

Nuclear Physics JEE Main PYQ – 1

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Nuclear Physics

1. Given the masses of various atomic particles $m_p = 1.0072u$, $m_n = 1.0087u$, $m_e = 0.000548u$, $m_{\bar{\nu}} = 0$, $m_d = 2.0141u$ where $p \equiv$ proton, $n \equiv$ neutron, $e \equiv$ electron, $\bar{\nu} \equiv$ antineutrino and $d \equiv$ deuteron. Which of the following process is allowed by momentum and energy conservation ? (+4)
- [Sep. 06, 2020 (II)]

- a. $n + p \rightarrow d + \gamma$
- b. $e^+ + e^- \rightarrow \gamma$
- c. $n + n \rightarrow$ deuterium atom (electron bound to the nucleus)
- d. $p \rightarrow n + e^+ + \bar{\nu}$

2. Find the binding energy per nucleon for ${}_{50}^{120}\text{Sn}$. Mass of proton $m_p = 1.00783U$, mass of neutron $m_n = 1.00867U$ and mass of tin nucleus $m_{\text{Sn}} = 119.902199U$ (take $1U = 931 \text{ MeV}$) (+4)
- [Sep. 04, 2020 (II)]

- a. 8.5 MeV
- b. 7.5 MeV
- c. 8.0 MeV
- d. 9.0 MeV

3. Consider the nuclear fission $\text{Ne}^{20} \rightarrow 2\text{He}^4 + \text{C}^{12}$. Given that the binding energy/nucleon of Ne^{20} , He^4 and C^{12} are, respectively, 8.03 MeV , 7.07 MeV and 7.86 MeV , identify the correct statement : (+4)
- [Sep. 02, 2020 (I)]

- a. 8.3 MeV energy will be released
- b. energy of 12.4 MeV will be supplied
- c. energy of 11.9 MeV has to be supplied
- d. energy of 3.6 MeV will be released

4. A radioactive nucleus decays by two different processes. The half life for the first process is $10s$ and that for the second is $100s$. the effective half life of the nucleus is close to: (+4)
[30-Jan-2023 Shift 2]

- a. 9 sec
- b. 55 sec
- c. 6 sec
- d. 12 sec

5. The activity of a radioactive sample falls from $700 s^{-1}$ to $500 s^{-1}$ in 30 minutes. Its half life is close to : (+4)
[29-Jun-2022-Shift-1]

- a. 72 min
- b. 62 min
- c. 66 min
- d. 52 min

6. Two radioactive materials A and B have decay constants 10λ and λ , respectively. It initially they have the same number of nuclei, then the ratio of the number of nuclei of A to that of B will be $1/e$ after a time : (+4)

[29-Jul-2022-Shift-2]

- a. $\frac{11}{10\lambda}$
- b. $\frac{1}{9\lambda}$
- c. $\frac{1}{10\lambda}$
- d. $\frac{1}{11\lambda}$

7. The ratio of mass densities of nuclei of $^{40}C_a$ and ^{16}O is close to :- (+4)
[30-Jan-2024•Shift•1]

- a. 1

- b. 2
- c. 0.1
- d. 5

8. A radioactive nucleus A with a half-life T , decays into a nucleus B . At $t = 0$, there is no nucleus B . At sometime t , the ratio of the number of B to that of A is 0.3. Then, t is given by : (+4)
[30-Jan-2023 Shift 2]

a. $t = \frac{T}{2} \frac{\log 2}{\log(1.3)}$

b. $t = T \frac{\log(1.3)}{\log 2}$

c. $t = T \log(1.3)$

d. $t = \frac{T}{\log(1.3)}$

9. Nucleus A having $Z = 17$ and equal number of protons and neutrons has $12MeV$ binding energy per nucleon. Another nucleus B of $Z = 12$ has total 26 nucleons and $18MeV$ binding energy per nucleons. The difference of binding energy of B and A will be ___ MeV (+4)
[1-Feb-2023 Shift 2]

10. A radioactive nucleus decays by two different process. The half life of the first process is 5 minutes and that of the second process is 30s. The effective half-life of the nucleus is calculated to be $\frac{\alpha}{11}$ s. The value of α is _____ (+4)
[30-Jan-2023 Shift 2]

Answers

1. Answer: a

Explanation:

Only in case-I, $M_{LHS} > M_{RHS}$ i.e.

total mass on reactant side is greater than that on the product side. Hence it will only be allowed

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2. Answer: a

Explanation:

$$\text{B.E.} = [\Delta m] \cdot c^2$$

$$M_{\text{expected}} = ZM_p + (A - Z)M_n$$

$$= 50[1.00783] + 70[1.00867]$$

$$M_{\text{actual}} = 119.902199$$

$$B.E. = [50[1.00783] + 70[1.00867] - 119.902199] \times 931$$

$$= 1020.56$$

$$\frac{BE}{\text{nucleon}} = \frac{1020.56}{120}$$

$$= 8.5 \text{ MeV}$$

The Correct Option is (A): 8.5 MeV

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3. Answer: c

Explanation:



$$8.30 \times 20 \quad 2 \times 7.07 \times 4 + 7.86 \times 12$$

$$\therefore E_B = (BE)_{react} - (BE)_{product} = 9.72 \text{ MeV}$$

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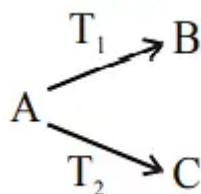
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4. Answer: a

Explanation:



$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{T_{eff}} &= \frac{1}{T_1} + \frac{1}{T_2} \\ T_{eff} &= \frac{T_1 T_2}{T_1 + T_2} \\ &= \frac{1000}{110} = \frac{100}{11} = 9.09 \\ T_{eff} &\cong 9 \end{aligned}$$

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5. Answer: b

Explanation:

$$A = A_0 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{T_{1/2}}}$$
$$500 = 700 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{T_{1/2}}}$$
$$0.7 \approx \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{\frac{t}{T_{1/2}}}$$
$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{1/2} \approx \frac{t}{T_{1/2}}$$
$$\frac{30}{T_{1/2}} \approx \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow T_{1/2} = 60$$

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6. Answer: b

Explanation:

$$N_1 = N_0 e^{-10\lambda t}$$

$$N_2 = N_0 e^{-\lambda t}$$

$$\frac{1}{e} = \frac{N_1}{N_2} = e^{-9\lambda t}$$

$$\Rightarrow 9\lambda t = 1$$

$$t = \frac{1}{9\lambda}$$

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7. Answer: a

Explanation:

The correct option is(A): 1

mass densities of all nuclei are same so their ratio is 1.

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8. Answer: b

Explanation:

$$\frac{N_0 - N_0 e^{-\lambda t}}{N_0 e^{-\lambda t}} = 0.3$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\lambda t} = 1.3$$

$$\therefore \lambda t = \ln 1.3$$

$$\left(\frac{\ln 2}{T}\right) t = \ln 1.3$$

$$t = T \cdot \frac{\ln(1.3)}{\ln 2}$$
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9. Answer: 6 – 6

Explanation:

The correct answer is 6.

For A mass number = 34

Total binding energy = $1.2 \times 34 = 40.8 \text{ MeV}$

For B mass number = 26

total binding energy = $1.8 \times 26 \text{ MeV}$

= 46.8 MeV

Difference of $BE = 6 \text{ MeV}$

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10. Answer: 300 – 300

Explanation:

The correct answer is 300.

$$\frac{dN_1}{dt} = -\lambda_1 N$$

$$\frac{dN_2}{dt} = -\lambda_2 N$$

$$\frac{dN}{dt} = -(\lambda_1 + \lambda_2) N$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda_{eq} = \lambda_1 + \lambda_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{t_{1/2}} = \frac{1}{300} + \frac{1}{30} = \frac{11}{300}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_{1/2} = \frac{300}{11}$$

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