

Classwork 9

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Name: SOLUTIONS

1. Radioactive iodine is used by doctors to diagnose thyroid gland disorders. This type of iodine decays such that the mass remaining after t days is given by

$$m(t) = 6e^{-0.087t}$$

where $m(t)$ is measured in grams.

- Find the mass at time $t = 0$.
- How much of the mass remains after 20 days?

$$m(0) = 6e^0 = 6 \text{ gms}$$

$$m(20) = 6e^{-0.087 \times 20} = 1.05312 \text{ gms}$$

2. You want to invest \$40,000 in an account offering the following options:

- 8.5% per year, compounded semiannually.
- 8.25% per year, compounded quarterly.
- 8% per year, compounded daily.

Answer: 8.5% per year
compounded semiannually

Which option would you choose to maximize your investment after 2 years. (Use back side of the paper if needed).

Time	n	r	r/n	A(2)
Semiannual	2	$\frac{8.5}{100}$	$\frac{0.085}{2}$	$40000(1 + \frac{0.085}{2})^{2 \times 2} = \47245.91
Quarter	4	$\frac{8.25}{100}$	$\frac{0.0825}{4}$	$40000(1 + \frac{0.0825}{4})^{4 \times 2} = \47096.61
Daily	365	$\frac{8}{100}$	$\frac{0.08}{365}$	$40000(1 + \frac{0.08}{365})^{365 \times 2} = \46939.61