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Subject: Chemistry 1

Applied exercises series No. 1

(Fundamentals of chemistry)

Exercise 1:

$$_{Z}^{A}X^{q}$$

- **1.** Numerical indications in the three positions A, Z and q can be given to the symbol X of an element. What exactly does each of them mean?
- **2.** Give the numbers of protons, electrons and neutrons of the different elements:

$$^{59}_{28}Ni$$
 , $^{127}_{53}I^-$, $^{27}_{13}Al^{3+}$, $^{9}_{4}Be$

3. Calculate the mass of the Beryllium atom in grams and atomic mass units (a.u.m.). We give: $m_p=1.67\ 10^{-27}$; $m_N=1.67\ 10^{-27}$; $m_e=9.11\ 10^{-31}$ (en Kg).

Exercise 2:

- **1.** Calculate the charge of ${}_{Z}^{A}X^{q}$ an iron core (Fe, A=56, Z=26)
- **2.** An atom has the symbol $_z^A X$ its nucleus has a charge equal to 1.12 10^{-18} C and it has 7 neutrons.

Determine A and Z.

Exercise 3:

1. Four nuclides A, B, C and D have nuclei made up as shown below:

	A	В	C	D
Protons number	21	22	22	20
Neutrons number	26	25	27	27
Masses number	47	47	49	47

Are there isotopes among these four nuclides?

- **2.** Magnesium is a mixture of the following three isotopes: 24 Mg (78.99%); 25 Mg(?); 26 Mg (11.01%).
- a. Calculate the abundance of the second isotope.
- b. Calculate the average relative atomic mass (isotope average) of magnesium.

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Applied exercises series No. 2

(Nuclear reactions and radiation)

Exercise 1:

Complete the following nuclear reactions and indicate their nature:

Exercise 2:

The β - decay period of carbon-14 is 5.7 10^3 years.

- 1. Write the decay reaction of carbon-14.
- 2. Calculate the decay constant λ .
- 3. Calculate the time after which 90% of the element has disintegrated.

Exercise 3:

Write in detail the following reactions and complete them with the missing particles:

$${}^{43}_{20}\text{Ca}(?,p) {}^{46}_{21}\text{Sc} \ ; \ {}^{14}_{7}\text{N} \ (?,\gamma) {}^{15}_{7}\text{N} \ ; \ {}^{26}_{12}\text{Mg} \ (?,p) {}^{27}_{12}\text{Mg} \ ; \ {}^{212}_{84}\text{Po}(\alpha) \ ; {}^{106}_{47}\text{Ag}(\beta^{-})$$