

Unit 6: Exponential Functions Study Guide

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1. What is the 8<sup>th</sup> term in the geometric sequence? 4, -12, 36, -108, ...

$a_n = 4(-3)^{n-1}$      $a_8 = 4(-3)^{8-1}$      $a_8 = -8748$

2. Write an equation that correctly models the relationship between hours passed,  $h$ , and the number of bacteria present,  $b$ , as shown in the table.

Hours Passed	0	1	2	3	4
Number of Bacteria	1	4	16	64	256

$b = 4^h$

3. Many times a tweet will be tweeted and then retweeted with the possible number of retweets growing exponentially. Javar modeled this phenomenon with the function  $f(x) = 4(2)^x$ , using  $x$  to represent the number of intervals in which the tweet was retweeted.

- a. What were the original number of tweets?  $a = 4$   
 b. What is the common ratio in the function?  $b = 2$

4. After a dose of an antibiotic, the number of bacteria decreases. If the equation  $y = 16,000(0.75)^x$  models this "decay" situation, which value in the equation represents the original number of bacteria?

$a = 16,000$

5. The number of kilograms,  $y$ , of a radioactive element that remains after  $t$  hours can be modeled by the equation  $y = .47(0.83)^t$ . What is the rate of decrease of this radioactive element?

$1 - r = .83$      $r = 17\%$

6. Sarah invests \$2,517 in an account that is compounded annually and pays an interest of 2.4% each year. By what factor is the investment increasing every year?

- a. 60.41    **b. 1.024**    c. .976    d. 2577.41

$r = .024$

7. The equation  $y = 325(1.06)^x$  models the value of an investment after  $x$  years. Which statement is true about the value of the investment?

- a.** The value of the investment is growing by 6% each year.  
 b. The value of the investment is decreasing by 6% each year.  
 c. The value of the investment is growing by \$325 each year.  
 d. The value of the investment is decreasing by \$325 each year.

8. A stock loses half its value every week. If the stock was worth \$300 starting out, what is it worth after 4 weeks at this rate of decline?

$-\frac{1}{2}$

$300(1-0.5)^t$      $300(.5)^4$      $\$18.75$

9. A copy machine depreciates at the rate of 12% each year. If the original cost of the copy machine was \$18,500, what is the approximate value of the machine at the end of 4 years?

$w = 18500$   
 $r = .12$   
 $t = 5$   
 $y = 18500(1 - .12)^t$   
 $y = 18500(.88)^5$   
 $\$9703.04$

10. At the beginning of an experiment, there are 200 bacteria in a certain culture. If the number of bacteria doubles every hour, how many bacteria will be in the culture at the end of 5 hours?

$w = 200$   
 $r = 1$   
 $t = 5$   
 $y = 200(1 + 1)^t$   
 $y = 200(2)^5$   
 6400 bacteria

11. Susie did an experiment to compare two methods of warming an object. The results are shown in the table below.

Time (Hours)	Method 1 Temperature	Method 2 Temperature
0	0	1.5
1	5	3
2	10	6
3	14	12
4	18	24
5	23	48

Did either method change at a constant rate? Did either method change exponentially? Explain.

↓  
 no  
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 yes, method 2 increased by multiplying by 2.

12. The Hatch family wants to start saving for a college fund. They deposited \$1000 into a bank account that will earn 12% interest per year. How much will the Hatch family have saved for the college fund after 13 years?

$w = 1000$   
 $r = 12\%$   
 $t = 13$   
 $y = 1000(1 + .12)^t$   
 $y = 1000(1.12)^{13}$   
 $\$4303.49$

13. Determine if the given function is growth or decay and identify the rate (%)

$f(x) = 5,000(.10)^x$   
 $1 - r = .10$

Circle one: Growth or Decay Rate as a percent: 90%

14. In 2003, Bianca put \$2,700 into a savings account that earns a yearly interest rate of 3.8%. If she took the money out of the account in 2014, how much money did she have at that time? Round to the nearest hundredth.

$w = 2700$   
 $r = 3.8\% \rightarrow .038$   
 $t = 11$   
 $y = 2700(1.038)^{11}$   
 $y = \$4,009.44$

15. Each year the local country club sponsors a tennis tournament. Play starts with 164 participants. During each round, half of the players are eliminated. Write an exponential function to describe this situation.

$$y = 164(1 - 0.5)^x$$

$$y = 164(.5)^x$$

16. Identify all of the statements that are true for this function:  $f(x) = 1500(1.73)^x$

- This function models exponential decay.
- This function models exponential growth.
- The growth/decay factor is 73%.
- The growth/decay factor is 1.73.

17. Determine if the given function is growth or decay and identify the rate (%)

$$f(x) = 1500(1.73)^x$$

Circle one: Growth or Decay      Rate as a percent: 73%

18. Given,  $f(x) = 0.25(1.25)^x$  identify the growth/decay factor, growth/decay rate, and the initial value.

Growth/Decay Factor: 1.25      Growth/Decay Rate: 25%  
 Initial Value: 0.25

19. A club began with 5 members. Each month, each member brought one new member. Write a function that can be used to determine the number of members  $x$  months after the club began.

$$y = 5(2)^x$$

20. Every ten years, the Census counts how many people are living in every town in the United States.

- The 2010 Census showed that 1,000 people were living in Appleville, and 4,000 people were living in Bridgetown.
- The population of Appleville is predicted to double every ten years.  $\rightarrow y = 1000(2)^x$
- The population of Bridgetown is predicted to increase by 1,000 every ten years.  $\rightarrow y = 1000x + 4000$

If the predictions come true, what will be the first census year that will show Appleville with a larger than Bridgetown?

$y_2$   $x=3$   $\rightarrow$  30 YEARS  $\rightarrow$   $\begin{array}{r} 2010 \\ + 30 \\ \hline 2040 \end{array}$   $y_1$  2040

21. The function  $f(x) = 2(.62)^x$  was replaced with  $f(x) + k$ , so that the y-intercept was moved to  $(0, -5)$ . What is the value of  $k$ ?

$$(0, 2) \rightarrow (0, -5)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2 + k = -5 \\ -2 \quad -2 \\ \hline k = -7 \end{array}$$