

(You must keep your answers in the space provided.)

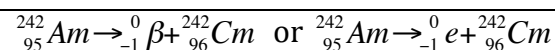
1. (3 pts) State three differences between chemical change and nuclear change.

- Energy released by a chemical change is much less than a nuclear change
- Macroscopically, you can see chemical changes, whereas nuclear changes require a Geiger counter, cannot be examined with the eye
- Chemical changes involve the rearrangement of atoms, maintaining their identity. Nuclear changes involve changes in the nucleus.
- Nuclear change "ignores" conservation of mass ($E=mc^2$)
- (Nuclear change has noticeable changes in mass)
- Nuclear change is all about the nucleus, chemical change is all about the electrons
- (Nuclear "ignores" electrons, chemical change doesn't)
- (Potential energy \rightarrow chemical based off electrons nuclear based off nucleus)
- Nuclear change can be used to date things.

NOTE: Redundant items count as 1 (chemical change has a small amount of energy, nuclear changes produce a large amount of energy is ONE difference, not two)

1 point for each difference, Maximum 3 points

2. (3 pts) Write the balanced equation for the beta (-) decay of Am-242.



3 pts: Perfect equation

2 pts: Something is off, but mostly right

- wrong type of decay, OR wrong element symbols, OR reversed equation

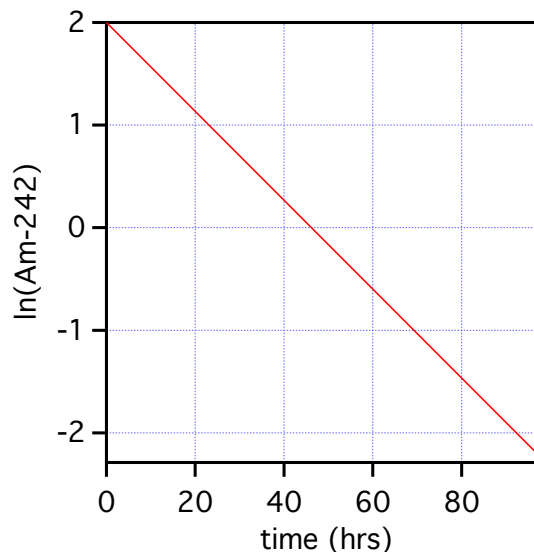
1 pt: Something was correct, partial credit given

- correct decay, wrong element and number, OR electron capture

3. (4pts) Determine the half-life in units of hours for the beta (-) decay of Am-242 given the following graph.

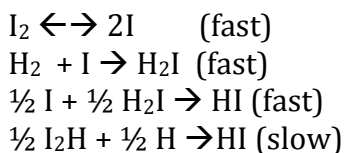
$$m = -k$$
$$-\frac{3}{70} = -k$$
$$k = 4.286 \text{ hrs}^{-1}$$
$$t_{1/2} = \frac{\ln(2)}{k}$$
$$t_{1/2} = 16.2 \text{ hrs}$$

16 \pm 2 accepted
Partial credit given for equations
+1 for $m = -k$, +1 for half life
+1 for finding k
-1 if $t_{1/2}$ is a negative number

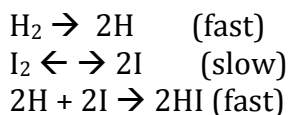


4. (3 pts) Based on the reaction coordinate diagram shown below circle the best, proposed mechanism for the reaction below:

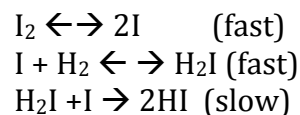
Mechanism #1



Mechanism #2



Mechanism #3



#3 is correct: 3 pts

5. (3pts) Briefly in the space below, state how you identified the best mechanism.

Mechanism #3

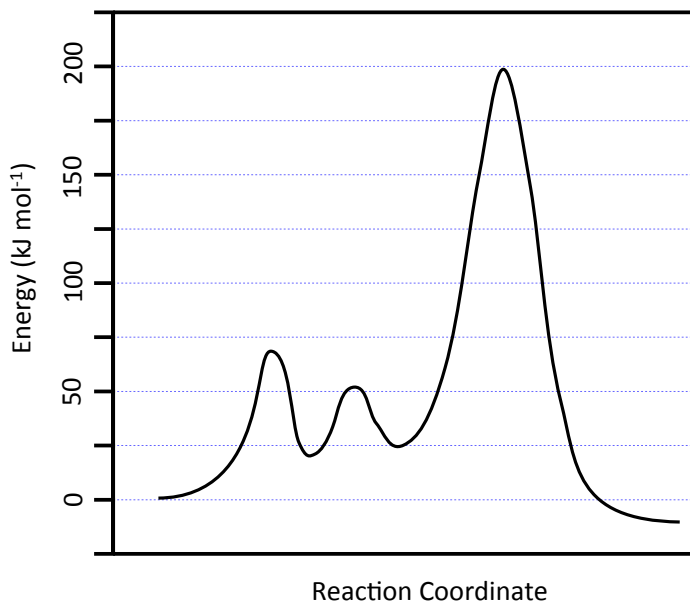
--has 3 "humps" (peaks) for 3 steps
 --3rd step is the slow step, 3rd peak is the largest, has the largest activation energy
 --has 2 intermediates, I and H₂I
 Full credit given for 3 peaks, 3 steps and slow step has highest activation energy.
 Multiple answers accepted

IF Mechanism #2

Total possible points: 2
 3 steps, 3 peaks on graph

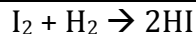
IF Mechanism #1

Total possible points: 2
 Last step is the slow step, highest E_a



FOR MECHANISM #3

6. (2 pts) Write the overall balanced equation predicted by the correct mechanism.



2 pts for perfect equation, +1 if still contained some intermediates

7. (4 pts) Based on the mechanism you chose, write the rate law for the overall reaction and state the overall reaction order.

$$\text{Rate} = k[\text{I}_2][\text{H}_2]$$

3 pts: Perfect

2 pts: Substituted CORRECTLY for 1 intermediate, but not both

1 pts: Started with correct step, did not substitute for intermediates

Overall reaction order: 2nd order 1 pt, based on rate law AS WRITTEN

8. (3 pts) Based on the reaction coordinate diagram above, state the activation energy that limits the overall rate of the reaction.

175 kJ/mol 3 pts
IF 200 kJ/mol, then 1 pt

Conversion: 1 amu = 1.66×10^{-27} kg

FOR MECHANISM #2

6. (2 pts) Write the overall balanced equation predicted by the correct mechanism.

$I_2 + H_2 \rightarrow 2HI$
2 pts: perfect, +1 if didn't cross out intermediates

7. (4 pts) Based on the mechanism you chose, write the rate law for the overall reaction and state the overall reaction order.

Rate = $k[I_2][H_2]$ 3 pts
Overall reaction order: 2nd order 1 pt, BASED on the rate law written

8. (3 pts) Based on the reaction coordinate diagram above, state the activation energy that limits the overall rate of the reaction.

25 kJ/mol
IF 50 kJ/mol, then 1 pt
(Mechanism #2 has the slow step as the 2nd step, which would limit the overall rate of reaction, so the second peak is where the number comes from)

FOR MECHANISM #1

6. (2 pts) Write the overall balanced equation predicted by the correct mechanism.

$I_2 + H_2 + \frac{1}{2} I_2H + \frac{1}{2} H \rightarrow 2HI + \frac{1}{2} H_2I + \frac{1}{2} I$
2 pts: perfect, +1 if didn't cross out intermediates OR have $I_2 + H_2 \rightarrow 2HI$

7. (4 pts) Based on the mechanism you chose, write the rate law for the overall reaction and state the overall reaction order.

Rate = $k[I_2H]^{1/2}[H]^{1/2}$ 3 pts FULL Credit
1 pt: $k[I_2H][H]$
Overall reaction order: 1st order 1 pt, BASED on the rate law written

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IF 200 kJ/mol, then 1 pt