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Test 4, January 26, 2022 ANSWERS

The test lasts half an hour. Show your work. A compound interest table is attached.

1. What is 60.5% as a decimal? 0.605

2. What is 37.5% as a fraction? $3/8$

3. What is 0.45% as a decimal? 0.0045

4. Six gallons of exterior paint costs \$155.00 plus sales tax of 6%. What is the total cost?

*The part is the tax and the whole is the paint cost of \$155. The amount of tax is thus
Tax = $0.06 * \$155 = \9.30 . The question asks for the total cost, which is $\$155 + \$9.30 =$
 $\$164.30$.*

5. Suppose the price of a computer is \$1,000 plus 6.5% sales tax. How much will it cost?

*The part is the tax and the whole is the price. The amount of tax is thus $0.065 * \$1,000 = \65.00 .
The total cost is $\$1,000 + 65 = \$1,065.00$.*

6. A car company pays by commission. Joe earned a commission of \$500 last week on sales of \$2,500. What is the commission rate?

*The part is the commission of \$500 and the whole is the sales of \$2,500. Thus, $\$500 =$
Percent * $\$2,500$ and $\$500 / \$2,500 =$ Percent, which is 0.20 or 20% .*

7. If a Honda SUV is offered at 12% off the suggested retail price of \$34,500, what is the amount of the discount?

*The amount of the discount is the part and the price is the whole. Thus,
Discount = $0.12 * \$34,500$ and Discount = $\$4,140$.*

8. Someone got a discount of 15% off the original price for an engine repair, and that saved him \$132. What was the original price?

*The amount of the discount is the part and the original price is the whole. Thus
 $\$132 = 0.15 * \text{Price}$, so $\$132 / 0.15 = \text{Price}$ so $\$880 = \text{price}$.*

9. You pay an 8% simple interest rate on a loan of \$3,000 for 2.5 years. How much interest do you pay?

*The Interest = rate * principal * years = $0.08 * \$3,000 * 2.5 = \600 .*

10. 40 pillows is 5% of what number of pillows?

*The part is the 40 pillows and the whole is the number we are looking for as an answer. Thus,
 $40 = 0.05 * (\text{Number of pillows})$ so
 $40 / 0.05 = \text{Number of Pillows}$, which is 800 .*

11. You are selling your house and your broker offers you a choice of a commission rate of 6% or a fixed commission of \$10,000. What price of house makes the two commissions equal? (round to the nearest dollar)

*The first commission is $.06 * \text{Price}$ and the second commission is \$10,000. If they are equal, we have*

$$.06 * \text{Price} = \$10,000, \text{ so}$$

$$\text{Price} = \$10,000 / .06 = \$166,667$$

12. In 2022, your investment of \$1,000 in the stock market goes down 10% in value. In 2023, your investment goes up 10% in value. How much do you end up with?

*The first year your investment decreases by $.10 * \$1,000 = \100 , so you are left with \$900. The second year, the \$900 goes up 10% in value, which is $.10 * \$900 = \90 . Thus, you end up with $\$900 + \$90 = \$990$.*

13. If shipping costs add 8% to an order, and you order two birdfeeders from Ace Online at \$34.88 each, what is the total amount you end up paying? (round to the nearest cent)

*The price of two birdfeeders is $2 * \$34.88 = \69.76 .*

*The shipping cost adds 8% to the order, so it adds $.08 * \$69.76 = \5.58 .*

The total is $\$69.76 + \$5.58 = \$75.34$.

14. Sam lends \$3,000 to Mary for 8 years at an interest rate of 3.5%, compounded annually. How much does Mary pay back Sam at the end of the 8 years?

The principal is \$3,000, and from the compound interest table, this multiplies by 1.3168 to get the compounded amount, \$3,950.40. That is how much Mary pays back Sam.

15. I borrow \$4,000 at 2.5% interest, compounded annually, for 7 years, how much interest do I pay?

The principal is \$4,000, and from the compound interest table, this multiplies by 1.1887 to get the compounded amount, \$4,754.80. That is the compounded amount, but it includes principal as well as interest. The interest is $\$4,754.80 - \$4,000 = \$754.80$.

Bonus questions.

B1. Suppose you earn compound interest of 11% on an investment of \$2,000 for three years. How much interest is earned each year?

*The interest the first year is $.11 * \$2,000 = \220.00 . We add this to the original \$2,000 to get \$2,220.*

*The interest the second year is $.11 * \$2,220 = \244.20 . Adding this to the \$2,220 gives us \$2,464.20.*

*The interest the third year is $.11 * 2,464.20 = \$271.06$.*

B2. Suppose you want to have \$3,000 to spend in 4 years, and you can invest money now and earn 5%, compounded annually. How much do you need to invest now? (round to the nearest dollar)

*You want the compounded amount to equal \$3,000, and from the compound interest table, this will be 1.2155 times the principal. Thus, $\$3,000 = 1.2155 * \text{Investment}$, and $\text{Investment} = \$3,000 / 1.2155 = \$2,468$.*