

Exponential and Logarithmic Word Problems Notes

Find the inverse of each function.

1) $y = \left(\frac{2^x + 6}{-3} \right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

2) $y = \log_5 (-4x + 6) + 4$

3) $y = \left(\frac{e^x + 10}{2} \right)^{\frac{1}{5}}$

4) $y = \ln (4x - 10) - 6$

5) A substance decays 22% each day. After 7 days, there are 9 milligrams of the substance remaining. How many milligrams were there initially?

6) Sam opened a bank account with an interest rate of 4.8% that is compounded annually. He invested \$3,890 in the account in 1999 but had to make a withdrawal from his account in 2007 in the amount of \$2,300 with no penalty. How much money is in his account now, in 2016?

- 7) How much more money would Sam have now in his account, in 2016 if he hadn't needed to make the withdrawal?
- 8) In 1963, the number of cars in the U.S. was about 1.7 million. By 1988, it had increased to about 2.9 million. Write an exponential function in the form $y = ab^x$ that could be used to model the number of cars y in millions for 1963 to 1988. Write the equation in terms of x , the number of years since 1963. Round the value of b to the nearest thousandth.
- 9) Suppose the number of cars continued to grow at that rate. Estimate the number in 2005.
- 10) The number n of college graduates in thousands after t years can be modeled by $n = 46 \log_5 (t + 3)$. Let $t = 0$ represent 1985. How many college graduates were there in 2003?
- 11) How long until there are 123,000 college graduates? When will this occur?
- 12) When Angela was born, her grandparents deposited \$5,000 into a college savings account paying 6% interest compounded continuously. Using the formula, $A = Pe^{rt}$, what is the balance after 15 years?
- 13) How long will it take the balance to reach at least \$17,000

- 14) If her grandparents want her to have \$15,000 after 17 years, how much would they need to invest?
- 15) What would the interest in the account need to be if after the initial deposit of \$5,000, Angela needed the balance to be \$24,000 after 18 years?
- 16) In 2003, the population of the state of New York was 10.78 million people. In 1990, it was 7.99 million. Using the population growth formula $y = ae^{kt}$, determine the value of k , New York's relative rate of growth.
- 17) When will New York's population reach 15 million people?
- 18) Nevada's population in 1990 was 14.2 million and can be modeled by $y = 14.2e^{0.0079t}$. Determine when New York's population will surpass Nevada's.

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$$y = \frac{e^{x+6} + 10}{4}$$

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about 51.2 mg

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\$5124.26

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\$3507.34

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$$y = 1.7 \cdot 1.022^x$$

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4.24 million

10) The number n of college graduates in thousands after t years can be modeled by $n = 46 \log_5 (t + 3)$. Let $t = 0$ represent 1985. How many college graduates were there in 2003?

87,017

11) How long until there are 123,000 college graduates? When will this occur?

71 years , 2056

12) When Angela was born, her grandparents deposited \$5,000 into a college savings account paying 6% interest compounded continuously. Using the formula, $A = Pe^{rt}$, what is the balance after 15 years?

\$12,298.02

13) How long will it take the balance to reach at least \$17,000

$t > 20.4$ so over 20 years

14) If her grandparents want her to have \$15,000 after 17 years, how much would they need to invest?

\$5,408.92

15) What would the interest in the account need to be if after the initial deposit of \$5,000, Angela needed the balance to be \$24,000 after 18 years?

8.71%

16) In 2003, the population of the state of New York was 10.78 million people. In 1990, it was 7.99 million. Using the population growth formula $y = ae^{kt}$, determine the value of k , New York's relative rate of growth.

$k = 0.02304$ or about 2.304%

17) When will New York's population reach 15 million people?

2018

18) Nevada's population in 1990 was 14.2 million and can be modeled by $y = 14.2e^{0.0079t}$. Determine when New York's population will surpass Nevada's.

$t > 37.98$ so during 2028