

44. (a) The rate at which Radium-226 is decaying is

$$R = \lambda N = \left( \frac{\ln 2}{T_{1/2}} \right) \left( \frac{M}{m} \right) = \frac{(\ln 2)(1.00 \text{ mg})(6.02 \times 10^{23} / \text{mol})}{(1600 \text{ y})(3.15 \times 10^7 \text{ s/y})(226 \text{ g/mol})} = 3.66 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1} .$$

- (b) Since  $1600 \text{ y} \gg 3.82 \text{ d}$  the time required is  $t \gg 3.82 \text{ d}$ .

- (c) It is decaying at the same rate as it is produced, or  $R = 3.66 \times 10^7 \text{ s}^{-1}$ .

- (d) From  $R_{\text{Ra}} = R_{\text{Rn}}$  and  $R = \lambda N = (\ln 2 / T_{1/2})(M / m)$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} M_{\text{Rn}} &= \left( \frac{T_{1/2 \text{ Rn}}}{T_{1/2 \text{ Ra}}} \right) \left( \frac{m_{\text{Rn}}}{m_{\text{Ra}}} \right) M_{\text{Ra}} \\ &= \frac{(3.82 \text{ d})(1.00 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g})(222 \text{ u})}{(1600 \text{ y})(365 \text{ d/y})(226 \text{ u})} \\ &= 6.42 \times 10^{-9} \text{ g} . \end{aligned}$$