## Half-life examples

- 1 In one hour, a substance decay by 20.% and so (1/2)n = 0.80. The number of half-lives that have elapsed is ...
  - A  $n = -\log(0.80)/\log(2) = \log(8)/\log(2)$
  - B  $n = -\log(0.80)/\log(2) = (\log(8)-1)/\log(2)$
  - C  $n = -\log(0.80)/\log(2) = (-\log(8)+1)/\log(2)$
  - D None of the above
- 2 In one hour, a substance decay by 20.%. This means...
  - A (1/2)n = 20.
  - B (1/2)n = 0.20
  - C (1/2)n = 80.
  - D (1/2)n = 0.80
- 3 In one hour, a substance decays by 20.% and so (1/2)n = 0.80. We can solve for n using
  - A  $n = 0.80/\log(1/2) = -0.80/\log(2)$
  - B n = 0.80/log(2)
  - C  $n = -\log(0.80)/\log(2)$
  - D  $n = \log(0.80)/\log(2) = \log(0.80/2)$
- 4 In one hour, a substance decay by 20.% and so (1/2)n = 0.80. The number of half-lives that have elapsed is ...
  - A 0.20
  - B 0.25
  - C 0.50
  - D 0.80
  - E None of these
- 5 A substance decays with half-life 6.0 min. The fraction of the substance present after 20. minutes is x. Which expression is correct?
  - A x = 20./6.0
  - B x = 1/6.0
  - C (1/2)10/3 = x
  - D (1/2)-10/3 = x
- 6 A substance decays with half-life 6.0 min. The fraction of the substance present after 20. minutes, x = (1/2)-10/3, is
  - A 0.20
  - B 0.25
  - C 0.80
  - D None of these

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- 7 At a particular moment of time, a sample of a radioactive element contains 1,000,000 atoms. After 10 hours, 125,000 atoms of the element remain. What is the half-life of the radioactive decay?
  - A 10 hours
  - B 5 hours
  - C 2.5 hours
  - D None of the above.