

F.LE.A.2: Modeling Exponential Functions 2

- 1 A rabbit population doubles every 4 weeks. There are currently five rabbits in a restricted area. If t represents the time, in weeks, and $P(t)$ is the population of rabbits with respect to time, about how many rabbits will there be in 98 days?
 - 1) 56
 - 2) 152
 - 3) 3688
 - 4) 81,920

- 2 Titanium-44 is a radioactive isotope such that every 63 years, its mass decreases by half. For a sample of titanium-44 with an initial mass of 100 grams, write a function that will give the mass of the sample remaining after any amount of time. Define all variables. Scientists sometimes use the average yearly decrease in mass for estimation purposes. Use the average yearly decrease in mass of the sample between year 0 and year 10 to predict the amount of the sample remaining after 40 years. Round your answer to the *nearest tenth*. Is the actual mass of the sample or the estimated mass greater after 40 years? Justify your answer.

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Answer Section

1 ANS: 1

$$P(28) = 5(2)^{\frac{98}{28}} \approx 56$$

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2 ANS:

$A(t) = 100(0.5)^{\frac{t}{63}}$, where t is time in years, and $A(t)$ is the amount of titanium-44 left after t years.

$\frac{A(10) - A(0)}{10 - 0} = \frac{89.58132 - 100}{10} = -1.041868$ The estimated mass at $t = 40$ is $100 - 40(-1.041868) \approx 58.3$. The

actual mass is $A(40) = 100(0.5)^{\frac{40}{63}} \approx 64.3976$. The estimated mass is less than the actual mass.

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