

Simple and Compound Interest – Extra Practice

1. A bank is offering a simple interest rate of 3.5% for a GIC with a 3 year term. Reid invests \$1500 into the GIC. What is the future value at maturity?

$$A = 1500 + 1500(0.035)(3)$$

$$A = \$1657.50$$

2. At 5% simple interest, how long would it take \$500 to grow to \$575?

$$575 = 500 + 500(0.05)t$$

$$75 = 25t$$

$$t = 3 \text{ years}$$

3. Cal wants to buy a car and hopes to save \$6400 in the next 5 years. How much should he invest now at 2.4% simple interest in order to reach his goal?

$$6400 = P(1 + 0.024(5))$$

$$6400 = P(1.12)$$

$$P = \$5714.29$$

4. The Canada Savings Bonds issued one year earned 8.25% interest compounded annually. They matured in 7 years. Determine the future value of a \$500 bond.

$$A = 500(1 + 0.0825)^7$$

$$A = \$870.89$$

5. Elise put \$2000 into an RRSP (Registered Retirement Savings Plan) earning 9.5% interest compounded semi-annually. Determine the future value after 7 years.

$$A = 2000\left(1 + \frac{0.095}{2}\right)^{7 \times 2}$$

$$A = \$3829.89$$

6. Pat puts \$5000 into a short-term deposit. She obtains a 1 year term at 6% compounded monthly. What is the future value of her investment?

$$A = 5000\left(1 + \frac{0.06}{12}\right)^{12}$$

$$A = \$5308.39$$

7. How much would you have to invest today at 4.5% <sup>compounded annually</sup> interest in order to have \$2850 available after 3 years?

$$2850 = P(1 + 0.045)^3$$

$$2850 = P$$

$$(1 + 0.045)^3$$

$$P = \$2497.45$$

8. Anna wants to invest money to accumulate \$8000 in 4 years when her son starts university. How much would she need to invest now at 6% compounded quarterly?

$$8000 = P \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{4}\right)^{4 \times 4}$$

$$P = \frac{8000}{(1 + 0.015)^{16}} = \$6304.25$$

9. A donor gave \$75000 to a town council. The money was to be invested for 10 years, and the accumulated amount used to expand the public library. Each member of the council found a different investment option. Which investment option will return the most money to spend on the library, and how much will it be?

- a) 8.5% simple interest

$$A = 75000 (1 + 0.085(10)) = \$138750$$

- b) 6.3% compounded annually

$$A = 75000 (1 + 0.063)^{10} = \$138163.69$$

- c) 6.25% compounded semi-annually

$$A = 75000 \left(1 + \frac{0.0625}{2}\right)^{20} = \$138784.35$$

- d) 6.2% compounded quarterly

$$A = 75000 \left(1 + \frac{0.062}{4}\right)^{40} = \$138758.11$$

- e) 6.1% compounded monthly

$$A = 75000 \left(1 + \frac{0.061}{12}\right)^{120} = \$138506.54$$

- f) 6% compounded daily

$$A = 75000 \left(1 + \frac{0.06}{365}\right)^{3650} = \$138025.32$$