

## LC 2017 (SET A): PAPER 1

**QUESTION 8 (55 MARKS)**

**Question 8 (a)**

$$P = \frac{A}{(1+i)^1} + \frac{A}{(1+i)^2} + \frac{A}{(1+i)^3} + \dots + \frac{A}{(1+i)^t}$$

$$a = \frac{A}{(1+i)}, r = \frac{1}{(1+i)}$$

$$S_t = P = \frac{a(1-r^t)}{1-r} = \frac{\frac{A}{(1+i)} \left(1 - \frac{1}{(1+i)^t}\right)}{1 - \frac{1}{(1+i)}} = \frac{A \left(\frac{(1+i)^t - 1}{(1+i)^t}\right)}{(1+i) \left(\frac{1+i-1}{(1+i)}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{A \left(\frac{(1+i)^t - 1}{(1+i)^t}\right)}{i} = \frac{A((1+i)^t - 1)}{i(1+i)^t}$$

$$\therefore A = P \frac{i(1+i)^t}{((1+i)^t - 1)}$$

**Question 8 (b) (i)**

Monthly repayment  $A = 5000 \times 0.025 = \text{€}125$

**Question 8 (b) (ii)**

Annual rate = 21.75%  $\Rightarrow i = 0.2175$

$$i_M = (1+i)^{\frac{1}{12}} - 1 = 1.2175^{\frac{1}{12}} - 1 = 0.0165$$

Monthly rate = 1.65%

**Question 8 (b) (iii)**

You pay €125 every month. Part of this payment pays for the interest accrued that month and part of it pays off the overall debt.

End of month 1: Interest = €5000 × 0.0165 = €82.50

Balance reduced by: €125 – €82.50 = €42.50

New balance = €5000 – €42.50 = €4957.50

End of month 2: Interest = €4957.50 × 0.0165 = €81.80

Balance reduced by: €125 – €81.80 = €43.20

New balance = €4957.50 – €43.20 = €4914.30

End of month 3: Interest = €4914.30 × 0.0165 = €81.09

Balance reduced by: €125 – €81.09 = €43.91

New balance = €4914.30 – €43.91 = €4870.39

$i$  = Annual interest rate

$i_M$  = Monthly interest rate

$i_W$  = Monthly interest rate

$$(1+i_M)^{12} = (1+i) \Rightarrow 1+i_M = (1+i)^{\frac{1}{12}}$$

$$\therefore i_M = (1+i)^{\frac{1}{12}} - 1$$

$$\therefore i_W = (1+i)^{\frac{1}{32}} - 1$$

Payment Number	Fixed monthly payment, €A	€A		New balance of debt (€)
		Interest	Previous balance reduced by (€)	
0				5000
1	125	82.50	42.50	4957.50
2	125	81.80	43.20	4914.30
3	125	81.09	43.91	4870.39

**Question 8 (b) (iv)**

$$P = 5000, A = 125, i_M = 0.0165, t = ?$$

$$A = P \times \frac{i_M(1+i_M)^t}{(1+i_M)^t - 1} \Rightarrow 125 = 5000 \times \frac{0.0165(1.0165)^t}{(1.0165)^t - 1}$$

$$\frac{125}{5000 \times 0.0165} = \frac{(1.0165)^t}{(1.0165)^t - 1}$$

$$\frac{50}{33} = \frac{1.0165^t}{1.0165^t - 1} \Rightarrow 50(1.0165^t - 1) = 33 \times 1.0165^t$$

$$50 \times 1.0165^t - 50 = 33 \times 1.0165^t$$

$$17 \times 1.0165^t = 50$$

$$1.0165^t = \frac{50}{17} \Rightarrow \log_{10} 1.0165^t = \log_{10} \frac{50}{17}$$

$$t \log_{10} 1.0165 = \log_{10} \frac{50}{17}$$

$$\therefore t = \frac{\log_{10} \frac{50}{17}}{\log_{10} 1.0165} = 65.92$$

Answer: 66 months

**Question 8 (b) (v)**

$$i = 0.085$$

$$i_w = (1+i)^{\frac{1}{52}} - 1 = (1.085)^{\frac{1}{52}} - 1 = 0.00157$$

$$P = 5000, i_w = 0.00157, t = 156 \text{ weeks}, A = ?$$

$$A = P \times \frac{i_w(1+i_w)^t}{(1+i_w)^t - 1} \Rightarrow A = 5000 \times \frac{0.00157(1.00157)^{156}}{(1.00157)^{156} - 1} = \text{€}36.16$$

**Question 8 (b) (vi)**

$$\text{Saving} = 125 \times 66 - 36.16 \times 156 = \text{€}2609.04$$


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