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2 hours



Exam Questions

Simple & Compound Interest, Growth & Decay

Simple Interest / Compound Interest / Depreciation / Exponential Growth & Decay

Total Marks	/91
Hard (12 questions)	/41
Medium (10 questions)	/30
Easy (/ questions)	/20

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Easy Questions

1	Eric invests £2800 in a savings account for 5 years. The account pays simple interest at a rate of 1.5% per year.
	Work out the total amount of interest Eric gets by the end of the 5 years.
	(2 marks)
2	SaveBest Bank pays 2.4% compound interest on its basic savings account.
	Alexa invests £600 in the savings account.
	Calculate the value of Alexa's investment after 2 years.
	(3 marks)
3	Charlene invests £7800 into a bond which pays 6.2% compound interest.
	Work out the total interest that will have been paid on the investment by the end of 3 years.
	Give your answer to the nearest pound.
	(3 marks)

4	4 Ethan invests \$6400 at a rate of 2.6% per year simple interest.	
	Calculate the total value of his investment at the end of 3 years.	
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		(3 marks)
5	5 Jamie invests \$12000 at a rate of 5% per year compound interest.	
	Calculate the value of his investment at the end of 3 years.	
	\$	
		(3 marks)
6	6 Jan invests \$800 at a rate of 3% per year simple interest.	
	Calculate the value of her investment at the end of 4 years.	
		\$
		(3 marks)
7	7 Sam invests \$4500 into a savings account which pays 3.5% compo	ound interest each year.
	Find the total amount in the account after 6 years.	

(3 marks)



Medium Questions

1 Lukas invests £350 in a savings account. At the end of 4 years he has received a total of £53.20 simple interest. Work out the annual rate of simple interest. (3 marks) **2** A city has a population of 215 000 people. The population of the city increases by 1.5% each year. What is the population of the city after 3 years? (3 marks) **3** The value of a new TV is £850. The value of the TV depreciates by 12% each year. Work out the value of the TV after 2 years. (3 marks)



4	Trina invests \$ 16000 at a rate of 5% per year compound interest.
	Work out the value of her investment at the end of 4 years.
	\$
	(2 marks)
5	Gino invests \$6000 for 5 years at a rate of 1.2% per year compound interest.
	Calculate the value of his investment at the end of the 5 years. Give your answer correct to the nearest dollar.
	\$
	(3 marks)
6	Lucia invests \$5000 at a rate of 4.5% per year compound interest.
	Calculate the value of her investment at the end of 7 years.
	\$
	(2 marks)
7	Ella invests \$4000 for 3 years at a rate of 1.2% per year compound interest.
	Calculate the value of her investment at the end of the 3 years.
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9 Hawa invests \$750 at a rate of 3.5% per year compound interest.

Calculate the value of his investment at the end of 3 years.

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10 (a) Santandave have two types of accounts.

Both accounts pay compound interest.

Cash Savings Account	Shares Account
Interest	Interest
2.3% per annum	3.7% per annum

Aimee invests £1500 in the Cash Savings Account.



Jade invests £1000 in the Shares Account.

Work out who will get the most interest by the end of 3 years. You must show all your working.

(4 marks)

(b) In the third year, the rate of interest for the shares account is changed to 5% per annum.

Does this affect who will get the most interest by the end of 3 years? Give a reason for your answer.

(1 mark)

Hard Questions

1 Sarah invests £16 000 in a savings account. She gets 2.5% compound interest per annum.

After *n* years Sarah has £17 230.25

Work out n.

(2 marks)

2 Two samples of bacteria are prepared in a laboratory.

Sample A contains 100 bacteria.

The number of bacteria in the sample increase by 60% each hour.

Sample B contains 3000 bacteria.

The number of bacteria in the sample decreases at a rate of 19% per hour.

After 5 hours, which sample contains more bacteria.

You must show all your working.

(3 marks)

3 Heather wants to invest £35 000 in a bank for 4 years.

Bank A offers 3% compound interest.

Bank B offers 5.1% interest for the first year and 2.5% compound interest for the remaining 3 years.

Which bank will give Heather the most interest at the end of the 4 years. You must show all your working.



(3 marks)

4 \$12000 is invested at a rate of n% per year simple interest. At the end of 3 years the value of the investment is \$12900.

Find the value of n.

n =

(3 marks)

5 Sonia wants to invest \$5000 for 6 years.

Bank A pays compound interest at a rate of 3.5% per year. Bank B increases the \$5000 by 22% at the end of 6 years.

Which bank will give Sonia the most money at the end of 6 years and by how much? You must show all your working.

Bank A	Bank B
Bank	will give \$ more money.
	(5 marks)
Riya invests \$30000 at a rate of 2.5% per year	r compound interest.
Calculate the value of her investment at the e Give your answer correct to the nearest dolla	
	\$

6 Riya invests \$30000 at a

7 (a)	Six years ago a farmer invested \$3750 at a rate of 4% per year compound interest.
	i) Calculate the total value of his investment after the 6 years. Give your answer correct to the nearest dollar.
	\$[3]
	ii) The farmer wants to spend his investment on buying goats. Goats cost \$126 each.
	Work out the maximum number of goats he can buy and the amount of money left over.
	Number of goats
	Amount of money left over \$[4]
	(7 marks)
(b)	The farmer grows carrots. In 2018 the selling price for carrots was \$96 per tonne. In 2019 this selling price increased by 18%.
	Work out the increase in the selling price from 2018 to 2019.
	\$
	(1 mark)

8	At the end of 10 years, the total interest earned is \$90.
	Find the value of r .
	<i>r</i> =
	(2 marks)
9	\$8400 is invested for 2 years at a rate of 3.5% per year compound interest. Work out the total amount of interest earned by the end of the 2 years.
	\$
	(3 marks)
10	Harry invests \$800 for 2 years at a rate of 3% per year compound interest.
	Calculate the amount of interest he receives at the end of the 2 years.
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	(3 marks)
11	Tomas borrows \$5000 for 3 years at a rate of 2.5% per year compound interest. He pays back the whole amount, with interest, at the end of 3 years.
	Calculate the total amount of money he pays back at the end of the 3 years.
	\$

(3 marks)

12 Cody is aiming to save \$2000 in total.

They invest \$1750 in a savings account which pays 6.5% interest each year.

How many years will it take for the balance in the account to reach at least \$2000?

(3 marks)