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**1 (10 pts; 5 each)** Briefly rationalize the following observations regarding the cosmic abundance of the elements:

a) Even Z nuclei are more abundant than odd Z nuclei

b) In the lighter elements, those with mass number divisible by 4 are more abundant

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- 2. (10 pts; 5 each) Write balanced equations that represent the following nuclear reactions:
  - a) Positron emission by  $^{22}_{11}Na$

b) Alpha emission by  $^{222}_{88}Ra$ 

### 3 (10 pts)

One fission reaction that takes place in nuclear reactors is:

 $^{235}_{92}U + {}^{1}_{0}n \rightarrow ~^{139}_{56}Ba + {}^{94}_{36}Kr + 3{}^{1}_{0}n$ 

Calculate the energy released (in joules) when 5.0 g of uranium-235 undergoes this reaction. Use the following masses:  $^{235}_{92}U: 235.04 u$ ,  $^{139}_{56}Ba: 138.91 u$ ,  $^{94}_{36}Kr: 93.93 u$ ,  $^{1}_{0}n: 1.0087u$ 

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#### 4 (10 pts)

A 250. mg sample of carbon from a piece of cloth excavated from an ancient tomb in Nubia undergoes  $1.50 \times 10^3$  disintegrations in 10.0 h. If a current 1.00 g sample of carbon shows 921 disintegrations per hour, how old is the cloth?

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### 5 (10 pts).

Calculate the energy released per gram of starting material in the fusion reaction represented by the following equation:

 $D + D \rightarrow {}^{3}He + n$ 

Use the following masses: D: 2.0141 u, <sup>3</sup>He: 3.0160 u

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#### 6 (10 PTS)

Consider the fuel cell that accomplishes the overall reaction:

$$H_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g) \rightarrow H_2O(l)$$

If the fuel cell operates with 60% efficiency, calculate the amount of electrical work generated per gram of water produced. The gas pressures are constant at 1 atm and the temperature is  $25^{\circ}$  C.

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**7 (15 PTS).** Using the given standard reduction potentials, determine the standard potential for the reaction:

 $Ce^{4+} + 4e^- \rightarrow Ce(s)$ 

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## 8 (15 pts).

Determine the potential for the following cell @  $25^{\circ}$  C

 $Cr(s)|Cr^{3+}(0.37 M)||Pb^{2+}(9.5x10^{-3}M)|Pb(s)|$ 

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# 9 (10 pts).

The potential for the cell @  $25^{\circ}$  C

 $Zn(s)|Zn^{2+}(?)||Pb^{2+}(0.10 M)|Pb(s)$ 

is +0.661 V. What is the concentration of Zn<sup>2+</sup> ions??