



# MODERN SCIENCE ACADEMY

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### 18. "ATOMIC AND NUCLEAR PHYSICS"

Sr.	Statements	A	B	C	D
1	Isotopes are atoms of same element with different:	atomic mass	atomic number	protons	electrons
2	One of the isotopes of uranium is $^{238}_{92}\text{U}$ . The number of neutrons in this isotopes are:	92	146	238	330
3	Which among the following radiation has more penetrating power?	beta particle	alpha particle	gamma ray	all have same penetration
4	What happens to the atomic number of an element which emits one alpha particle?	increases by 1	stays the same	decreases by 2	decreases by 1
5	The half-life of a certain isotope is 1 day. What is the quantity of the isotope after 2 days?	one half	one quarter	one eighth	none of these
6	When Uranium (92 protons) ejects a beta particle, how many protons are left in the nucleus?	89 protons	90 protons	91 protons	93 protons
7	Release of energy by sun is due to:	nuclear fission	nuclear fusion	burning of gases	chemical reaction
8	When a heavy nucleus splits into two lighter nuclei, the process would:	release nuclear energy	absorb nuclear energy	release chemical energy	absorb chemical energy
9	Proton is heavier than electron:	1636 times	1736 times	1836 times	1936 times
10	Atomic mass number can be found by relation:	$Z-A$	$A+N$	$Z+N$	$Z+A$
11	The number of neutrons in tritium is:	0	1	2	3
12	Number of isotopes of hydrogen:	1	2	3	4
13	A helium nuclei formed if ____ hydrogen atoms combine?	1	2	3	4
14	Beta particle is actually:	neutron	positron	electron	proton
15	Alpha particles are:	electrons	protons	neutrons	helium nuclei
16	Radiations present in atmosphere due to different radioactive substances are called:	cosmic radiations	background radiations	alpha radiations	beta radiations
17	In $\alpha$ -decay, decrease in atomic no. ____ & mass no. ____	2,1	4,2	2,2	2,4
18	Safe limit of radiation in exposure is ____ per year.	4 rem	6 rem	5 rem	3 rem
19	$\alpha$ -particles passing through a gas produce:	evaporation	ionization	excitation	all of these
20	The rays used during brain radio therapy are:	alpha	beta	gamma	X-rays
21	Number of neutrons in plutonium $^{242}_{92}\text{Pu}$ ?	92	142	150	242
22	To diagnose the brain-tumor, it is used:	Iodine-131	Phosphorus-32	Cobalt-60	Carbon-14
23	Which one of the three decay processes results in a new element?	only $\alpha$	only $\beta$	only $\gamma$	$\alpha$ and $\beta$
24	During fission of 1 kg of U-235, energy released is:	$67 \times 10^{10} \text{ J}$	$65 \times 10^8 \text{ J}$	$60 \times 10^8 \text{ J}$	$66 \times 10^9 \text{ J}$
25	No. of neutrons during emission of fission reaction:	2	3	4	5
26	What type of nuclear decay leaves the number of protons and neutrons unchanged?	alpha decay	beta decay	gamma decay	both A & B
27	What type of nuclear decay most often produces the greatest mass and charge loss?	alpha decay	beta decay	gamma decay	both B & C
28	$^{214}_{84}\text{Po}$ undergoes $\alpha$ -decay to produce a daughter nucleus that itself undergoes $\beta$ -decay. Which one of the following nuclei is the one that ultimately results?	$^{211}_{82}\text{Pb}$	$^{215}_{80}\text{Hg}$	$^{211}_{81}\text{Tl}$	$^{212}_{83}\text{Bi}$
29	Radium-226 decays by emitting alpha particle. What is the daughter nucleus?	Rd	Rn	Bi	Pb

30	The temperature of sun is:	20million Kelvin	2 million Kelvin	2 million Kelvin	None
31	$^{39}_{18}\text{Ar}$ is an isotope with a half-life of 269 years. It will reduce to half in:	134.5 min	134.5 years	269 min	269 years
32	A sample starts with 1000 radioactive atoms. How many half-lives have elapsed when 750 atoms have decayed?	0.25	1.5	2.0	2.5
33	Origin of energy from the sun and stars is:	fission	fusion	carbon dating	radioactivity
34	One of the isotopes of uranium is U-239 having atomic number 92. Its nucleon number is:	239	331	92	147
35	When $\beta$ -rays are emitted, the nuclear mass:	decreases by 4 units	does not change	increases by 2 units	increases by 1 unit
36	Which particle has large range in air?	$\alpha$ -particles	$\beta$ -particles	$\gamma$ -particles	neutrons
37	Gamma rays from cobalt-60 are used for the treatment of:	circulation of blood	cancer	heart attack	thyroid glands
38	Which of these will be absorbed by the paper?	$\alpha$ -particles	$\beta$ -particles	$\gamma$ -particles	neutrons
39	If half-life of a radioactive element is one year, percentage of sample decay after two years is:	50%	75%	25%	2%
40	The ionization power of $\alpha$ -particles is:	equal to $\beta$ -particle	equal to $\gamma$ -particle	greater than $\beta$ -particle	less than $\beta$ -particle
41	In the reaction $X + {}^{17}_8\text{O} \rightarrow {}^{14}_7\text{N} + {}^4_2\text{He}$ , X is?	${}^1_1\text{H}$	${}^2_1\text{H}$	${}_0^1\text{n}$	${}_{-1}^1\text{e}$

### **“Important Short Questions”**

- 1) What is the difference between atomic number and atomic mass number?
- 2) Define isotopes. Also write the names of isotopes of Hydrogen.
- 3) What is common in isotopes of an element and what is different in them?
- 4) Different isotopes of a given element have different masses but they have the same chemical properties. Explain why chemical properties are unaffected by a change of isotope.
- 5) The atomic number of one particular isotope is equal to its mass number. Which isotope is it?
- 6) What do you mean by term radioactivity? Why some elements are radioactive but some are not?
- 7) What is the unit of radioactivity?
- 8) What are the properties of radiation which are emitted from radioactive elements?
- 9) What are cosmic radiations?
- 10) How can you make radioactive elements artificially? Describe with a suitable example.
- 11) Define nuclear transmutation?
- 12) Which is more likely to expose, a film kept in a cardboard box,  $\alpha$ - particles or  $\beta$ -particles?
- 13) Write the alpha decay process of  ${}^{234}_{91}\text{Pa}$ .
- 14) It is possible for a form of heavy hydrogen to decay by emitting an alpha particle? Explain.
- 15) It happens that a nuclear radiation emits from an atom of an element, it moves one step ahead in the periodic table? Explain. **OR** Can atomic number increase during nuclear decay? Justify with example.
- 16)  $\beta$ -particle is emitted from the neutron of the nucleus. Write nuclear equation for this reaction.
- 17) Why range of  $\beta$ -particle is greater than  $\alpha$ -particle in air with same energy?
- 18) Why ionization power of  $\alpha$ -particle is greater than  $\beta$ -particle in solid with same energy?
- 19) What is meant by penetration power? Which rays have highest penetration?
- 20) What do you understand by half-life of a radioactive element?
- 21) What fraction of a radioactive sample has decayed after two half-lives have elapsed?
- 22) What is difference between stable and unstable nuclei?
- 23) Justify that radioactivity is a spontaneous process.
- 24) What is meant by background radiations? Enlist some sources of background radiations.
- 25) Describe two uses of radio-isotopes in medicine, industry or research.
- 26) What do you mean by carbon dating? How can the scientist estimate died tree age by C-14?
- 27) Can Carbon-14 dating give the age of fossil dinosaur skeletons? Explain.

- 28) What are common radiation hazards? Briefly describe the precautions to prevent from them.
- 29) Is it possible for an element to have different types of atoms? Explain.
- 30) Which nuclear reaction would release more energy?
- 31) Define controlled chain reaction.
- 32) What is the difference between fission and fusion reaction?
- 33) Why is energy released when lighter nuclei fuse with heavier nuclei?
- 34) What is meant by radioactive tracers? How these are useful?
- 35) Which has more penetration power, alpha particle or gamma ray photon?
- 36) Some food is treated with gamma radiation to kill bacteria. Why is there not a concern that people who eat such food might be consuming food containing gamma radiation?
- 37) Radioactive  $\alpha$  - emitters are relatively harmless outside the body, but can be dangerous if ingested or inhaled. Explain.
- 38) What is the difference between natural and artificial radioactivity?
- 39) Why nuclei of atoms with atomic number greater than 82 emit radiations?
- 40) If nuclear radiation is harmful, how it can be used for treatment of diseases?
- 41) How long would likely have to wait to watch any sample of radioactive atoms completely decay?
- 42) How much of a 1g sample of pure radioactive matter would be left un-decayed after four half-lives? **OR** What fraction of a radioactive element will be left after 4 half-lives have elapsed?
- 43) In the nuclear reaction  ${}_Z^AX + {}_2^4\text{He} \rightarrow {}_{Z+2}^{A+3}\text{Y} + W$ , what particle does W denote?
- 44) When a nucleus  ${}_{92}^{238}\text{U}$  absorbs a slow neutron, it subsequently emits two  $\alpha$ -particles. What is the resulting element?

### **"Important Long Questions"**

- 1) Write applications of radioisotopes in medicine, industry and agriculture.
- 2) What do you understand by half-life of a radioactive element? Explain by graph.
- 3) What is nuclear transmutations? Discuss nuclear decays in detail.
- 4) What is nuclear fission and nuclear fusion?
- 5) What are hazards and safety measures of radiation?