

**Regents problems: Polynomials**

1. To the *nearest tenth*, the solution to the equation  $4300e^{0.07x} - 123 = 5000$  is
  - (a) 1.1
  - (b) 2.5
  - (c) 6.3
  - (d) 68.5
  
2. The value of an automobile  $t$  years after it was purchased is given by the function  $V = 38000(0.84)^t$ . Which statement is true?
  - (a) The value of the car increases 84% each year.
  - (b) The value of the car decreases 84% each year.
  - (c) The value of the car increases 16% each year.
  - (d) The value of the car decreases 16% each year.
  
3. Which function represents exponential decay?
  - (a)  $p(x) = \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^x$
  - (b)  $q(x) = 1.8^{-x}$
  - (c)  $r(x) = 2.3^{2x}$
  - (d)  $s(x) = 4^{\frac{x}{2}}$
  
4. The sum of the first 20 terms of the series  $2 - 6 + 18 - 54 + \dots$  is
  - (a)  $-610$
  - (b)  $-59$
  - (c) 1,743,392,200
  - (d) 2,324,522,934