

CL17\_Q1. Discuss quantum mechanical tunnel effect to explain the emission of alpha particles from a radioactive nucleus.

CL17\_Q2. Why is alpha decay a classically forbidden phenomenon and how the phenomenon is well explained using the laws of quantum mechanics.

CL17\_Q3. A proton and an alpha particle with the same energy  $E$  approach a potential barrier whose height is  $V_o > E$ . Do they have the same probabilities of getting through? If not which has greater probability and why?

CL17\_Q4. The quantum mechanical transmission coefficient of an alpha particle through a nuclear potential barrier is  $2.54 \times 10^{-24}$ . Taking the velocity of the alpha particle and the nuclear radius as  $1.7 \times 10^7$  m/s and  $10^{-14}$  m, respectively, calculate the mean lifetime of alpha decay.

CL17\_Q5. How to find the lifetime of the nucleus by using barrier tunneling?