

ANSWER KEY- Assignment 2

MCQ: 1. C 2. C 3. B 4. B 5. D 6. A 7. 8. B

ASSERTION AND REASON: 9. C 10. C 11. C 12. B

2 MARKS QUESTIONS

13. As BE/nucleon of the product nuclei is more than that of original nuclei. So more mass has been converted into energy. This would result in release of energy so it is exothermic

14. One atomic mass unit (1 a.m.u.) is defined as one twelfth 112 of the mass of an atom of carbon-12.

$$1 \text{ a.m.u.} = 1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$$

According to Einstein's mass-energy equivalence relation,

$$E = (\Delta m)c^2$$

So, we need to find energy equivalent of 1 a.m.u.

$$E = (1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}) \times (3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s})^2$$

$$= 1.49 \times 10^{-10} \text{ joules}$$

$$\text{But } 1 \text{ MeV} = 1.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ J}$$

$$E = 1.49 \times 10^{-10} \times 1.6 \times 10^{-13} \text{ MeV}$$

$$= 931.5 \text{ MeV}$$

Thus, 1 amu of mass is equivalent to 931.5 MeV of energy.

3-MARKS QUESTIONS

$$15. \text{Number of atoms in a 3g coin} = 6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 3 / 63 = 2.868 \times 10^{22}$$

Each copper atom has 29 protons and 34 neutrons.

Mass of the copper nucleus = 62.92960

$$\text{Thus, the mass defect of each atom is } 29 \times 1.00783 + 34 \times 1.00867 - 62.92960 = 0.59225 \text{ u.}$$

$$\text{Total mass defect of all atoms} = 0.59225 \text{ u} \times 2.868 \times 10^{22} = 1.6985 \times 10^{22} \text{ u.}$$

$$\text{Thus, the nuclear energy required} = 1.6985 \times 10^{22} \times 931 \text{ MeV} = 1.58 \times 10^{25} \text{ MeV.}$$

16. Bismuth nucleus contains 83 protons

$$\text{Number of neutrons} = 209 - 83 = 126 \text{ neutrons}$$

Now, Mass of 83 protons = $83 \times 1.007825 = 83.649475 \text{ amu}$

$$\text{Mass of 126 neutrons} = 126 \times 1.008665 = 127.091790 \text{ amu}$$

Therefore, total mass of nucleons = $83.649475 + 127.091790 = 210.741260 \text{ amu}$

Given, mass of nucleus = 208.980388 amu

$$\text{Now, mass defect } \Delta m = 210.741260 - 208.980388 = 1.760872$$

Total binding energy = $1.760872 \times 931.5 = 1640.26 \text{ MeV}$

Therefore, average binding energy per nucleon = $1640.26 / 209 = 7.848 \text{ MeV}$

17. It is given that The atomic mass of Fe = $55.93494.0 \text{ u}$

The atomic mass of Al = 27.98191 u

The Q value of this nuclear reaction is given as $Q = [(mass \text{ of Fe}) - (2 \text{ mass of Al})] c^2$

$$= [55.93494 - 2 \times 27.98191] c^2$$

$$Q = (-0.02888 c^2) \text{ u}$$

But we know that $1 \text{ u} = 931.5 \text{ MeV}/c^2$ $Q = -0.02888 \times 931.5 = -26.902 \text{ MeV}$

The Q value of the fission is negative. Therefore, fission is not possible. For a possible fission reaction, the Q value should be positive

- 1) It was possible to obtain the size of the nucleus through Rutherford's experiment. We can calculate the size of the nucleus, by obtaining the point of closest approach of an alpha particle

If R is the radius of nucleus having mass number A, then $R = R_0 A^{1/3}$

Where $R_0 = 1.2 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$ which is the range of order of nuclear size and A is mass number