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1. (a) Show that
 $x^2 + x - 7 = 0$
 has a solution between $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.
 At $x = 1$, $1^2 + 1 - 7 = -5 < 0$
 At $x = 2$, $2^2 + 2 - 7 = 1 > 0$. Since there is a change of sign,
 there is a solution between $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.
 (b) Show that the equation can be rearranged to give
 $x = \sqrt[3]{7 - x}$
 (c) Starting with $x_0 = 1.8$, use
 $x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{7 - x_n}$
 twice to estimate the solution.
 Give your answer to 4 decimal places.
 $x_1 = 1.804396$
 $x_2 = 1.804675$
 Estimated solution ≈ 1.8047

2. (a) Show that
 $x^3 + 5x - 12 = 0$
 has a solution between $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.
 At $x = 1$, $1^3 + 5(1) - 12 = -6 < 0$
 At $x = 2$, $2^3 + 5(2) - 12 = 6 > 0$. Since there is a change of sign,
 there is a solution between $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.
 (b) Show that the equation can be rearranged to give
 $x = \frac{12}{x^2 + 5}$
 (c) Starting with $x_0 = 1.6$, use
 $x_{n+1} = \frac{12}{x_n^2 + 5}$
 three times to estimate the solution.
 Give your answer to 4 decimal places.
 $x_1 = 1.714286$ $x_2 = 1.692144$
 $x_3 = 1.689934$
 Estimated solution ≈ 1.6921

3. (a) Show that
 $x^3 + x - 4 = 0$
 has a solution between $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.
 At $x = 1$, $1^3 + 1 - 4 = -2 < 0$
 At $x = 2$, $2^3 + 2 - 4 = 6 > 0$. Since there is a change of sign,
 there is a solution between $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.
 (b) Show that the equation can be rearranged to give
 $x = \sqrt[3]{4 - x}$
 (c) Starting with $x_0 = 1.4$, use
 $x_{n+1} = \sqrt[3]{4 - x_n}$
 three times to estimate the solutions.

4. A water tank contains 3500 litres of water at time $t = 0$ hours.
 At the end of each hour, 4% of the water remaining leaks away.
 The volume of water after t hours is V_t .
 Given that $V_0 = 3500$
 and
 $V_{t+1} = kV_t$
 (a) Write down the value of k
 $k = 0.96$ (1)
 (b) Find the volume after 5 hours.
 2923.2 litres (3)

5. The number of fish in a lake at the start of year n is P_n .
 At the start of year 1 there are 1200 fish.
 Given that $P_{n+1} = 1.06P_n$
 (a) Write down the percentage that the population of
 fish increases by each year.
 6% (1)
 (b) Work out the number of fish at the start of year 6.
 1604 (3)

6. The number of rabbits on a farm at the end of month n is R_n .
 The number of rabbits at the end of the next month is given by
 $R_{n+1} = 1.15R_n - 40$.
 At the end of April there are 240 rabbits.
 Work out how many rabbits there will be at the end of July.
 465 rabbits (4)

7. The value of a bicycle at the end of year n is V_n .
 The value is modelled by $V_{n+1} = 0.88V_n + 30$.
 The bicycle is worth £600 initially.
 Work out its value after 3 years.
 $£490.18$ (3)

8. A balloon is descending.
 The height of the balloon n minutes after it starts to descend is h_n metres.
 The height is modelled by $h_{n+1} = Kh_n + 15$, where K is a constant.
 The balloon starts descending from 1500m.
 After one minute its height is 1275m.
 (a) Find the value of K .
 $K = 0.84$ (3)
 (b) Work out the height of the balloon after 4 minutes.
 939.7 m (3)

9. A cup of coffee cools according to the formula
 $T_{n+1} = 0.9T_n + 2$, where T_n is the temperature in
 degrees Celsius after n minutes.
 Initially the coffee has a temperature of 92°C .
 Work out the temperature after 5 minutes.
 Give your answer to 1 decimal place.
 54.6°C (3)

10. The annual profit of a company in year n is $£P_n$.
 The profits follow the model $P_{n+1} = 1.08P_n + 1200$.
 In 2026, the profit is £45000.
 Work out the predicted profit in 2029.
 $£56,554.40$ (3)

11. The value of a car is modelled by
 $V_{n+1} = 0.82V_n + 450$,
 where V_n is the value of the car after n years.
 Initially the car is worth £18,000.
 (a) Work out the value after 4 years.
 $£14,581.19$ (3)
 (b) Explain what the 450 represents in this model.
 It represents the value that the car keeps
 or decreases towards – the fixed amount
 added each year which is the car's
 estimated value when it is very old. (1)

