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Practice

Form K

Exponential Growth and Decay

Identify the initial amount a and the growth factor b in each exponential function. (Hint: In the exponential equation $y = a \cdot b^x$, a is the initial amount and b is the growth factor when $b > 1$.)

1. $f(x) = 2 \cdot 3^x$

2. $y = 5 \cdot 1.06^x$

3. $g(t) = 6^t$

4. $h(x) = -3 \cdot 2^x$

Use the given function to find the balance in each account after the given period.

5. \$3000 principal earning 4% compounded annually, after 6 years
 $f(x) = 3000 \cdot (1.04)^6$

6. \$2000 principal earning 6.8% compounded annually, after 3 years
 $f(x) = 2000 \cdot (1.068)^3$

Find the balance in each account after the given period.

7. \$5000 principal earning 4% compounded annually, after 10 years

8. \$3500 principal earning 3.6% compounded annually, after 2 years

Identify the initial amount a and the decay factor b in each exponential function. (Hint: In the exponential equation $y = a \cdot b^x$, a is the initial amount and b is the decay factor when $b < 1$.)

9. $y = 4 \cdot 0.2^x$

10. $f(x) = 3 \cdot 0.9^x$

Tell whether the equation represents *exponential growth*, *exponential decay*, or *neither*.

11. $y = 2 \cdot 3^x$

12. $f(x) = 6 \cdot 0.5^x$

13. $f(x) = 5 \cdot x^2$

14. $y = 0.3^x$

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Practice (continued)

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15. The town manager reports that incoming revenues for a given year were \$2 million. The budget director predicts that revenues will increase by 4% per year. How much revenue will the town have available 10 years from the date of the town manager's report if the equation that models the growth is $f(x) = 2,000,000 \cdot (1.04)^x$?
16. A fisheries manager determines that there are approximately 3000 bass in a lake.
- The population is growing at a rate of 2% per year. The function that models that growth is $y = 3000 \cdot 1.02^x$. How many bass will live in the lake after 4 years?
 - How many bass will live in the lake after 7 years?
 - About how long will it be before there are 4000 bass in the lake?
17. A business purchases a computer system for \$2000. The tax code allows them to take off a portion of that purchase for each year the computer system is used. If the value of the system is *depreciated* at a rate of 15% per year, the function that models the current value of the system is $f(x) = 2000 \cdot 0.85^t$. How much is the computer worth after 4 years?

Tell whether each represents an *exponential growth function*, an *exponential decay function*, or *neither*.

