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Answer Key

Q.1	d	Q.2	d	Q.3	c	Q.4	c,d	Q.5	c
Q.6	c,d	Q.7	c	Q.8	c	Q.9	c	Q.10	c
Q.11	c	Q.12	b	Q.13	c				

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**DPP – 1 Nuclear Physics : Distance of closest approach,
Nuclear density, Mass defect & Binding Energy**

By Physicsaholics Team

Q1) The graph of $\log\left(\frac{R}{R_0}\right)$ versus $\log A$ (R = radius of a nucleus and A = mass number) is -

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

$$\frac{R}{R_0} = A^{1/3}$$

$$\underbrace{\log\left(\frac{R}{R_0}\right)}_y = \frac{1}{3} \underbrace{\log A}_x$$

(a) a circle

(b) an ellipse

(c) a parabola

(d) a straight line

$$y = \frac{1}{3}x$$

Q2) The range of nuclear forces is about -

(a) $2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ m}$

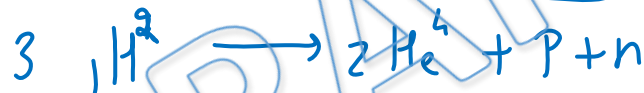
(b) $1.5 \times 10^{-20} \text{ m}$

(c) $7.2 \times 10^{-4} \text{ m}$

✓ (d) $1.4 \times 10^{-15} \text{ m}$

$$\frac{931 \times .025}{186 \frac{55}{20}} = 232.75$$

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energy released per ${}_1\text{H}^2 = \frac{23.275 \text{ MeV}}{3} = 7.758 \text{ MeV}$

no of ${}_1\text{H}^2$ consumed / Sec = $\frac{10^{16}}{7.758 \times 10^6 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-19}}$

(a) 10^6 s

(b) 10^8 s

(c) 10^{12} s

(d) 10^{16} s

Q value = $[3 \times 2.014 - 4.001 - 1.008 - 1.008] 931 \text{ MeV}$
 $= [6.042 - 6.017] 931 \text{ MeV}$
 $= .025 \times 931 \text{ MeV} = 23.275 \text{ MeV}$

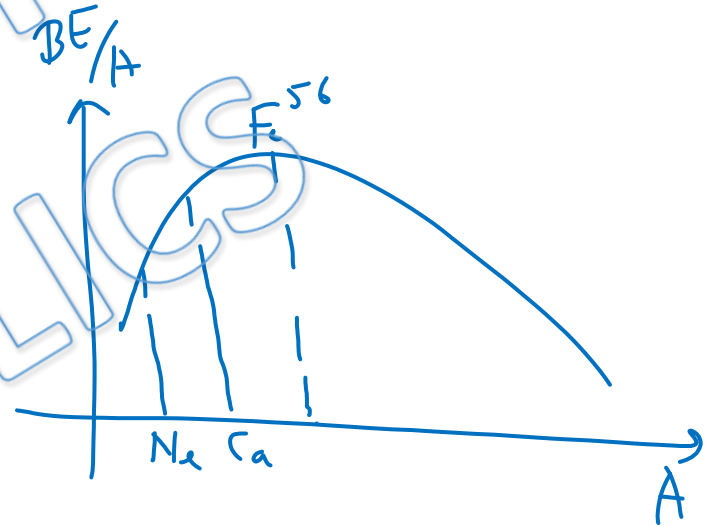
$T = \frac{10^{40} \times 7.8 \times 1.6 \times 10^{-13}}{10^{16}}$
 $= 78 \times 1.6 \times 10^{11} \text{ Sec}$
 $\approx 10^{12}$

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M_2 $2M_1$
 $20p \ 20n$ $20p \ 20n$
 high BE/A low BE/A
 high $\Delta m/A$ low $\Delta m/A$

$$M_2 < 2M_1$$



$$BE = [\text{mass of Protons} + \text{mass of neutrons} - M]c^2$$

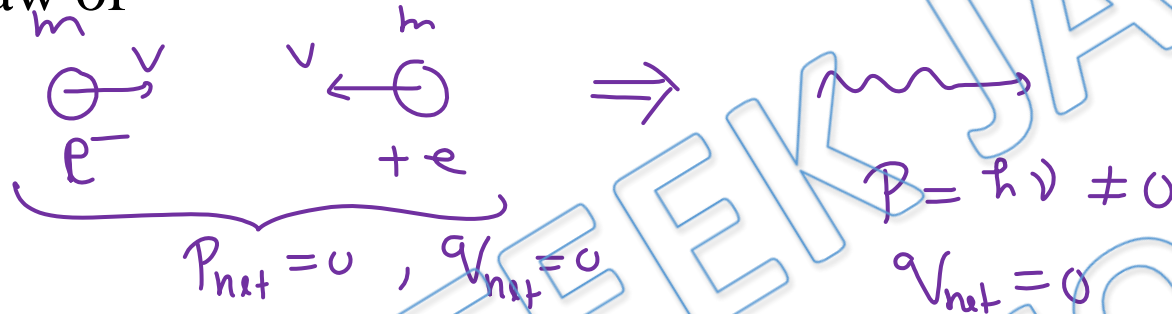
$$\Rightarrow M = \text{mass of protons} + \text{mass of neutrons} - \frac{BE}{c^2}$$

$$M_1 = 10m_p + 10m_n - \frac{20B_1}{c^2} \quad \& \quad M_2 = 20m_p + 20m_n - \frac{40B_2}{c^2}$$

$$2M_1 = 20m_p + 20m_n - \frac{40B_1}{c^2}$$

Since $B_2 > B_1$,
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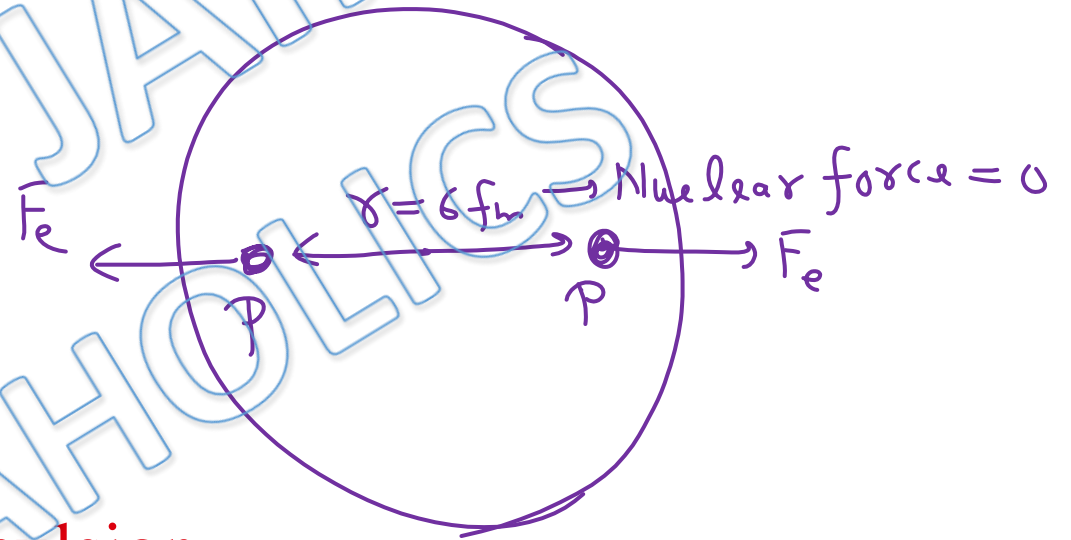


- (a) conservation of charge
- (b) conservation of energy
- ~~(c) conservation of momentum~~
- (d) conservation of nucleon number

Q6) The heavier nuclei tend to have larger N/Z ratio because—

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

high $A \Rightarrow$ high R



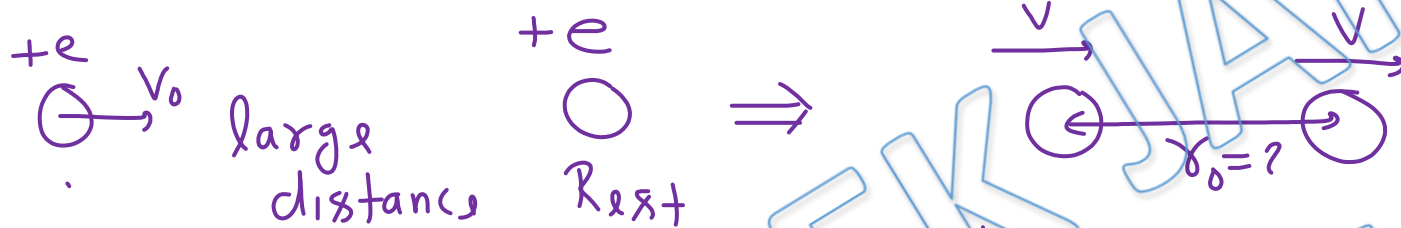
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by Conservation of momentum

$$mv_0 = 2mV \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

$$V = \frac{v_0}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 + 0 = \frac{1}{2}mV^2 + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0} \quad \text{by COME}$$

(a) $\frac{e^2}{2\pi\epsilon_0 mv_0^2}$

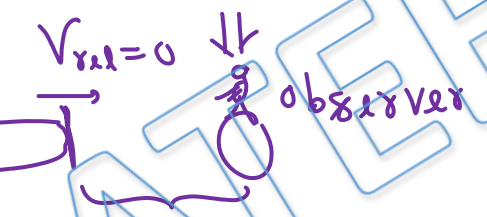
(b) $\frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 mv_0^2}$

(c) $\frac{e^2}{\pi\epsilon_0 mv_0^2}$

(d) None of these

$$\frac{1}{2}mv_0^2 = \frac{mv_0^2}{4} \neq \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0}$$

$$\frac{1}{4}mv_0^2 = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 r_0}$$



at min distance

$$V_{rel} = 0 \Rightarrow v_1 = v_2 = V$$

Ans. c

$$KE \text{ of two particle system wrt CM} = \frac{1}{2} \mu v_{rel}^2$$

$$\text{where } \mu = \frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$



Here CM is inertial frame. Since $v_{cm} = \text{constant}$.

by Conservation of mechanical energy wrt CM frame \rightarrow

$$KE_i + PE_i = KE_f + PE_f$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \times \left(\frac{m}{2}\right) v_0^2 + 0 = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{m}{2}\right) (0)^2 + \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \gamma_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} m v_0^2 = \frac{e^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 \gamma_0}$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma_0 = \frac{e^2}{\pi\epsilon_0 m v_0^2}$$

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$$\Delta \text{ value} = [2 \times 2.015 - 3.017 - 1.009] \times 931 \text{ MeV} = [4.030 - 4.026] \times 931 \text{ MeV}$$

$$= 0.004 \times 931 \text{ MeV} = 3.724 \text{ MeV}$$

$$\text{Energy released per deuteron atom} = \frac{3.724}{2} \text{ MeV} = 1.862 \text{ MeV}$$

(a) $6 \times 10^{13} \text{ J}$

(b) $5.6 \times 10^{13} \text{ J}$

(c) $9 \times 10^{13} \text{ J}$

(d) $0.9 \times 10^{13} \text{ J}$

$$\text{Total no of } {}^2_1\text{H} \text{ atoms} = \left(\frac{1000 \text{ g}}{2 \text{ g}} \right) \times 6 \times 10^{23} \text{ atoms}$$

$$\text{Total energy released} = 3 \times 10^{26} \times 1.862 \times 10^{-13}$$

$$= 9 \times 10^{13}$$

Q9) Nuclear radius of ${}_8\text{O}^{16}$ is 3 fermi. The nuclear radius of ${}_{82}\text{Pb}^{205}$ is

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

$$3f = R_0 (16)^{1/3}$$

$$R = R_0 (205)^{1/3}$$

$$4^3 = 64$$

$$5^3 = 125$$

- (a) 5.02 fermi (b) 5.02 fermi (c) 7.02 fermi (d) 9.02 fermi

$$\frac{3f}{R} = \frac{(16)^{1/3}}{(205)^{1/3}}$$

$$R = 3f \left(\frac{205}{16} \right)^{1/3} = \frac{3f}{2} (102.5)^{1/3}$$

$$6f < R < 7.5f$$

$$\text{Since } 64 < 102.5 < 125$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \Delta \text{ value} &= (3 \times 4.002603 - 12) \times 931 \text{ MeV} \\ &= (12.007809 - 12) \times 931 \text{ MeV} = 0.007809 \times 931 \text{ MeV} \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} Q \text{ Value} &= \text{BE of Products} - \text{BE of reactants} \\ &= 28 \text{ MeV} - 2.2 \times 2 \\ &= (28 - 4.4) \text{ MeV} = 23.6 \text{ MeV} \end{aligned}$$

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