**PERSONAL FINANCE SUMMATIVE**

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| Some people move cities in order to find affordable housing. Would you be willing to change cities in order to find housing that fits your budget and your style of life? What kind of life *would* you like to have when the first phase of your formal education ends? Your past educational choices will affect your future lifestyle choices—will those choices be expansive or constrained?  To help you answer these questions, for this project you will   * collect data regarding a career choice, * gather, interpret, and compare information about renting and owning accommodation, and * prepare a budget based on possible wages connected to your career choice.   In this project, you may use any visual method of presentation - video, virtual storyboard, infographics, Bristol board, pamphlet, PowerPoint, Word etc. To receive full marks, you must meet all criteria assigned for each task. |

**TASK 1 – CHOOSING A CAREER:** Research a career that you are interested in pursuing and include the following:

* The specific education required to obtain a job in this field, places where that education can be obtained, and prerequisites for that education.
* What a person working in this career is required to do on a day-to-day basis.
* The estimated starting salary for this career.
* The estimated net income after deductions for this career (include a table that shows the amounts deducted from your salary for Canada Pension Plan (CPP), Employment Insurance (EI), Federal Income Tax and Provincial Income Tax).
* The location of the job (characteristics and limitations like rural/urban, suburban/core, particular cities/regions/provinces) and
* A work related math problem (SOLVED) used in this profession.

**TASK 2 – CONSIDERING RENTAL ACCOMMODATION:** Where you live, and the type of accommodation available there, may depend on the type of career you have chosen. Once you know where you would like to (or are able to) work, you must think about where you would like to live. When you search for accommodations, you likely will have more than one option from which to choose, so you will have to consider what accommodation features you *need* and what features you may *want*.

Include the following in your project:

* An itemized list of features you will need and want in your future accommodations. Provide an explanation or justification for each feature.
* **Three** actual rental accommodations you would consider occupying.
* Description of these accommodations.
* Comparison of their costs, including the costs directly related to job location, such as transportation costs.
* Comparison of the degree to which these accommodations have the features you identified above.

**TASK 3 – CONSIDERING OWNED ACCOMMODATION:** Research residences for sale in the area in which you will be working.

Include the following in your project:

* An itemized list of features you will need and want in your future accommodations. Provide an explanation or justification for each feature.
* **Three** sale properties that meet your needs, and for each summarize the associated benefits and costs.
* Mortgage payments calculated by the present value formula for each property:
* you put 20% down payment, payment frequency will be **biweekly**
* **amortization period** is 25 years
* research an interest rate online and provide the link
* maintenance expenses, property taxes; and
* the other costs associated with the purchase and ownership of property

**TASK 4 – CONSIDERING EXPENSES**

Create a detailed list of the expenses you think you will have when you start your career. Consider what you will *need,* including accommodation, transportation, clothing, food, tools, and savings, and what you may *want,* like telephone and Internet service, continuing education, and entertainment. Research reasonable estimates of what you will spend on each of these items per month.

**TASK 5 – DRAFTING A BUDGET**

Decide whether you will rent or buy your accommodation. Provide a detailed explanation of your decision, referring to all of your previous research and considerations. Combine this decision with your research on net salary and consideration of expenses to produce a comprehensive **monthly** budget.

Scrutinize your budget. Did you choose the right accommodation? Are there any changes you should make to reduce your monthly expenses? Is this budget realistic? Could you live within its limits?

**EVALUATION**

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| **Criteria** | **Mark** |
| Career is clearly identified | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Required education is specified | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Work related math problem is accurately solved | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Day to day requirements are accurately described | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Starting gross and net income (salary) is accurately described | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Location, characteristics & limitation of job are accurately described | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| ***Task 1 – Choosing a Career*** | **\_\_\_\_ / 30** |
| List of needed features is comprehensive | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Needed features are persuasively justified | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| List of wanted features is realistic | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Wanted features are persuasively justified | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Three suitable rental accommodations are fully described | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Cost comparisons are comprehensive | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Features comparison is comprehensive | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| ***Task 2 – Considering rental accommodation*** | **\_\_\_\_ / 35** |
| Three suitable purchase accommodations are fully described | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Summary of benefits is comprehensive | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Summary of costs is comprehensive | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Summary of costs is accurate | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Features comparison is comprehensive | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Mortgage payments are calculated accurately | \_\_\_\_ / 15 |
| ***Task 3 – Considering owned accommodation*** | **\_\_\_\_ / 40** |
| List of expenses is comprehensive | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| List of needed expenses is realistic | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| List of wanted expenses is realistic | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Estimates are reasonable | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| ***Task 4 – Considering expenses*** | **\_\_\_\_ / 20** |
| Explanation is detailed | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Explanation refers to previous research | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Explanation refers to previous considerations | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Monthly budget is comprehensive | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Budget is realistic | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| ***Task 5 – Drafting a budget*** | **\_\_\_\_ / 25** |
| Visual organization of titles, images, and text is effective | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Work is well-crafted (creativity) | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| Project demonstrates solid understanding of personal finance | 0 1 2 3 4 5 |
| ***Overall production*** | **\_\_\_\_ / 15** |
| Total | \_\_\_\_ / 165 |