Nuclear Chemistry Worksheet-

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Part A: Completing Nuclear Decay Reactions: 1-10

For each of the atoms listed below, complete the decay reaction by solving for ${}^{A}X$ or other missing information. Remember that the mass and protons on each side of the arrow need to equal each other.

$^{256}_{103}$ Lr $\rightarrow ^{4}_{2}$ He $+ ^{A}_{Z}$ X	${}^{247}_{\mathbf{Z}}\mathbf{Am} \rightarrow {}^{0}_{-1}\mathbf{e} + {}^{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{Z}}\mathbf{X}$
${}^{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{Z}}\mathbf{X} \rightarrow {}^{211}_{87}\mathbf{Fr} + {}^{4}_{2}\mathbf{He}$	$^{175}_{93}$ Np $\rightarrow {}^{4}_{2}$ He $+ {}^{A}_{Z}$ X
${}^{6}_{2}$ He $\rightarrow {}^{0}_{-1}$ e $+ {}^{A}_{Z}$ X	${}^{13}_{5}\mathbf{B} \rightarrow {}^{0}_{-1}\mathbf{e} + {}^{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{Z}}\mathbf{X}$
$^{211}_{79}$ Au $\rightarrow ^{0}_{-1}$ e $+ ^{A}_{Z}$ X	$^{151}_{67}$ Ho $\rightarrow {}^{4}_{2}$ He $+ {}^{A}_{Z}X$
${}^{\mathbf{A}}_{\mathbf{Z}}\mathbf{X} + {}^{0}_{-1}\mathbf{e} + {}^{213}_{\mathbf{Z}}\mathbf{Po}$	$^{148}_{57}$ La $\rightarrow ^{4}_{2}$ He $+ ^{A}_{Z}X$

Part B: Writing Nuclear Decay Reactions:

Write equations for the following nuclear decay reactions. Make sure that both mass numbers and atomic numbers are balanced on each side

- 11. Decay of polonium-218 by alpha (α) emission.
- 12. Decay of carbon-14 by beta (β -) emission.
- 13. The alpha decay of radon-198
- 14. The beta (β -) decay of uranium-237

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Part C: Half-Life: 15. If 100.0 g of carbon-14 decays until only 25.0 g of carbon is left after 11 460 years, what is the half-life of carbon-14?

> n (number of half-lives) = 2 half-lives $t_{\frac{1}{2}}$ (half-life of carbon-14) = 5730 yr

16. Thallium-208 has a half-life of 3.053 min. How long will it take for 120.0g to decay to 7.50 g?

n (number of half-lives) = 4 half-lives t_{τ} (total time) = 12.21 min

17. Gold-198 has a half-life of 2.7 days. How much of a 96g sample of gold-198 will be left after 8.1 days?

n (number of half-lives) = 3 half-lives m_r(mass remaining) = 1/8 m_r(final mass) = 12g

Part D: Process & Applications of Nuclear Energy:

18. What is the difference between nuclear fusion and nuclear fission?

19. Name three uses for nuclear reactions

20. Describe 2 uses of radioactive tracers.