CHEM105 Chapter Quiz 2

Please show all equations, all work, and all units to receive any credit

A significant amount of barium-140 was released during the Chernobyl nuclear plant accident.

- 1. Identify the number of neutrons, protons, and electrons in a $^{140}Ba^{2+}$ ion.
- 2. Write the equation for the expected radioactive nuclear decay of ¹⁴⁰Ba. Justify your response.
- 3. A test was conducted to evaluate the half-life of barium-140. After a period of 50 days, it was found that 6.67% of the original Barium-140 remained. Calculate the half-life of barium-140.

4. Determine the binding energy per nucleon, in units of Joules/nucleus, for the Barium-140 nucleus. The isotopic mass for barium-140 is 139.910605 amu. The masses for a neutron and proton are 1.0087 and 1.0078 amu's respectively.

5. Barium-140 emits beta particles with energies of 0.90 MeV. Calculate the amount of energy released, in Joules, by 1.0 μ g of barium-140 when it decays. <u>(Note</u>: 1 electron volt = 1.602 x 10⁻¹⁹ J)