

NUCLEAR PHYSICS
PREVIOUS EAMCET BITS
ENGINEERING

1. The radioactivity of a sample is 'X' at a time 't₁' and 'Y' at a time 't₂'. If the mean life time of the specimen is τ , the number of atoms that have disintegrated in the time interval (t₁- t₂) is :

(2009 E)

- 1) $Xt_1 - Yt_2$ 2) X-Y 3) $\frac{X-Y}{\tau}$ 4) $(X-Y)\tau$

Ans : 4

Sol: The relation between $t_{1/2}$ and λ is $t_{1/2} = \frac{0.693}{\lambda}$

$\lambda t_1 = X$ (1)

$\lambda t_2 = Y$ (2)

from (1) and (2)

$\lambda(t_1 - t_2) = X - Y \Rightarrow t_1 - t_2 = \frac{X - Y}{\lambda}$

but $\tau = \frac{1}{\lambda}$

$\therefore t_1 - t_2 = (X - Y) \tau$

2. Let F_{pp} , F_{pn} and F_{nn} denote the magnitudes of the nuclear force by a proton on a proton, by a proton on a neutron and by a neutron on a neutron respectively when the separation is less than one fermi, then

(2008 E)

- 1) $F_{pp} > F_{pn} = F_{nn}$ 2) $F_{pp} = F_{pn} = F_{nn}$ 3) $F_{pp} > F_{pn} > F_{nn}$ 4) $F_{pp} < F_{pn} = F_{nn}$

Ans: 2

Sol. Nuclear forces are charge independent

3. In sun, the important source of energy is

(E-2007)

- 1) proton-proton cycle 2) carbon-nitrogen cycle
 3) carbon-carbon cycle 4) nitrogen-nitrogen cycle

Ans: 1

Sol. Because of nuclear fusion proton – proton cycle takes place

4. A free neutron decays spontaneously into:

[2006E]

- 1) a proton, an electron and an anti-neutrino
 2) a proton, an electron and a neutrino
 3) a proton and electron
 4) a proton, an electron, a neutrino and an anti-neutrino

Ans: 1

Sol. ${}_0n^1 \longrightarrow {}_{-1}e^0 + {}_1H^1 + \nu$

5. Particles and their anti-particles have:

[2005E]

- 1) the same masses but opposite spins
 2) the same masses but opposite magnetic moments.
 3) the same masses and same magnetic moments

4) opposite spins and same magnetic moments

Ans: 2

Sol. Same masses but opposite electromagnetic properties like charge, magnetic moment etc.

6. Consider the following two statements A and B and identify the correct answer given below:

A: Nuclear density is same for all nuclei

[2004 E]

B: Radius of the nucleus (R) and its mass number (A) are related as $\sqrt{A} \propto R^{1/6}$

1) Both A and B are true

2) Both A and B are false

3) A is true and B is false

4) A is false B is true

Ans : 3

Sol: Density remains constant

(A): $\rho = \text{constant}$

(B): (B) $R \propto A^{1/3}$ [since $R = R_0 A^{1/3}$]

$\Rightarrow R^3 \propto A$

$\Rightarrow R^{3/2} \propto \sqrt{A}$

7. The mass defect in a particular nuclear reaction is 0.3grams. The amount of energy liberated in kilowatt hours is : (C=3x10⁸m/s) [2003E]

1) 7.5×10^5 KWH

2) 7.5×10^4 KWH

3) 7.5×10^3 KWH

4) 7.5×10^6 KWH

Ans: 4

Sol: From Einstein mass – energy equivalence

$$\Delta E = \Delta MC^2$$

$$= 0.3 \times 10^{-3} \times (3 \times 10^8)^2$$

$$= 2.7 \times 10^{13} \text{ J} = \frac{2.7 \times 10^3}{3600 \times 10^3}$$

$$= 0.75 \times 10^7 \text{ KWH}$$

$$= 7.5 \times 10^6 \text{ KWH}$$

8. Consider the following statements A and B.

Identify the correct choice in the given answer.

(A) p-p, p-n, n-n forces between nucleons are not equal and charge dependent

(B) In nuclear reactor the fission reaction will be in accelerating state if the value of neutron reproduction factor $k > 1$ [2002 E]

1) Both A and B are correct

2) Both A and B are wrong

3) A is wrong and B is correct

4) A is correct and B is wrong.

Ans :3

A: The p-n, p-p and n-n nuclear forces are equal and charge independent.

$$B : K = \frac{\text{Neutrons in one generation}}{\text{Neutrons in the previous generation}}$$

Where k is called neutron multiplication factor

If $K > 1$, the neutron population keeps on increasing after the completion of each neutron cycle which takes time of the order of a millisecond. Which is called as super critical state

9. True masses of neutron, proton and deuteron in a.m.u are 1.00893, 1.00813 and 2.01473 respectively. The packing fraction of the deuteron in a.m.u is [2002 E]

1) 11.65×10^{-4}

2) 23.5×10^{-4}

- 3) 73.6×10^{-4} 4) 47.15×10^{-4}

Ans :3

Sol: Packing fraction = $\frac{M - A}{A}$, where M is the atomic mass and A is the mass number.

$$P = \frac{M - A}{A} = \frac{2.01473 - 2}{2} = 73.6 \times 10^{-4}$$

10. A heavy nucleus at rest breaks into two fragments which fly off with velocities 8:1. The ratio of radii of fragments is (2001 E)

- 1) 1:2 2) 1:4 3) 4:1 4) 2:1

Ans:1

Sol Momentum conservation gives

$$m_1 v_1 = m_2 v_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{v_1}{v_2} = \frac{8}{1} = \frac{m_2}{m_1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{m_2}{m_1} = \frac{1}{8} \approx \frac{A_1}{A_2}$$

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \left(\frac{A_1}{A_2} \right)^{1/3} = \left(\frac{1}{8} \right)^{1/3} = \frac{1}{2}$$

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11. Atomic mass of ${}^{13}_6\text{C}$ is 13.00335 amu and its mass number is 13.0. If 1amu=931 MeV, binding energy of the neutrons present in the nucleus is: (2009 M)

- 1) 0.24 MeV 2) 1.44 MeV 3) 1.68 MeV 4) 3.12 MeV

Ans: 3

Sol: Mass defect = 0.00335 amu

∴ binding energy of neutrons

$$= \left[\frac{(0.00335)(931)}{13} \right] \times 7$$

$$= 1.679 = 1.68 \text{ MeV}$$

12. The following particles are Baryons: (2008 M)

- 1) Nucleons and hyperons 2) Nucleons and leptons
3) Hyperons and leptons 4) Hyperons and Bosons

Ans: 1

Sol. Nucleons and hyperons are called Baryons

13. Electron belongs to the following class of elementary particles [2007M]

- 1) Hardon 2) Lepton 3) Boson 4) Baryon

Ans: 2

Sol. As electrons have lighter mass. Therefore they belong to leptons

14. Assertion(A): Nuclear forces arise from strong Coulombic interactions between protons and neutrons.

Reason (R): Nuclear forces are independent of the charge of the nucleons. [2006M]

- 1) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A

2) Both A and R are true but R is the not correct explanation of A

3) A is true, but R is false 4) A is false, but R is true

Ans: 4

15 The particle that possesses half integral spin is: [2005M]

- 1) Photon 2) Pion 3) Proton 4) K-meson

Ans: 3

Sol. Proton Possesses half integral spin.

16 Matching pairs in the two lists given below are [2004M]

List-I

- A) Gravitions E) Hyperons
B) Baryons
C) Pions
D) Leptons

List-II

- F) Positrons
G) Particles with zero mass and with a spin of unity
H) Decay to -mesons
I) Massless particles with a probable spin of two units.

- 1) A-E,B-H,C-G,D-I 2) A-I,B-E,C-H,D-F 3) A-H,B-F,C-I,D-E 4) A-F,B-G,C-E,D-H

Ans: 2

17. A nucleus splits into two nuclear parts having radii in the ratio 1:2. Their velocities are in the ratio [2003M]

- 1) 8:1 2) 6:1 3) 4:1 4) 2:1

Ans: 1

Sol: $R = R_0 A^{1/3}$

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \frac{M_1}{M_2} = \frac{R_1^3}{R_2^3} = \frac{1^3}{2^3} = \frac{1}{8} \quad [\text{since mass} = \text{volume} \times \text{density}]$$

$$M_1 V_1 = M_2 V_2 \quad [\text{from law of conservation of momentum}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_1}{V_2} = \frac{M_2}{M_1} = 8$$

18. A: Density of nucleus is independent of its mass number

B: Beryllium is used as a moderator in nuclear reactors

(2002 M)

- 1) Both A and B are correct
2) Both A and B are wrong
3) A is correct,B is wrong
4) A is wrong,B is correct

Ans : 3

Sol: A : $\rho = \frac{\text{mass of nucleus}}{\text{volume}} = \frac{A \times M_p}{4\pi R^3 / 3}$

$$= \frac{3M_p}{4\pi} \frac{A}{(r_0 A^{1/3})^3} = \frac{3M_p}{4\pi r_0^3} = \text{constant} \quad [\text{since } m_p \text{ and } r_0 \text{ are constant}]$$

B: A good moderator must be light (low atomic weight) must be capable of scattering neutrons with a high probability, but should not absorb neutrons. Therefore Beryllium is not suitable for moderator

19. In Carbon-Nitrogen fusion cycle , protons are fused to form a helium nucleus, positrons and release some energy. The number of protons fused and the number of positrons released in this process respectively are (2002 M)

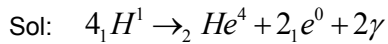
1) 4,4

2) 4,2

3) 2,4

4) 4,6

Ans :2



4 protons fuses and 2 positron are released

20. The ratio of radii of nuclei ${}_{13}Al^{27}$ and ${}_{52}Te^{125}$ is

(2001 M)

1) 1 : 5

2) 2 : 5

3) 4 : 5

4) 3 : 5

Ans:4

Sol: $R = r_0 A^{1/3}$

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \left(\frac{A_1}{A_2} \right)^{1/3} = \left(\frac{27}{125} \right)^{1/3} = \frac{3}{5}$$

21. In a nuclear reactor using U^{235} as a fuel , the power output is 4.8MW. The number of fissions per second is __

(2000 M)

(Energy released per fission =200MeV, 1ev = 1.6×10^{-19} J)

1) 1.5×10^{17}

2) 3×10^{19}

3) 1.5×10^{25}

4) 3×10^{25}

Ans :1

Sol: Power of reactor $P = \frac{nE}{t}$

Where 'n' is number of fissions, 't' is time and 'E' is energy released per fission
