



EXAM PAPERS PRACTICE

GCSE Edexcel Math 1MA1

Compound Interest

Answers

*"We will help you to
achieve A Star "*



Answer 1

Liam invests £6200 for 3 years in a savings account. *KEEP MULTIPLYING*
He gets 2.5% per ~~annum~~ *year* compound interest.
How much money will Liam have in his savings account at the end of 3 years?

PERCENTAGE INCREASES (THE BEST WAY!)
TO INCREASE BY, SAY, 3% *2.5%*
THINK: WE WANT 103%. SO WE *102.5%*
MULTIPLY BY $\frac{103}{100}$ (=1.03) *1.025*
MULTIPLIER

$$\begin{aligned} \text{TOTAL AFTER 3 YRS} &= 6200 \times 1.025 \times 1.025 \times 1.025 \\ &= 6200 \times 1.025^3 \\ &= \underline{\underline{£ 6676.72}} \end{aligned}$$



Answer 2

This notice was in a car magazine.

Most new cars lose more than half of their value in the first three years

Paul bought a new car.

The value of the car was £15 000 $\rightarrow \times \frac{1}{2} = \pounds 7500$

In the first year, the value of the car depreciated by 23%.

After the first year, the value of the car depreciated by 18% each year.

Work out if Paul's car lost more than half of its value by the end of three years.

VALUE AFTER 3 YRS

$$= 15000 \times 0.77 \times 0.82$$

$$= \pounds \underline{\underline{7766.22}}$$

THIS IS MORE THAN $\pounds 7500$.

SO NO IT DIDN'T LOSE MORE THAN HALF ITS VALUE.

PERCENTAGE DECREASES (THE BEST WAY!)
TO DECREASE BY, SAY, 3%.
THINK: WE WANT 97%. SO WE
MULTIPLY BY $\frac{97}{100}$ (=0.97)

TO DECREASE BY 23%.
WE WANT 77%.
SO MULTIPLY BY $\frac{77}{100}$ (=0.77)

TO DECREASE BY 18%.
WE WANT 82%.
SO MULTIPLY BY $\frac{82}{100}$ (=0.82)



Answer 3

Derek invests £154 500 for 2 years at 4% per year compound interest.

"KEEP MULTIPLYING"

(b) Work out the value of the investment at the end of 2 years.

PERCENTAGE INCREASES (THE BEST WAY!)
TO INCREASE BY, SAY, 3%. 4%
THINK: WE WANT 103%. SO WE 104%.
MULTIPLY BY $\frac{103}{100}$ (=1.03) MULTIPLIER=1.04

$$\begin{aligned} \text{VALUE AFTER 2 YEARS} &= 154500 \times 1.04 \times 1.04 \\ &\quad \quad \quad \uparrow \quad \quad \quad \uparrow \\ &\quad \quad \quad 1^{\text{ST}} \text{ YEAR} \quad 2^{\text{ND}} \text{ YEAR} \\ &= \underline{\underline{£167107.20}} \end{aligned}$$



Answer 4

The population of a city increased by 5.2% for the year 2014

At the beginning of 2015 the population of the city was 1 560 000

Lin assumes that the population will continue to increase at a constant rate of 5.2% each year.

- (a) Use Lin's assumption to estimate the population of the city at the beginning of 2017
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

$$P_{2016} = 1560000 \times 1.052$$
$$= 1641120$$

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$$= 1726458 = \underline{\underline{1730000}}$$

PERCENTAGE INCREASES (THE BEST WAY!)

TO INCREASE BY, SAY, 3% ~~5.2%~~

THINK: WE WANT 103% ~~105.2%~~

MULTIPLY BY $\frac{103}{100}$ (=1.03) 1.052



Answer 5

Peter has £20 000 to invest in a savings account for 2 years.

He finds information about two savings accounts.

KEEP MULTIPLYING

Bonus Saver	Fixed Rate
Compound interest	Compound interest
4% for the first year then 1.5% each year	2.5% each year

Peter wants to have as much money as possible in his savings account at the end of 2 years.

Which of these savings accounts should he choose?

PERCENTAGE INCREASES (THE BEST WAY!)
TO INCREASE BY, SAY, 3%.
THINK: WE WANT 103%. SO WE
MULTIPLY BY $\frac{103}{100}$ (=1.03)

BONUS SAVER

$$\frac{104}{100}$$

$$\frac{101.5}{100}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FINAL AMOUNT} &= 20000 \times 1.04 \times 1.015 \\ &= \underline{\underline{£2112}} \end{aligned}$$

FIXED SAVER

$$\frac{102.5}{100}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{FINAL AMOUNT} &= 20000 \times 1.025 \times 1.025 \\ &= \underline{\underline{£21012.50}} \end{aligned}$$



Answer 6

Derek buys a house for £150 000
He sells the house for £154 500

(a) Work out Derek's percentage profit.

$$\text{PERCENTAGE CHANGE} = \frac{\text{ACTUAL CHANGE}}{\text{ORIGINAL VALUE}} \times 100$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{PERCENTAGE PROFIT} &= \left(\frac{154500 - 150000}{150000} \right) \times 100 \\ &= \underline{\underline{3\%}} \end{aligned}$$



Answer 8

Viv wants to invest £2000 for 2 years in the same bank.

The International Bank

Compound Interest

4% for the first year
1% for each extra year

The Friendly Bank

Compound Interest

5% for the first year
0.5% for each extra year

At the end of 2 years, Viv wants to have as much money as possible.

Which bank should she invest her £2000 in?

PERCENTAGE INCREASES (THE BEST WAY!)

TO INCREASE BY, SAY, 3%.

THINK: WE WANT 103%. SO WE

MULTIPLY BY $\frac{103}{100}$ (=1.03)

INTERNATIONAL

$$2000 \times \frac{104}{100} \times \frac{101}{100}$$
$$= \underline{\underline{£2100.80}}$$

FRIENDLY

$$2000 \times \frac{105}{100} \times \frac{100.5}{100}$$
$$= \underline{\underline{£2110.50}}$$

VIV SHOULD INVEST IN THE
FRIENDLY BANK.



Answer 9

Katie travels to work by train.

The cost of her weekly train ticket increases by 12.5% to £225

Katie's weekly pay increases by 5% to £535.50

* (b) Compare the increase in the amount of money Katie has to pay for her weekly train ticket with the increase in her weekly pay.

"NEW VALUE = %AGE OF OLD VALUE"

$$\text{TRAIN: } \text{NEW} = \frac{112.5}{100} \times \text{OLD}$$

$$\frac{225}{1.125} = \frac{1.125}{1.125} \times \text{OLD}$$

$$\text{OLD} = \frac{225}{1.125} \\ = \pounds 200$$

$$\text{DIFF} = 225 - 200 = \pounds 25$$

$$\text{PAY: } \text{NEW} = \frac{105}{100} \times \text{OLD}$$

$$\frac{535.50}{1.05} = \frac{1.05}{1.05} \times \text{OLD}$$

$$\text{OLD} = \frac{535.50}{1.05} \\ = \pounds 510$$

$$\text{DIFF} = \pounds 25.50$$

SO THE INCREASES ARE COMPARABLE.



Answer 10

Naoby invests £6000 for 5 years.
The investment gets compound interest of $x\%$ per annum.

At the end of 5 years the investment is worth £8029.35

Work out the value of x .

Handwritten notes in a box:

PERCENTAGE INCREASES (THE BEST WAY!)
TO INCREASE BY, SAY, 3% $x\%$.
THINK: WE WANT 103%. So WE $10x\%$.
MULTIPLY BY $\frac{103}{100} (=1.03)$ $\rightarrow 1.0x$

Arrows point from the box to the text below:
"MULTIPLIER" (under $\frac{103}{100}$)
CALL THIS m (under $1.0x$)

FINAL VALUE = INITIAL VALUE $\times m \times m \times m \times m \times m$

$$\frac{8029.35}{6000} = \frac{6000 \times m^5}{6000}$$

$$m^5 = \frac{8029.35}{6000}$$

$$m = \sqrt[5]{\frac{8029.35}{6000}}$$

$$= 1.0599999\dots$$

$$m = 1.06 \leftrightarrow "1.0x"$$

So $x = 6$



Answer 11

At the beginning of 2009 the value of a different company was £250 000
In 6 years the value of this company increased to £325 000

This is equivalent to an increase of $x\%$ each year.

- (b) Find the value of x .
Give your answer correct to 2 significant figures.

MULTIPLY BY "1.0x"
EACH YEAR
↓
CALL THIS
m

$$\frac{325000}{250000} = \frac{250000 \times m^6}{250000}$$

$$\frac{325000}{250000} = m^6$$

$$m = \sqrt[6]{\frac{325000}{250000}}$$

$$m = 1.0446975\dots$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } x &= 4.46975\% \\ &= \underline{\underline{4.5\%}} \quad (2\text{sf}) \end{aligned}$$



Answer 12

A savings account pays interest at a rate of $R\%$ per year.
Jack invests £5500 in the account for one year.

At the end of the year, Jack pays tax on the interest at a rate of 40%.
After paying tax, he gets £79.20

→ 60% OF INTEREST

(b) Work out the value of R .

WRITE DOWN A STATEMENT:

79.20 IS 60% OF $R\%$ OF 5500

$$\times 100 \times 100 \quad 79.20 = \frac{60}{100} \times \frac{R}{100} \times 5500 \quad \times 100 \times 100$$

$$\frac{79.20 \times 100 \times 100}{60 \times 5500} = \frac{60 \times R \times 5500}{60 \times 5500}$$

$$R = \frac{79.20 \times 100 \times 100}{60 \times 5500} = \underline{\underline{2.4\%}}$$



Answer 13

In 2003, Jerry bought a house.

In 2007, Jerry sold the house to Mia.
He made a profit of 20%

In 2012, Mia sold the house for £162000 $\rightarrow V_{2012}$
She made a loss of 10%

Work out how much Jerry paid for the house in 2003 $\rightarrow V_{2003}$

$$V_{2007} = 1.2 \times V_{2003}$$

$$V_{2012} = 0.9 \times V_{2007}$$

$$\text{So } V_{2012} = 0.9 \times 1.2 \times V_{2003}$$

$$\frac{162000}{0.9 \times 1.2} = \frac{\cancel{0.9} \times \cancel{1.2} \times V_{2003}}{\cancel{0.9} \times \cancel{1.2}}$$

$$V_{2003} = \frac{162000}{0.9 \times 1.2}$$

$$V_{2003} = \underline{\underline{\pounds 150000}}$$

PERCENTAGE INCREASES (THE BEST WAY!)

TO INCREASE BY, SAY, 3% 20%

THINK: WE WANT 103%. SO WE 120%

MULTIPLY BY $\frac{103}{100} (=1.03)$ $\frac{120}{100} = 1.2$

PERCENTAGE DECREASES (THE BEST WAY!)

TO DECREASE BY, SAY, 3% 10%

THINK: WE WANT 97%. SO WE 90%

MULTIPLY BY $\frac{97}{100} (=0.97)$ $\frac{90}{100} = 0.9$



Answer 14

Noah has an amount of money to invest for five years.

Saver Account 4% per annum compound interest.	Investment Account 21% interest paid at the end of 5 years.
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Noah wants to get the most interest possible.

- (b) Which account is best?
You must show how you got your answer.

SAVER

$$\begin{aligned} \text{After 5 yrs} &= ? \times 1.04^5 \\ &= ? \times 1.2166... \end{aligned}$$

So 21.66% INCREASE

INVESTMENT

21% INCREASE

SINCE $21.66 > 21$, THE SAVER IS BETTER



Answer 15

The value of Ibrar's house increases by $x\%$ in the third year.
At the end of the third year the value of Ibrar's house is £140 000

- (b) Work out the value of x .
Give your answer correct to 3 significant figures.

(MULTIPLIER = m)

PERCENTAGE INCREASES (THE BEST WAY!)
TO INCREASE BY, SAY, 3%.
THINK: WE WANT 103%. SO WE
MULTIPLY BY $\frac{103}{100}$ (=1.03)

VALUE AFTER 3 YEARS = VALUE AFTER 2 YEARS $\times m$

$$\frac{140000}{145000 \times 0.936} = \frac{145000 \times \cancel{0.936} \times m}{145000 \times \cancel{0.936}}$$

$$1.0315\dots = m$$

→ 103.15% so 3.15% INCREASE

$$\underline{\underline{x = 3.15}}$$