

**HW Exponential Growth/Decay**

**I.** Identify each function as modeling either exponential growth or exponential decay. What is the function's percent increase or decrease?

1.  $y = 1298(1.63)^x$

2.  $y = 0.65(1.3)^x$

3.  $y = 2(0.65)^x$

4.  $12(1.7)^x$

5.  $y = 5(6)^x$

6.  $y = \frac{4}{5}(0.45)^x$

**II.** Write an exponential function to model each situation. Find the value of the function **after 5 yrs.**

7. A population of 250 frogs increases at an annual rate of 22%.

8. A stock priced at \$35 increases at a rate of 7.5% per year.

9. A \$17,500 delivery van depreciates 11% each year.

10. A population of 115 cougars decreases 1.25% each year.

**III.** Solve

11. On their federal income tax returns, many self-employed individuals can depreciate the value of the business equipment they purchase. Suppose a computer valued at \$6500 depreciates at a rate of 14.3% per year. After how many years is the value of the computer less than \$2000?

12. Which function represents exponential growth?

A.  $y = 35x^{1.35}$

C.  $y = 35(0.35)^x$

B.  $y = 35(1.35)^x$

D.  $y = 35 \div (1.35)^x$

13. Iodine-131 is used to find leaks in water pipes. It has a half-life of 8.14 days. Write the exponential decay function for a 200-mg sample. Find the amount of iodine-131 remaining after 72 days.

14. You have inherited land that was purchased for \$35,000 in 1980. The value of the land increased by approximately 5% each year.

- a) Write a model for the value of the land  $x$  years after 1980.
- b) What is the approximate value of the land this year?
- c) After what year will the land be valued at about \$200,000?

15. The amount  $g$  (in trillions of cubic feet) of natural gas consumed in the United States from 1940 to 1970 can be modeled by:

$$g = 2.91(1.07)^t \quad \text{where } t \text{ equals the number of years since 1940.}$$

- a) Identify the:
  - initial amount
  - the growth factor
  - annual percent increase
- b) Estimate the natural gas consumption in 1955.
- c) What year was the consumption about 15.8 trillion cubic feet?

16. In 1980 wind turbines in Europe generated about 5 gigawatt-hours of energy. Over the next 15 years, the amount of energy increased by about 59% per year.

- a) Write a model giving the amount  $E$  (in gigawatt-hours) of energy  $t$  years after 1980.
- b) About how much wind energy was generated in 1984?
- c) Estimate the year when 8- gigawatt-hours of energy were generated?