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Discovery Science Study Guide Chapter 7

1.) Nuclear changes occur in the _____ of atoms?

2.) An isotope is:

3.) Radioactivity is(definition):

Radiation Type	Symbol	Mass (amu)	Charge	What it is	Stopped by
Alpha particle	⁴₂He				
Beta particle	⁰ ₋₁ e				
Gamma ray	γ				
Neutron	1 ₀ n				

Complete the above table.

4.) Complete the following alpha decay reaction: $^{226}_{88}$ Ra. \rightarrow _____ + ____.

5.) In radioactive decay reactions _____?

6.) A half-life is the amount of time _____.

7.) The beneficial uses of radiation would include: (List 3):

8.) Exposure to high levels of radiation can be dangerous because (List 3 effects)?

9.) The amount of a radioactive material that would exist after 4 half-lives is _____ of the original amount present.

- 10.) Many livestock died as a result of radioactive exposure when the Chernobyl reactor melted down and released radiation into the atmosphere. ⁹⁰₃₈ Sr (strontium-90) is rapidly absorbed into bones because it is in the same chemical family as _______, a major part of bones. ⁹⁰₃₈ Sr is radioactive, it has a half-life of 29 years. A sheep's bone originally had 0.01 gram of ⁹⁰₃₈ Sr in it. If it now has only 0.005 grams ⁹⁰₃₈ Sr how many half lives have gone by?
- 11.) How long ago was the sheep poisoned by radioactive fallout?
- 12.) Fission of ${}^{235}_{92}$ U produces (list 3 things)
- **13**.) Fission is defined as _____?
- 14.) What is a critical mass?
- 15.) The sun produces energy because of .
- **16**.) Fusion is defined as:
- 17.) Where is nuclear waste being stored today?
- 18.) Nuclear waste storage is difficult because(list 3 factors):

19.) Briefly compare and contrast fission and fusion nuclear reactions. Discuss where they occur, what elements are involved, what are some of the benefits, can humans control it, what are the uses if any. (Write the nuclear reactions for each.)

