

1. Suppose that I have 4000 hydrogen nuclei. Approximately how many ${}^4\text{He}$ nuclei would have the same mass?

- A. 911
- B. 993
- C. 1000
- D. 1007
- E. 1986

Answer: D

2. Suppose that things had gone differently during nucleosynthesis, so that after the 1st 3 minutes of the universe, when the temperature become low enough for protons and neutrons to “stick” to make nuclei, we has 1 neutron for every 19 protons. What would be the helium abundance of the universe by mass?

- A. 5%
- B. 10%
- C. 20%
- D. 40%
- E. 60%

Answer: B

3. The electron in a ground state hydrogen atom exists somewhere in a quantum mechanical “probability cloud”, at an average radius of $5.3 \times 10^{-11}\text{m}$ from the nucleus of the atom. Estimate how fast the electron is moving relative to the speed of light. (“c” is the speed of light.)

- A. $1 \times 10^{-5}c$
- B. $0.01c$
- C. $0.1c$
- D. $0.5c$
- E. $0.98c$

Answer: B

4. The total amount of energy released by Type 1 supernova is about 10^{44} J . How long would the Sun have to shine at its present luminosity to release this much energy?

- A. 4Myr
- B. 2Gyr
- C. 8Gyr
- D. 15Gyr
- E. 120Gyr

Answer: C