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# GENERAL MATHEMATICS 2024

## Unit 3

### Key Topic Test 6 – Recursion and Financial Modelling: Compound Interest Investments and Loans

Recommended writing time: 45 minutes

Total number of marks available: 25 marks

## QUESTION BOOK

\* The recommended writing time is a guide to the time students should take to complete this test. Teachers may wish to alter this time and can do so at their own discretion.

**Conditions and restrictions**

- Students are permitted to bring into the room for this test: pens, pencils, highlighters, erasers, sharpeners and rulers, approved CAS calculator and one bound reference book.
- Students are NOT permitted to bring into the room for this test: blank sheets of paper and/or white out liquid/tape.

**Materials supplied**

- Question and answer book of 8 pages.

**Instructions**

- Print your name in the space provided on the top of the front page.
- All written responses must be in English.

**Students are NOT permitted to bring mobile phones and/or any other unauthorised electronic communication devices into the room for this test.**

**SECTION A – Multiple-choice questions**

**Instructions for Section A**

- All questions are worth one mark.
- Answer all questions by circling the correct response.
- Marks are not deducted for incorrect answers.
- No marks will be awarded if more than one answer is completed for any question

**Question 1**

\$280 000 is invested in the bank earning interest of 4.2% p.a. compounding monthly. The balance after 5 years is closest to:

- A. \$284 934
- B. \$345 303
- C. \$3 305 378
- D. \$343 951
- E. \$338 800

**Question 2**

Jamie borrows \$25 000 and agrees to terms of 12.2% interest p.a. compounding quarterly. After 3 years Jamie will fully repay the loan in one lump sum. The amount of interest that Jamie pays is closest to:

- A. \$10 852
- B. \$35 850
- C. \$48 734
- D. \$12 520
- E. \$11 241

**Question 3**

Craig has an amount owing on his credit card which accrues interest of 18.4% p.a. compounding monthly. He makes no further charges to his card and no repayments for 12 months before paying the balance of \$6241.76. The amount Craig owed 12 months ago was closest to:

- A. \$4860
- B. \$822
- C. \$5000
- D. \$5200
- E. \$5340

*Use the following information to answer Questions 4 and 5*

The recurrence relation below can be used to model  $V_n$ , the value of a compound interest loan after  $n$  months.

$$V_0 = 520\,000, \quad V_{n+1} = 1.008V_n$$

**Question 4**

The balance of this loan after four years is

- A. \$536 840.75
- B. \$762 270.10
- C. \$724 321.68
- D. \$589 262.22
- E. \$621 438.08

**Question 5**

The annual compound interest rate is:

- A. 0.8%
- B. 1.008%
- C. 9.6%
- D. 8%
- E. 9.2%

**SECTION B - Short-answer questions****Instructions for Section B**

- Answer each question in the space provided.
- Please provide appropriate workings and use exact answers unless otherwise specified.

**Question 1 (5 marks)**

Jackie secures a personal loan of \$20 000 to purchase furniture for her new home. The loan accrues interest of 12.6% p.a. compounding monthly. She plans to repay the loan in one lump sum after 2 years.

- a.** State a recurrence relation to model the balance of the loan  $V_n$ , after  $n$  months.

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2 marks

- b.** Find the balance of the loan after 1 year.

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- c.** Find the total amount repaid on the loan.

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- d.** Find the amount of interest Jackie pays on the loan.

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**Question 2 (5 marks)**

Jeff invests \$36 000 in a portfolio that earns 8% p.a. compounding quarterly.

- a.** State a recurrence relation to model the balance of the loan  $V_n$ , after  $n$  quarters.

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2 marks

- b.** Find the balance of the investment after 5 years

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- c.** Find the amount of time until the investment first exceeds \$70 000

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2 marks

$2 + 1 + 2 = 5$  marks

**Question 3 (7 marks)**

Katie borrows \$640 000 from the bank to purchase a new home. The bank charges 5.10% interest p.a. compounding monthly. Katie makes regular monthly repayments of \$3800.

- a.** State a recurrence relation to model the balance of the loan  $V_n$ , after  $n$  months.

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2 marks

- b.** Find the balance of the loan after 10 years

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- c.** How long will it take for Katie to fully repay the loan?

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- d.** Find the total amount of interest that Katie pays on the loan. Answer to the nearest dollar.

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2 marks

$2 + 1 + 2 + 2 = 7$  marks

**Question 4 (3 marks)**

Peter invests an amount in shares that earns  $i$  % interest p.a. compounding quarterly.

After 1 year the investment is worth \$56 369.50.

After 2 years the investment is worth \$66 198.34.

Find the initial amount invested and the interest rate  $i$ . Round your answers to 2 decimal places.

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3 marks

**END OF KEY TOPIC TEST**