CCSS Advanced Algebra 4 Exponential and Logarithmic Applications

- 1. A Super Ball rebounds to  $\frac{3}{4}$  of its previous height after each bounce. If you drop a Super Ball from a height of 20 m, after how many bounces will it reach a height of 2 m? Solve using an exponential model and logarithms.
- Reproduction of an African Dung Beetle is the focus of a laboratory experiment. There were 25 Dung Beetles at the beginning of the experiment. It was noted that the number of Dung Beetles increase 3% every 28 days. After how many days will there be 500 Dung Beetles? Solve using an exponential model and logarithms.
- 3. Two rival companies: Acme Lighting and Bargain Bulbs decided to make the same LED light bulbs using two different processes. The revenue (in thousands of \$) of the two companies are represented
  - by:  $a(t) = 1000 \log_4 t + 100$  and  $b(t) = 1200 \log_5 t$  where t =time in months.
  - i. How many months will it take for Acme Lighting to have \$5,000,000 in revenue? Show how you found your answer.
  - ii. How many months will it take Bargain Bulbs to have \$5,000,000 in revenue? Show how you found your answer.
  - iii. Using the graphs of a(t) and b(t), after how many months will Acme Lighting and Bargain Bulbs have the same revenue?
  - iv. Find the inverse of a(t).
  - v. Evaluate  $a^{-1}(5,000,000)$ . What does this mean about Acme Lighting's revenue?
- 4. Radium (Ra) is a radioactive element that decays as follows:In 3,000 years, a 100 gram sample of radium decays to a mass of 27.04 grams.
  - a. Write an exponential function to describe the decay of radium over time. Define your variables.
  - b. Find the inverse of the exponential function from part (a).
  - c. Use the inverse function to determine the number of years it would take a sample of radium to decay to half of its original mass.

- 5. The towns of Geometrix and Matrix are matched for a cultural exchange. The population of Geometrix is 40,000 while the population of Matrix is 10,000. For the next 30 years, experts predict that the population of Geometrix will decline by 3% per year. During the same period, they expect that the population of Matrix will increase by 5% annually.
  - a. Find after how many years the two towns will have the same population graphically.
  - b. How many years ago did Geometrix have a population of 10,000? Show how you found your answer.
- 6. When interest is paid *n* times a year, the value of an initial investment, *P*, that collects an annual interest rate of r (*as a decimal*) for *x* years can be represented by the function

 $C(x) = P\left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nx}$ 

Ella wants to invest \$2000. She has two investment options:

Investment Option A	Investment Option B
<ul> <li>Annual Interest Rate of 5%</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Annual Interest Rate of 4.2%</li> </ul>
Interest Paid Once per Year	<ul> <li>Interest Paid Monthly (12 times per year)</li> </ul>

<u>Using the graphs</u> of the functions representing each Investment Option, determine after how many months, the two Investments Options will have the same balance?

- 7. An airplane is flying at an altitude of 10,000 meters. At 21:00, the pilot begins the descent towards PDX Airport. The descent follows an exponential model, d(x), ending with the plane's landing. At 21:04, the airplane is an an altitude of 5,222 meters.
  - a. At what time will the plane be at 280 meters? Solve using logarithms.
  - b. Find the inverse of the exponential function that represents the airplane's descent,  $d^{-1}(x)$ .
  - c. Evaluate  $d^{-1}(280)$ . What does this tell you about the airplane's descent?