ , is
- (a)  $2 \times 10^2$  years                      (b)  $3 \times 10^3$  years                      (c)  $3.5 \times 10^4$  years                      (d)  $4 \times 10^3$  years
36. Half-life is the time in which 50% of radioactive element disintegrates. Carbon-14 disintegrates 50% in 5770 years. Find the half-life of carbon 14
- (a) 5770 years                      (b) 11540 years                      (c)  $\sqrt{5770}$  years                      (d) None of the above
37. If 2.0 g of a radioactive isotope has a half - life of 20 hr, the half life of 0.5 g of the same substance is
- (a) 20 hr                      (b) 80 hr                      (c) 5 hr                      (d) 10 hr
38. How many alpha particles are emitted per second by 1 microgram of radium
- (a)  $3.62 \times 10^4$  / sec                      (b)  $0.362 \times 10^4$  / sec                      (c)  $362 \times 10^4$  / sec                      (d)  $36.2 \times 10^4$  / sec
39. A radioactive element decays at such a rate that after 15 minutes only 1/10 of the original amount is left. How many more minutes will be needed when only 1/100 of the original amount will be left
- (a) 1.5 minutes                      (b) 15.0 minutes                      (c) 16.5 minutes                      (d) 30 minutes
40. What is the half life of a radioactive substance if 75% of a given amount of the substance disintegrates in 30 minutes
- (a) 7.5 minutes                      (b) 25 minutes                      (c) 20 minutes                      (d) 15 minutes
41. The half life period of a radioactive substance is 8 years. After 16 years, the mass of the substance will reduce from starting 16.0 g to
- (a) 8.0 g                      (b) 6.0 g                      (c) 4.0 g                      (d) 2.0 g
42. The radium and uranium atoms in a sample of uranium mineral are in the ratio of  $1 : 2.8 \times 10^6$ . If half-life period of radium is 1620 years, the half-life period of uranium will be
- (a)  $45.3 \times 10^9$  years                      (b)  $45.3 \times 10^{10}$  years                      (c)  $4.53 \times 10^9$  years                      (d)  $4.53 \times 10^{10}$  years
43. The ratio of the amount of two elements X and Y at radioactive equilibrium is  $1 : 2 \times 10^{-6}$ . If the half life period of element Y is  $4.9 \times 10^{-4}$  days, then the half life period of element X will be
- (a)  $4.8 \times 10^{-3}$  days                      (b) 245 days                      (c) 122.5 days                      (d) None of these
44. The  $t_{1/2}$  of radioactive K-40 is 5.27 years ( $\lambda = 2.5 \times 10^{-7} \text{ min}^{-1}$ ). The decay activity of 2.0g of the sample is about
- (a)  $5 \times 10^5$  dpm                      (b)  $5 \times 10^{10}$  dpm                      (c)  $7.5 \times 10^{15}$  dpm                      (d)  $7.5 \times 10^{20}$  dpm
45. The half-life of a radioactive sample is  $2n$  years. What fraction of a sample will remain undecayed after  $n$  years
- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$                       (d) 2
46. One gram of  ${}^{226}\text{Ra}$  has an activity of nearly 1 Ci. The  $t_{1/2}$  of  ${}^{226}\text{Ra}$  is
- (a) 1620 years                      (b) 12.5 years                      (c) 140 days                      (d)  $4.5 \times 10^9$  years
47. A sample of a radioisotope ( $t_{1/2} = 3$  days) was taken. After 12 days, 3g of the sample was left. What was the initial mass of the sample
- (a) 112 g                      (b) 136 g                      (c) 12 g                      (d) 48 g
48. The rate of decay of a radioactive sample is given by  $R_1$  at time  $t_1$  and  $R_2$  at a later time  $t_2$ . The mean life of this radioactive sample is
- (a)  $R_1 = R_2 t_2 / t_1$                       (b)  $R_2 = R_1 e^{(t_1-t_2)/T}$                       (c)  $R_1 = R_2 e^{(t_2-t_1)/T}$                       (d)  $R_1 t_1 = R_2 e^{(t_1-t_2)} \cdot t_2$
49. A certain nuclide has a half life period of 30 minutes. If a sample containing 600 atoms is allowed to decay for 90 minutes. How many atoms will remain
- (a) 200 atoms                      (b) 450 atoms                      (c) 75 atoms                      (d) 500 atoms
50. A radioactive sample decays to half of its initial concentration in 6.93 minutes. It further decays half in next 6.93 minutes. The rate constant for the reaction is
- (a)  $0.10 \text{ min}^{-1}$                       (b)  $0.01 \text{ min}^{-1}$                       (c)  $1.0 \text{ min}^{-1}$                       (d)  $0.001 \text{ min}^{-1}$