

## Solve:

- 1) At 23% interest per year compounded continuously, how long will it take for an initial investment of \$300 to become \$700?

$$A = Pe^{rt}$$
$$700 = 300e^{.23t}$$
$$\frac{7}{3} = e^{.23t}$$
$$\ln\left(\frac{7}{3}\right) = \ln e^{.23t}$$
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$$t = \frac{\ln\left(\frac{7}{3}\right)}{.23} = \boxed{3.7 \text{ years}}$$

- 2) If \$300 is borrowed at 10% interest, find the amount due at the end of 4 years if the interest is compounded continuously.

$$A = 300 \cdot e^{.10 \cdot 4}$$
$$= \boxed{\$447.55}$$

- 3) A bacteria culture initially contains 100 members and grows at a rate proportional to its size. One month later, it contains 700 members. Find the number of bacteria after 2 months.

$$700 = 100e^{k \cdot 1}$$
$$7 = e^k$$
$$\ln 7 = k$$
$$k = 1.946$$
$$y = 100e^{1.946 \cdot 2}$$
$$= \boxed{4,900.881}$$

- 4) The half life of Roentgenium is 10 minutes. We began with a 1100 mg sample, and now we have a 100 mg sample. Find the amount of time that has past.

$$10 = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$
$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{10} = .069$$
$$100 = 1,100e^{-.069t}$$
$$.091 = e^{-.069t}$$
$$\ln .091 = -.069t$$
$$t = \frac{\ln .091}{-.069} = \boxed{34.7 \text{ min.}}$$

- 5) The half life of Seaborgium is 1.94 hours. Find a formula for the amount of Seaborgium left after t hours if we started with 100 mg.

$$1.94 = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$
$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{1.94} = .357$$
$$A = 100e^{-0.357t}$$

- 6) The half life of Berkelium is 1379 years. If we start with 300 mg, find the amount that will be left after 5 years.

$$1379 = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$
$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{1379} = .000503$$
$$A = 300e^{-.000503 \cdot 5}$$
$$= \boxed{299.246 \text{ mg}}$$

- 7) The half life of Darmstadtium is 4 minutes. We began with a 1100 mg sample, and now we have a 400 mg sample. Find the amount of time that has past.

$$4 = \frac{\ln 2}{k}$$
$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{4} = .173$$
$$400 = 1100e^{-.173t}$$
$$.364 = e^{-.173t}$$
$$\ln .364 = -.173t$$
$$t = \frac{\ln .364}{-.173} = \boxed{5.8 \text{ min.}}$$