Chemistry 115 Name

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Quiz 8a (20 points) May 8, 2013

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Alpha particle

Beta particle

Gamma ray

1. (3 points) Write the nuclear equation for the alpha decay of
2. (3 points) Write the nuclear equation for the beta decay of
3. (4 points) Complete and balance the nuclear equation below by supplying the missing particle(s):
4. (4 points) Strontium-90 has a half life of 28 years. If a sample was tested in 2013 and found to have a mass of 480 mg, in what year would the same sample have a mass of 30 mg?

The sample would require 4 half lives or 112 years. This means the sample would decay to 30 mg in 2125.

1. (3 points) Clearly distinguish between fusion and fission?

Fusion is the process where two nuclei are slammed into each other to make a new particle and fission is the process where a single nucleus is allowed to break apart into two or more smaller particles.

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Alpha particle

Beta particle

Gamma ray

1. (3 points) Write the nuclear equation for the alpha decay of
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3. (4 points) Complete and balance the nuclear equation below by supplying the missing particle(s):
4. (4 points) Strontium-90 has a half life of 28 years. If a sample was tested in 2013 and found to have a mass of 240 mg, in what year would the same sample have a mass of 30 mg?

The sample would require 3 half lives or 84 years. This means the sample would decay to 30 mg in 2097.

1. (3 points) Clearly distinguish between fusion and fission?

Fusion is the process where two nuclei are slammed into each other to make a new particle and fission is the process where a single nucleus is allowed to break apart into two or more smaller particles.