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Electromagnetic and Ionizing radiation
Exam 11 — Chapter 34 -Nuclear Fission and Fusion

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MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

1) Which of the following isotopes could be used to make a nuclear weapon (without further transmutation) ?
   A) Pu–239
   B) Th–232
   C) U–238
   D) all of the preceding
   E) none of the preceding

2) Which of the following reactions will result in the production of neutrons?
   A) irradiating beryllium–9 with alpha particles from polonium–209
   B) irradiating lead–206 with beta particles from Cs–137
   C) irradiating uranium –235 with alpha particles from americium–241
   D) all of the preceding
   E) none of the preceding.

3) Which of the following methods have been used to obtain enriched uranium?
   A) liquid chromatography
   B) fractional crystallization
   C) electrophoresis
   D) gaseous diffusion or effusion
   E) fractional distillation

4) Fusion reactions are more efficient than fission reactions. The amount of mass converted to energy in a fission reaction is about 0.1%. In a fusion reaction it is about
   A) 0.7%. B) 0.5%. C) 0.25%. D) 50%. E) 5%.

5) The material used as fuel for fusion experiments today is
   A) lithium deuteride
   B) tritium
   C) lithium hydride
   D) deuterium
   E) a mixture or deuterium and tritium

6) Which of the following fusion reactions will produce the greatest energy?

A) fusion of deuterium and tritium

B) fusion of protium and deuterium

C) fusion of deuterium and deuterium

D) fusion of protium and tritium

E) none of the preceding – they all have the same yield.

7) Approximately how much plutonium is required to make an atomic bomb, if no tamper is used?

A) 1.5 kg B) 10 kg C) 7.5 kg D) 500 g E) 5 kg

8) In addition to mass, geometry is important in determining whether or not sustained fission will occur. For objects of the same mass

A) neither a high nor a low surface area to volume ratio is favorable, but an intermediate value is favorable.

B) a high surface area to volume ratio is more favorable for sustained fission.

C) a low surface area to volume ratio is more favorable for sustained fision.

D) surface area to volume is not important, only the shape.

E) none of the preceding.

9) The individual generally credited as being the "father of the hydrogen bomb" is

A) Alber Einstein

B) Edward Teller

C) Niels Bohr

D) Enrico Fermi

E) Robert Openheimer

10) The uranium compound that is used to separate U–235 from U–238 is

A) UF_6.

B) UO_2.

C) $UO_2(NO_3)_2$.

D) UO_3.

E) none of the preceding.

11) Neutron bombardment of U–238 resulted in the production of the first man–made transuranium element. Which element is it?

A) none of the preceding

B) neptunium–239

C) protactinium–239

D) plutonium–239

E) americium–239

12) The force that must be overcome in order for fission to occur is

A) the strong force.

B) the weak force.

C) the electromagnetic force.

D) the gravitational force.

E) all of the preceding must be overcome

13) The explosive yield of the atomic bombs droped on Hiroshima and Nagasaki, Japan were equivalent to about 15 kilotons of TNT. The largest H–bomb ever exploded has a yield of about

A) 20 megatons. B) 50 megatons. C) 50 kilotons. D) 1 megaton. E) 500 kilotons.

14) The first man–made self–sustained nuclear chain reaction was initiated at

A) the University of California at Berkeley.
B) the University of Chicago.
C) Stanford University.
D) the Trinity site, Alamogordo, NM.
E) MIT.

15) How many neutrons are released by the fissioning of one atom of U–235 into an atom of Kr–91 and Ba–142? (Kr and Ba have atomic numbers of 36 and 56, respectively; U has an atomic number of 92).

A) one B) three C) four D) five E) two

16) The percentage of U–235 in weapons grade uranium is about

A) 10%. B) 90%. C) 25%. D) 50%. E) 65%.

17) Which of the following are fissionable isotopes of the element uranium?

A) U–233
B) U–238
C) U–235
D) all of the preceding
E) none of the preceding

18) At what temperature does a fusion reaction produce enough energy to be self–sustaining?

A) 350 million K
B) 1 billion K
C) 35 million K
D) 10 million K
E) 1 million K

19) The measure of how efficiently the nucleus of an isotope of any element will either absorb or scatter a neutron upon collision with it is called the

A) nuclear collision constant
B) neutron cross section
C) neutron effective area
D) nuclear absorption coefficient
E) none of the preceding

20) The percentage of U–235 in reactor grade uranium fuel is approximately

A) 90%. B) 0.5%. C) 1.0%. D) 2.5%. E) 10%.

21) In a nuclear reaction , mass is converted to energy. The mass equal to the nuclear binding energy released is known as the

A) Fermi constant
B) mass deficit
C) mass defect
D) mass equivalence
E) Einstein factor

22) The amount of U–235 present in naturally occuring uranium is about

A) 5.0% B) 1.6% C) 2.5% D) 0.05% E) 0.7%

23) U–238 is converted into a fissile material in what kind of a nuclear reactor?

A) heavy water reactor
B) breeder reactor
C) fusion reactor
D) fission reactor
E) none of the preceding

24) The "trigger" for a hydrogen bomb is a

A) atomic bomb
B) plasma discharge
C) pulsed nanosecond laser
D) thermite reaction
E) none of the preceding

25) Fast neutrons can be slowed to thermal neutrons by passing them through certain materials known as

A) moderators.
B) converters.
C) modulators.
D) inverters.
E) none of the preceding.