



GENERAL MATHEMATICS 2024

Unit 3

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

Recommended writing time*: 45 minutes

Total number of marks available: 25 marks

SOLUTIONS

SECTION A – Multiple Choice (1 mark per question)

Question 1

Answer: B

$$280000 \left(1 + \frac{4.2}{1200}\right)^{60} \\ = \$345\,303$$

Question 2

Answer: A

$$Int = 25000 \left(1 + \frac{12.2}{400}\right)^{12} - 25000 \\ = \$10\,852.21$$

Question 3

Answer: D

$$6241.76 = P \left(1 + \frac{18.4}{1200}\right)^{12} \\ P = \$5200$$

Question 4

Answer: B

$$520000(1.008)^{48} \\ = \$762\,270.10$$

Question 5

Answer: C

$$\left(1 + \frac{r}{1200}\right) = 1.008 \\ r = 9.6\%$$

SECTION B – Short Answer

Question 1

a. $V_0 = 20\,000$, $V_{n+1} = 1.0105V_n$

2 marks

b. $V_{12} = 20000(1.0105)^{12}$

$= \$22\,670.75$

1 mark

c. $V_{24} = 20000(1.0105)^{24}$

$= \$25\,968.14$

1 mark

d. $25\,968.14 - 20000$

$= \$5968.14$

1 mark

Total 5 marks

Question 2

a. $V_0 = 36\,000$, $V_{n+1} = 1.02V_n$

2 marks

b. $V_{20} = 36000(1.02)^{20}$

$= \$53\,494.11$

1 mark

c. $70000 < 36000(1.02)^t$

$t = 34$ years

2 marks

Total 5 marks

Question 3

a. $V_0 = 640\,000$, $V_{n+1} = 1.00425V_n - 3800$

2 marks

b. \$471 394.85

Finance Solver	
N:	120
I(%):	5.1
PV:	640000
Pmt:	-3800
FV:	-471394.84580309
PpY:	12

1 mark

c. 297 months
= 24 years 9 months (or 24.75 years)

Finance Solver	
N:	296.63799318857
I(%):	5.1
PV:	640000
Pmt:	-3800
FV:	0
PpY:	12

2 marks

d. Final payment = $3800 - 1373.77$
= \$2426.23

Total payment = $296 \times 3800 + 2426.23$
= \$1 127 226.23

Interest = \$487 226

2 marks

Finance Solver	
N:	297
I(%):	5.1
PV:	640000
Pmt:	-3800
FV:	1373.765214159
PpY:	12

Total 7 marks

Question 4 (3 marks)Initial value = V_0

$$\text{After 1 year, } V_0 \left(1 + \frac{i}{400}\right)^4 = 56369.50 \quad (1)$$

$$\text{After 2 years, } V_0 \left(1 + \frac{i}{400}\right)^8 = 66198.34 \quad (2)$$

Dividing equation (1) by equation (2) gives

$$\left(1 + \frac{i}{400}\right)^4 = 1.174364506$$

$$1 + \frac{i}{400} = 1.041$$

$$\frac{i}{400} = 0.041$$

$$i = 4.1$$

(2 marks)

$$\text{Using } V_0 \left(1 + \frac{i}{400}\right)^4 = 56369.50$$

$$V_0(1.04)^4 = 56369.50$$

$$V_0 = \frac{56369.50}{(1.04)^4}$$

$$= \$48185$$

(1 mark)

3 marks

END OF KEY TOPIC TEST SOLUTIONS