

**ISE 307, Term 153**  
**ENGINEERING ECONOMIC ANALYSIS**

**Quiz# 2**

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**Q1.** The accompanying table shows a cash flow for a company along with CPI:

| Year | Cash    | CPI   | Inflation Rate            |
|------|---------|-------|---------------------------|
| 0    | 100,000 | 179.8 |                           |
| 1    | 115,000 | 183.8 | $=(183.8/179.8)-1=2.22\%$ |
| 2    | 128,000 | 188.0 | $=(188.0/183.8)-1=2.29\%$ |
| 3    | 145,000 | 194.6 | $=(194.6/188.0)-1=3.51\%$ |

- i. Assuming that year 0 is the base period, determine the inflation rate for each period, and calculate the average inflation rate over the three years.

$$\text{Average inflation rate over the three years} = (194.6/179.8)^{1/3} - 1 = 2.67\%$$

- ii. What will be the equivalent cash of year 1 stated in terms of year 3 cash?

$$= 115,000 (1.0229)(1.0351) = 121,757.3$$

**Q2.** Suppose that you borrow \$60,000 at 9% compounded monthly over five years. Knowing that the 9% represents the market interest rate, you compute the monthly payment in actual dollars as \$1245.51. If the average monthly general inflation rate is expected to be 0.25%, determine the equivalent equal monthly payment series in constant dollars.

$$i' = (i-f)/(1+f) \Rightarrow i_m' = (0.09/12 - 0.0025)/1.0025 = (0.0075 - 0.0025)/1.0025 = 0.00499$$

$$A = 60,000 (A/P, 0.00499, 60) = 60,000 * 0.019326 = \$1159.55$$

**Q3.** Consider the following two mutually exclusive projects:

| Net Cash Flow |           |           |
|---------------|-----------|-----------|
| End of Year   | Project A | Project B |
| 0             | -\$1,000  | -\$1,000  |
| 1             | \$912     | \$284     |
| 2             | \$684     | \$568     |
| 3             | \$456     | \$852     |
| 4             | \$228     | \$1,136   |

At an interest rate of 25%, which project would you recommend choosing?

$$\begin{aligned}PW(25\%)_A &= -\$1,000 + \$912(P/F, 25\%, 1) \\ &\quad + \$684(P/F, 25\%, 2) + \$456(P/F, 25\%, 3) \\ &\quad + \$228(P/F, 25\%, 4) = \$494.22\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}PW(25\%)_B &= -\$1,000 + \$284(P/F, 25\%, 1) \\ &\quad + \$568(P/F, 25\%, 2) + \$852(P/F, 25\%, 3) \\ &\quad + \$1,136(P/F, 25\%, 4) = \$492.25\end{aligned}$$

Select project A.