

1. An electron can be represented by \_\_\_\_\_.
- ${}^0_0e$
  - ${}^0_{-1}e$
  - ${}^0_0e$
  - ${}^{-1}_{-1}e$
2. In the equation
- $${}^{26}_{12}\text{Mg} + {}^1_1\text{p} \longrightarrow {}^4_2\alpha + \text{X}$$
- 'X' is the element \_\_\_\_\_.
- Be
  - Ne
  - Na
  - K
3. 'X' in the equation  ${}^{59}_{27}\text{Co} + {}^2_1\text{H} \longrightarrow {}^{60}_{27}\text{Co} + \text{X}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- ${}^4_2\alpha$
  - ${}^1_1\text{p}$
  - ${}^0_{-1}\beta$
  - ${}^0_1\beta$
4. Species 'X' in the equation  ${}^{235}_{92}\text{U} + {}^1_0\text{n} \longrightarrow {}^{94}_{36}\text{Kr} + {}^{139}_{56}\text{Ba} + 3\text{X}$  is a(an) \_\_\_\_\_.
- proton
  - positron
  - neutron
  - electron
5. Chromium-53 on bombardment with  $\alpha$ -particles yields \_\_\_\_\_ and a neutron.
- ${}^{56}_{26}\text{Fe}$
  - ${}^{57}_{27}\text{Co}$
  - ${}^{56}_{28}\text{Ni}$
  - ${}^{56}_{27}\text{Co}$

6.  ${}^{20}_8\text{O}$  disintegrates into  ${}^{20}_9\text{F}$  and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ${}^0_{-1}\beta$
  - ${}^1_1\text{H}$
  - ${}^0_1\beta$
  - ${}^1_0\text{n}$
7.  ${}^{135}_{53}\text{I}$  disintegrates into \_\_\_\_\_ and a  $\beta$ -particle.
- Xe
  - At
  - Rn
  - Cs
8.  ${}^{40}_{19}\text{K}$  emits a  $\beta$ -particle and yields \_\_\_\_\_.
- Mg
  - Ar
  - Ca
  - Ba
9. When a cobalt-59 nucleus is bombarded with a neutron, the products are manganese-56 and a(an) \_\_\_\_\_.
- $\alpha$ -particle
  - $\beta$ -particle
  - positron
  - proton
10. On bombardment with a neutron, uranium-235 yields  ${}^{99}\text{Sr}$ ,  ${}^{135}\text{Te}$  and \_\_\_\_\_.
- ${}^1_1\text{H}$
  - $2{}^1_0\text{n}$
  - ${}^2_1\text{H}$
  - ${}^4_2\text{He}$
11. Identify the nuclear magic number: \_\_\_\_\_
- 10
  - 20
  - 40
  - 54

12. \_\_\_\_\_ is not a nuclear magic number.
- A) 2
  - B) 50
  - C) 82
  - D) 36
13. Nuclear belt stability is based on the \_\_\_\_\_ ratio.
- A)  $\frac{e}{n}$
  - B)  $\frac{e}{p}$
  - C)  $\frac{e}{m}$
  - D)  $\frac{n}{p}$
14. The \_\_\_\_\_ nucleus does not exist.
- A)  ${}_{11}^{24}\text{Na}$
  - B)  ${}_{2}^{3}\text{He}$
  - C)  ${}_{17}^{37}\text{Cl}$
  - D)  ${}_{2}^{2}\text{He}$
15. The equation used to calculate nuclear binding energy is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A)  $E = hv$
  - B)  $E = mc^2$
  - C)  $\lambda = \frac{h}{mv}$
  - D)  $E = mvr$
16. The density of an atomic nucleus is on the order of \_\_\_\_\_  $\text{g/cm}^3$ .
- A)  $10^2$
  - B)  $10^{27}$
  - C)  $10^{14}$
  - D)  $10^5$

17. The radius of an atomic nucleus is approximately \_\_\_\_ pm.
- A)  $10^{-9}$
  - B)  $10^{-12}$
  - C)  $10^{-3}$
  - D)  $10^{-8}$
18. The most stable nucleus shown below is \_\_\_\_.
- A)  ${}_{20}^{48}\text{Ca}$
  - B)  ${}_{21}^{48}\text{Sc}$
  - C)  ${}_{3}^9\text{Li}$
  - D)  ${}_{11}^{23}\text{Na}$
19. Of the following nuclei, only \_\_\_\_ is radioactive.
- A)  ${}_{27}^{60}\text{Co}$
  - B)  ${}_{20}^{40}\text{Ca}$
  - C)  ${}_{10}^{20}\text{Ne}$
  - D)  ${}_{11}^{23}\text{Na}$
20. The binding energy per nucleon of fluorine-19 (18.9984 amu) is \_\_\_\_.
- A)  $1.25 \times 10^{-12}$  J
  - B)  $1.25 \times 10^{-6}$  J
  - C)  $3.02 \times 10^5$  J
  - D)  $6.023 \times 10^8$  J
21. The binding energy per nucleon of  ${}^{127}\text{I}$  (126.9004 amu) is \_\_\_\_.
- A)  $1.36 \times 10^{12}$  J
  - B)  $4.32 \times 10^{-6}$  J
  - C)  $1.36 \times 10^{-12}$  J
  - D)  $4.32 \times 10^6$  J
22. The binding energy of an atom per nucleon is on the order of \_\_\_\_.
- A)  $10^{-6}$  J
  - B)  $10^{-8}$  J
  - C)  $10^{-12}$  J
  - D)  $10^{-10}$  J

23.  $^{232}\text{Th}$  decays to  $^{228}\text{Th}$ . The numbers of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ -particles produced are \_\_\_\_\_.  
A)  $1\alpha, 2\beta$   
B)  $2\alpha, 1\beta$   
C)  $2\alpha, 2\beta$   
D)  $1\alpha, 1\beta$
24. Radioactive decay follows \_\_\_\_\_ order kinetics.  
A) zero  
B) second  
C) first  
D) third
25. The half-life of Tl-206 decay to Pb-206 is 4.20 minutes. Starting with  $5.00 \times 10^{22}$  atoms of Tl-206, the number of Tl atoms left after 42.0 minutes is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A)  $4.89 \times 10^{19}$   
B)  $2.12 \times 10^{21}$   
C)  $9.72 \times 10^{17}$   
D)  $7.50 \times 10^{15}$
26. The rate law for radioactive decay is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) Rate = k  
B) Rate =  $\lambda N^2$   
C) Rate =  $\lambda N$   
D) Rate =  $\lambda/N$
27.  $^{232}_{90}\text{Th}$  loses six  $\alpha$  and four  $\beta$  particles. The final isotope produced is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) Pb-208  
B) Bi-208  
C) Pb-206  
D) Po-208
28. The half-life of strontium-90 is 28.1 yr. A 1.00 g of  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  will be reduced to 0.200 g by decay in the time \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) 56.2 yrs  
B) 65.2 yrs  
C) 75.3 yrs  
D) 52.4 yrs

29. Consider the decay series  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow C \rightarrow D$  where A, B and C are radioactive isotopes with half-lives of 4.50 s, 15.0 days, and 1.00 s, respectively. Starting with 1.00 mol of A, the number of moles of A left after 30 days is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) 0.001  
 B) 0.01  
 C) 0.1  
 D) zero
30. One element can be converted into another by nuclear \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) reduction  
 B) oxidation  
 C) transmutation  
 D) deceleration
31. In the reaction  $X(p, \alpha) {}^6_6\text{C}$ , X is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A)  ${}^{14}_7\text{N}$   
 B)  ${}^{15}_7\text{N}$   
 C)  ${}^{16}_8\text{O}$   
 D)  ${}^{16}_7\text{N}$
32. X in the reaction  ${}^{27}_{13}\text{Al}(d, \alpha)X$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A)  ${}^{27}_{11}\text{Na}$   
 B)  ${}^{20}_{18}\text{Ar}$   
 C)  ${}^{25}_{12}\text{Mg}$   
 D)  ${}^{23}_{18}\text{Ar}$
33. The isotope produced in the reaction  ${}^{55}_{25}\text{Mn}(n, \gamma)X$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Mn-56  
 B) Fe-56  
 C) Co-56  
 D) Ni-57

34. The projectile used to convert  $^{80}_{34}\text{Se}$  into  $^{81}_{34}\text{Se}$  and  $^1_1\text{H}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A)  $^1_0\text{n}$   
 B)  $^4_2\text{He}$   
 C)  $^2_1\text{H}$   
 D)  $2^1_0\text{n}$
35. The target nuclei, X in the reaction  $\text{X}(d, 2p)^9_3\text{Li}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A)  $^9_5\text{B}$   
 B)  $^9_4\text{Be}$   
 C)  $^9_3\text{Li}$   
 D)  $^{14}_7\text{N}$
36. The species X in the reaction  $^{10}_5\text{B}(n, \alpha)\text{X}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A)  $^7_3\text{Li}$   
 B)  $^8_3\text{Li}$   
 C)  $^9_3\text{Li}$   
 D)  $^7_4\text{Be}$
37. Heavier nuclei are broken down into smaller nuclei by nuclear \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) fusion  
 B) transmutation  
 C) fission  
 D) oxidation
38. A self-sustained nuclear fission reaction is called a \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) chain reaction  
 B) reversible reaction  
 C) fusion  
 D) fragmentation
39. The moderator in a nuclear reactor \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) reduces the energy of neutrons  
 B) increases the energy of neutrons  
 C) increases the number of neutrons  
 D) reduces the number of neutrons

40. The material in a nuclear reactor that reduces the number of neutrons is called a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) reducer  
B) moderator  
C) control rod  
D) reflector
41. \_\_\_\_\_ can be used as a moderator in nuclear reactors.  
A)  $D_2O$   
B) Na  
C)  $O_2$   
D)  $H_2$
42. The control rods used in a nuclear reactor are \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) Ca  
B) Cu  
C) Cd  
D) Cs
43. In a nuclear reactor, boron is used as \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) control rods  
B) a coolant  
C) a monitor  
D) a moderator
44. The percentage of  $^{235}U$  in naturally occurring uranium is \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) 7%  
B) 70%  
C) 0.7%  
D) 0.07%
45. Nuclear fuel consists of uranium in the form of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A)  $U_3O_8$   
B)  $U_2SO_4$   
C)  $UO_2$   
D)  $U_3SiO_3$



46. A breeder reactor produces \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) more fissionable materials than it uses  
B) less fissionable materials than it uses  
C) stable nuclei only  
D) light nuclei only
47. The union of smaller nuclei into larger nuclei is nuclear \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) fusion  
B) fission  
C) fragmentation  
D) transmutation
48. Thermonuclear reactions are often called \_\_\_\_\_ reactions.  
A) fission  
B) fertile  
C) fusion  
D) thermodynamic
49. A plasma is a \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) gas consisting of positive ions  
B) gaseous mixture of positive ions and electrons  
C) liquid mixture of positive ions and electrons  
D) solid mixture of positive and negative ions
50. The correct statement is: \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) Lighter elements undergo nuclear fission  
B) Heavier elements undergo nuclear fission  
C) Heavier elements undergo nuclear fusion  
D) Lighter elements undergo nuclear fusion and fission
51. A hydrogen bomb works under the principle of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) nuclear fission  
B) moderation  
C) nuclear fusion  
D) nuclear oxidation

52. The mechanism of the following reaction ( $I^* = {}^{128}\text{I}$ ) shows that \_\_\_\_\_:  
 ${}^* \text{IO}_4^- (aq) + 2\text{I}^- (aq) + \text{H}_2\text{O} (l) \longrightarrow {}^* \text{I}_2 (s) + \text{IO}_3^- (aq) + \text{OH}^- (aq)$
- A)  $\text{I}^-$  is oxidized to  $\text{IO}_3^-$   
 B)  $\text{IO}_4^-$  is reduced to  $\text{IO}_3^-$   
 C)  $\text{I}_2$  is formed from  $\text{I}^-$   
 D)  $\text{I}_2$  is formed from  $\text{I}^-$  and  $\text{IO}_4^-$
53. \_\_\_\_\_ cannot be used as a radioactive tracer.
- A)  ${}^{24}\text{Na}$   
 B)  ${}^{128}\text{I}$   
 C)  ${}^{59}\text{Fe}$   
 D)  ${}^{35}\text{Cl}$
54. The most stable nuclei will have the number of neutrons and protons as \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) odd-odd  
 B) even-even  
 C) odd-even  
 D) even-odd
55. The species X in the equation  ${}^3_1\text{H} \longrightarrow {}^3_2\text{He} + \text{X}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A)  ${}^0_{+1}\text{e}$   
 B)  ${}^1_1\text{H}$   
 C)  ${}^0_{-1}\text{e}$   
 D)  ${}^2_1\text{H}$
56. The ratio of  ${}^1_1\text{H}$  to  ${}^3_1\text{H}$  in ordinary water is  $1.0 \times 10^{17}$  to 1. \_\_\_\_\_ disintegrations per minute will be observed from 1.000 kg water. (The half-life of  ${}^3_1\text{H}$  is 12.5 yrs)
- A) 70.  
 B) 16.  
 C) 40.  
 D) 96.
57. A unit of radioactivity is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) the joule  
 B) the curie  
 C) the röntgen  
 D) the becquerel

58. One curie corresponds to \_\_\_\_\_ disintegration/s.
- A)  $3.00 \times 10^7$
  - B)  $1.00 \times 10^{10}$
  - C)  $3.70 \times 10^{10}$
  - D)  $2.00 \times 10^8$
59. The activity of 0.500 g of  ${}_{93}^{237}\text{Np}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 2.20 \times 10^6$  yrs) is \_\_\_\_\_ millicuries.
- A) 3.43
  - B) 34.3
  - C) 8.72
  - D) 0.343
60.  ${}_{93}^{237}\text{Np}$  emits an  $\alpha$ -particle to yield \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Pa
  - B) Pu
  - C) Th
  - D) U
61. Uranium-235 on fission by slow neutrons yields barium, 3 neutrons and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) krypton
  - B) xenon
  - C) radon
  - D) cesium
62. When  ${}_{92}^{235}\text{U}$  undergoes fission by neutrons it yields cesium, 2 neutrons and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) barium
  - B) calcium
  - C) rubidium
  - D) francium
63. On bombardment with a neutron, U-235 yields bromine, 3 neutrons and \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) iodine
  - B) lanthanum
  - C) cesium
  - D) sodium

64.  ${}_{92}^{235}\text{U}$  undergoes fission with a neutron to yield Sm, 4 neutrons and \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A) Sn  
 B) Zr  
 C) Ti  
 D) Zn
65. The nuclear binding energy of  ${}^{10}\text{B}$  (10.0129 amu) is \_\_\_\_\_ J/nucleon.  
 A)  $1.040 \times 10^{-12}$   
 B)  $1.199 \times 10^{-12}$   
 C)  $1.690 \times 10^{-12}$   
 D)  $1.010 \times 10^{-12}$
66. The binding energy of  ${}^{14}\text{N}$  (14.00307 amu) is \_\_\_\_\_ J/nucleon.  
 A)  $1.000 \times 10^{-12}$   
 B)  $2.010 \times 10^{-12}$   
 C)  $1.199 \times 10^{-12}$   
 D)  $3.120 \times 10^{-12}$
67. Of the following, \_\_\_\_\_ has the greatest binding energy per nucleon.  
 A)  ${}^{10}\text{B}$  (10.0129 amu)  
 B)  ${}^{11}\text{B}$  (11.00931 amu)  
 C)  ${}^{14}\text{N}$  (14.00307 amu)  
 D)  ${}^{56}\text{Fe}$  (55.9349 amu)
68. An example of a nonradioactive isotope is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A)  ${}^{14}\text{C}$   
 B)  ${}^3_1\text{H}$   
 C)  ${}^{131}\text{I}$   
 D)  ${}^{14}_7\text{N}$
69. Pu-242 undergoes  $\alpha$ -particle emission and yields \_\_\_\_\_.  
 A)  ${}^{238}\text{U}$   
 B)  ${}^{235}\text{U}$   
 C)  ${}^{238}\text{Np}$   
 D)  ${}^{238}\text{Cm}$

70.  ${}_{98}^{251}\text{Cf}$  transforms into  ${}_{96}^{247}\text{Cm}$  by emitting \_\_\_\_\_.
- A)  ${}_{1}^{1}\text{H}$
  - B)  ${}_{-1}^{0}\text{e}$
  - C)  ${}_{2}^{4}\text{He}$
  - D)  ${}_{0}^{1}\text{n}$
71. Iodine-131 undergoes  $\beta$ -decay to yield \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Radon
  - B) Xenon
  - C) Argon
  - D) Astatine
72.  ${}_{7}^{18}\text{N}$  will emit \_\_\_\_\_ to obtain a stable nucleus.
- A)  ${}_{-1}^{0}\text{e}$
  - B)  ${}_{1}^{1}\text{H}$
  - C)  ${}_{0}^{1}\text{n}$
  - D)  ${}_{2}^{4}\text{He}$
73. Calcium in bones can be replaced by \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) Sc
  - B) Sr
  - C) Zn
  - D) Cs
74. Astatine can be prepared by bombarding \_\_\_\_\_ with  $\alpha$ -particles.
- A) Br-209
  - B) Po-209
  - C) Bi-209
  - D) Rn-209

75.  $\frac{n}{p}$   
The  $\frac{n}{p}$  ratio equals 2 for the nucleus \_\_\_\_\_.
- A)  ${}^3_1\text{H}$   
B)  ${}^{14}_7\text{N}$   
C)  ${}^{12}_6\text{C}$   
D)  ${}^2_1\text{H}$
76.  $\frac{n}{p}$   
A nucleus not having a  $\frac{n}{p}$  ratio equal to one is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A)  ${}^2_1\text{H}$   
B)  ${}^{16}_8\text{O}$   
C)  ${}^{10}_5\text{B}$   
D)  ${}^{14}_6\text{C}$
77. The age of wood can be determined by using \_\_\_\_\_ decay.
- A)  ${}^{14}\text{N}$   
B)  ${}^{14}\text{C}$   
C)  ${}^{18}\text{O}$   
D)  ${}^{12}\text{C}$
78.  ${}^{40}\text{K}$  decays into  ${}^{40}\text{Ar}$  ( $t_{1/2} = 1.2 \times 10^9$  yr) by yielding a(an) \_\_\_\_\_.
- A) electron  
B) positron  
C) neutron  
D) proton
79. A sample of moon rock contains 18%  ${}^{40}\text{K}$  and 82%  ${}^{40}\text{Ar}$  by mass.  ${}^{40}\text{K}$  decays to  ${}^{40}\text{Ar}$  with a half-life of  $1.2 \times 10^9$  yr. The age of the rock is \_\_\_\_\_.
- A)  $2 \times 10^7$  yr  
B)  $4 \times 10^8$  yr  
C)  $3 \times 10^9$  yr  
D)  $7 \times 10^{10}$  yr

80.  $\beta$ -decay of  $^{90}\text{Sr}$  yields \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) Y  
B) Rb  
C) Sc  
D) Zr
81.  $^{90}\text{Zr}$  can be obtained from the  $\beta$ -decay of \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) N  
B) Hf  
C) Ti  
D) Y
82. The intensity of radiation depends on \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) the isotope half-life  
B) the isotope decay rate constant  
C) amount of the isotope  
D) all of the above
83. Thyroid gland activity is studied by using \_\_\_\_\_.  
A)  $^{127}\text{I}$   
B)  $^{131}\text{I}$   
C)  $^{24}\text{Na}$   
D)  $^{14}\text{C}$
84. One millicurie is \_\_\_\_\_ disintegrations/s.  
A)  $3.7 \times 10^{10}$   
B)  $3.7 \times 10^{13}$   
C)  $3.7 \times 10^7$   
D) 1000
85. The element  $^{270}_{110}\text{X}$  must be a/an \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) halogen  
B) rare gas  
C) transition metal  
D) alkali metal

86. The element  ${}_{112}^{274}\text{Z}$  will resemble \_\_\_\_\_.  
A) Zn  
B) Co  
C) As  
D) Ni
87. The element  ${}_{114}^{285}\text{X}$  will belong to the \_\_\_\_\_ family.  
A) halogen  
B) nitrogen  
C) carbon  
D) oxygen
88. The energy released when one U-238 atom decays to Th-234 is \_\_\_\_\_ J. The atomic masses are: U-238, 238.0508; Th-234, 234.0436 amu; He-4, 4.0026 amu.  
A)  $4.12 \times 10^{-11}$   
B)  $6.87 \times 10^{-13}$   
C)  $3.12 \times 10^{-9}$   
D)  $7.12 \times 10^{-15}$