

1. For isotope Zr-93, how many protons and how many neutrons are present?

Protons:

Neutrons:

2. What is produced when Ti-44 undergoes alpha emissions?
3. What is produced when Fe-58 undergoes beta emissions?
4. What is produced when C-11 undergoes positron emissions?
5. What is produced when S-35 undergoes electron capture?
6. Suppose Rn-222 undergoes a radioactive decay series in which 4 alpha particles and 4 beta particles are emitted. What would be produced?
7. Which of the following statements is true?
- Alpha particles are both the largest particles and the most penetrating particles
 - Beta particles are both the largest and most penetrating particles
 - Gamma particles are the most penetrating particles
8. Which of the following statements is **FALSE**?
- Positron emission and electron capture both result in the atomic number decreasing by one (conversion of a proton to a neutron).
 - Gamma emission and electron capture both result in the atomic number increasing by one.
 - The amount of biological impact radiation can have depends both on the amount of radiation and the penetrating power of the radiation.
 - Radioactive radon is a gas produced by natural decay of uranium. It can leak in through basement cracks, linger in a basement because of its weight, be breathed into human lungs, and do harmful alpha radiation in the lungs.
9. If the half-life of "X" is 7 days, how much of an 88-mg sample of "X" will be left after 21 days?

10. If the half-life of “Y” is 4 days, if you start with 16 mg of “Y” about how much time would it take to have only 1.5 mg left?
- Somewhere between 4-8 days
 - Somewhere between 8-12 days
 - Somewhere between 12-16 days
 - Somewhere between 16-20 days
11. An accident involves the spill of a sample of radioisotope “Q”, which has a half-life of 12 minutes. If the “activity” of the sample is 8 mCi when measured after 36 minutes, what was the initial “activity” at the time of the spill?
- 8 mCi
 - 16 mCi
 - 32 mCi
 - 64 mCi
 - 128 mCi
12. Which of the following statements is **FALSE**?
- Most nuclear radiation experienced by people arises from natural sources
 - Most people experience dangerous levels of nuclear radiation
 - All forms of electromagnetic radiation (x-rays, gamma-rays, microwaves...) have exactly the same wavelength and frequency
 - All forms of electromagnetic radiation (x-rays, gamma-rays, microwaves...) move at exactly the same speed, the speed of light
13. Which of the following statements is **FALSE**?
- While many radioisotopes are found naturally, many unnatural radioisotopes can be made in laboratories by bombarding normally stable nuclei by particles (alpha particles, beta particles, neutrons, protons...)
 - All nuclei are naturally unstable and undergo radiation even without bombardment.
 - Carbon-dating is useful for things that are a few thousands of years old, but not for things that would be hundreds of thousands or millions of years old.
 - C-14 dating is based on the fact that living things maintain a steady supply of radioactive C-14, but that once a living thing dies, the amount of C-14 deteriorates
14. Which of the following statements is **FALSE**?
- An important use of radioisotopes is as diagnostic tracers in medicine (to try to diagnose good health or ill health)
 - An important use of radioisotopes is for medicinal therapy (cancer chemotherapy...)
 - All radioisotopes used in medicine are exclusively beta emitters. Positron, gamma, or alpha emitters are never used.
 - Radioisotopes are used to prevent food spoilage by killing molds and bacteria.

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