Non Sibi High School

Andover's Chem 250: Introductory/Basic Chemistry

Chapter 19, Review Quiz 1 Answers

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Write balanced equations for the following nuclear reactions:

- a. Arsenic-69 decays by positron emission.
- b. Nickel-59 decays by electron capture.
- c. Iodine-135 decays by beta emission.
- d. Polonium-210 decays by alpha emission.

a.
$$^{69}_{33}$$
As $\longrightarrow ^{0}_{+1}\beta + ^{69}_{32}$ Ge

b.
$$^{59}_{28}\text{Ni} + ^{0}_{-1}\text{e} \longrightarrow ^{59}_{27}\text{Co}$$

c.
$$^{135}_{53}I \longrightarrow ^{0}_{-1}\beta + ^{135}_{54}Xe$$

d.
$$^{210}_{84}$$
Po $\longrightarrow ^{4}_{2}\alpha + ^{206}_{82}$ Pb

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Neutron bombardment of cobalt-59 produces an alpha particle and a new isotope. Write a balanced equation for this nuclear reaction.

$$^{59}_{27}$$
Co + $^{1}_{0}$ n \longrightarrow $^{4}_{2}\alpha$ + $^{56}_{25}$ Mn

3

The half-life of argon-41 is 1.8 hours. How many atoms will remain if a 3.5×10^{24} atom sample of argon-41 decays for 9.0 hours?

$$h = \frac{9.0 \,\mathrm{h}}{1.8 \,\mathrm{h}} = 5$$

$$3.5 \times 10^{24} \text{ atoms } \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = 1.1 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}$$

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The half-life of silver-110 is 25 seconds. How much time is required for an $8.8~\mathrm{g}$ sample of silver-110 to decay to $1.1~\mathrm{g}$?

$$8.8 \,\mathrm{g} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^h = 1.1 \,\mathrm{g}$$

$$h = 3$$

$$\mathrm{time} = 3 \times 25 \,\mathrm{s} = 75 \,\mathrm{s}$$

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A 3.20 mol sample of zirconium-95 requires 384 days to decay to 0.0500 mol. Calculate the half-life of zirconium-95.

$$32.0 \operatorname{mol} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^h = 0.0500 \operatorname{mol}$$

$$h = 6$$

$$t_{1/2} = \frac{384 \operatorname{d}}{6} = 64.0 \operatorname{d}$$



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