

## Exponential Equations (Basic)

1. Each year the value of an investment increases by 3.5% of the previous year's value. The initial value of the investment was \$400. Which equation gives the value of the investment  $y$ , in dollars,  $x$  years after the initial investment was made?

A)  $y = 400(.35)^x$   
B)  $y = 400(1.035)^x$   
C)  $y = 400(1.35)^x$   
D)  $y = 400(3.5)^x$

2.  $P(t) = 4,200(1.025)^t$

The function shown gives the balance of Adam's account  $P(t)$ , in dollars,  $t$  years after he opened the account, where  $t$  is an integer. Based on the function  $P$ , what is the percent increase of the balance of Adam's account between any two consecutive years?

A) 23%  
B) 10.25%  
C) 2.5%  
D) 1.025%

3. At the beginning of a study, the number of bacteria in a population is 120,000. The number of bacteria doubles every hour for a limited period of time. For this period of time, which equation models the number of bacteria  $y$  in this population after  $x$  hours?

A)  $y = 120,000^{2x}$   
B)  $y = x^2 + 120,000$   
C)  $y = 2x^2 + 120,000$   
D)  $y = 120,000(2)^x$

4. In the  $xy$ -plane, the  $y$ -intercept of the graph of  $y = 500(3)^x$  is  $(0, c)$ , where  $c$  is a constant. What is the value of  $c$ ?

A) 0  
B) 3  
C) 1  
D) 500

5.  $C(t) = 1.95(1.094)^t$

The equation above can be used to model the price of gasoline in California  $t$  years after 1965, where  $0 \leq t \leq 55$ . According to the model, what is the best interpretation of the value 1.95 in this context?

- A) The model estimates that the price of gasoline was 1.95 dollars in 1965.
- B) The model estimates that the price of gasoline was 1.95 dollars in 2020.
- C) The model estimates that the price of gasoline increased by 1.95 dollars each year from 1965 to 2020.
- D) The model estimates that the price of gasoline increased by 1.95% each year from 1965 to 2020.

6.

$x$	$f(x)$
0	3.2
1	1.6
2	0.8

The given table shows several values of  $x$  and the corresponding values of  $f(x)$ . If  $f(x) = a(b)^x$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants, what is the value of  $a$ ?

- A) 0
- B) .5
- C) 1.6
- D) 3.2

7. In 720, there were 458 knights in Europe. Each year from 720 to 789, the number of knights increased by approximately 3.1% over the previous year's number. Which equation best models the number of knights,  $k$ , in Europe  $x$  years after 720?

- A)  $k = (3.1)^x$
- B)  $k = (1.031)^x$
- C)  $k = 458(3.1)^x$
- D)  $k = 458(1.031)^x$

8. A radioactive substance decays at an annual rate of 11 percent. If the initial amount of the substance is 250 grams, which of the following functions  $f$  models the remaining amount of the substance, in grams,  $t$  years later?

A)  $f(t) = 250(0.89)^t$   
B)  $f(t) = 250(0.11)^t$   
C)  $f(t) = 0.89(250)^t$   
D)  $f(t) = 250(1.11)^t$

9.  $P = 195(1.004)^{\frac{t}{5}}$

The equation above can be used to model the population, in thousands, of a certain city  $t$  years after 2010. According to the model, the population is predicted to increase by 0.4% every  $n$  months. What is the value of  $n$ ?

A) 5  
B) 10  
C) 12  
D) 60

10.

$x$	$f(x)$
0	4
1	12
2	36
3	108

The given table shows several values of  $x$  and the corresponding values of  $f(x)$ . Which of the following could define  $f$ ?

A)  $f(x) = 12^x$   
B)  $f(x) = 4(3^x)$   
C)  $f(x) = 3^{4x}$   
D)  $f(x) = 4^{3x}$

11. What is the  $y$ -intercept of the graph of  $y = (5)^x$  in the  $xy$ -plane?

A) (1, 5)  
B) (1, 0)  
C) (0, 1)  
D) (5, 1)

12.

$t$	$f(t)$
0	40
10	120
20	360
30	1080

The table shows the time  $t$ , in minutes, after the initial observation of a bacteria culture and the corresponding values of  $f(t)$ , the number of bacteria, in millions, in the culture. Which of the following functions best models  $b(t)$ ?

- A)  $f(t) = 10(3)^{\frac{t}{40}}$
- B)  $f(t) = 10(3)^{40t}$
- C)  $f(t) = 40(3)^{10t}$
- D)  $f(t) = 40(3)^{\frac{t}{10}}$

13. The two quantities  $y$  and  $x$  are related such that  $y = 7$  and  $x = 0$ . When the value of  $x$  increases by 1, the value of  $y$  is multiplied by 2. Which of the following represents this relationship?

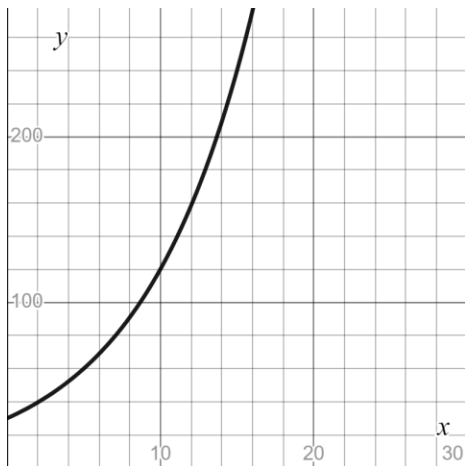
- A)  $y = 7x^2$
- B)  $y = 7(x - 1)^2$
- C)  $y = 7(2)^x$
- D)  $y = 7(2)^{x-1}$

14. At the start of an experiment, approximately 20 thousand bacteria were present in a liquid growth solution. Over the next 8 hours, the number of bacteria approximately tripled every hour. Which of the following exponential equations best models the relationship between the number of bacteria  $B$ , in thousands, and the amount of time  $t$ , in hours, after the start of the experiment, where  $t \leq 8$ ?

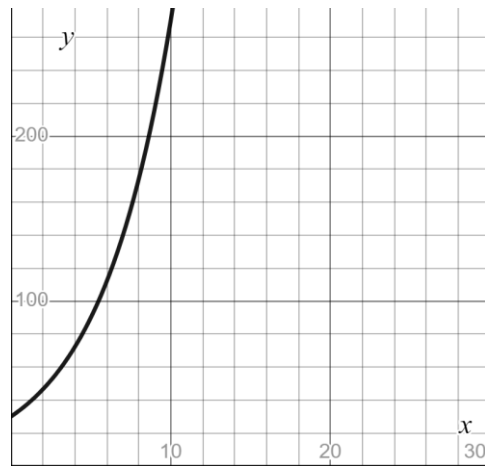
- A)  $B = 20 + 3^t$
- B)  $B = 20(3)^t$
- C)  $B = 3(20)^t$
- D)  $B = (60)^t$

15. The initial number of bacteria in a population is 30 thousand. The bacteria in the population are observed to double in number every 5 hours. Which graph represents the number of bacteria  $y$ , in thousands,  $x$  hours after the initial observation?

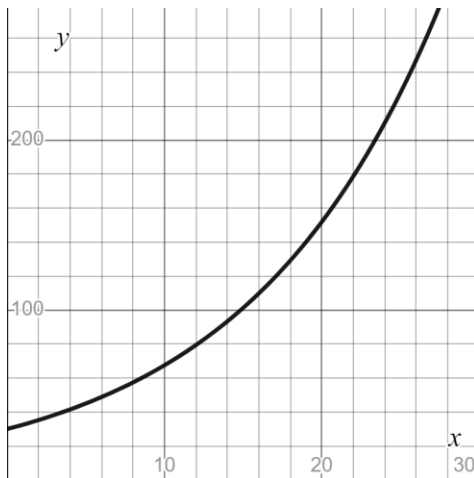
A)



B)



C)



D)

