

a) $m = 31.973908 \text{ u}$ (from Appendix B)

$$m = (3.0 \times 10^{16} \text{ nuclei}) \cdot \frac{31.973908 \text{ u}}{1 \text{ nuclei}} = 9.59 \times 10^{17} \text{ u}$$

$$m = 9.59 \times 10^{17} \text{ u} \cdot \frac{(1.66 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg})}{1 \text{ u}}$$

$$m_0 \approx 1.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ kg}$$

b) $t_{1/2} \approx 14 \text{ days}$

$$m \text{ after 1 half life} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot m_0$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} (1.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ kg})$$

$$m = 8.0 \times 10^{-10} \text{ kg}$$

c) $1.6 \times 10^{-9} \text{ kg} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \approx 2 \times 10^{-10} \text{ kg}$

$$\text{so } t = 3 \text{ half-lives}$$

$$= 3 \cdot (14 \text{ days})$$

$$t \approx 42 \text{ days}$$