

Solution 1.25

To attract new customers, EP Employees Credit Union advertised that they will begin paying 3% interest every quarter on all savings accounts. (Their competitors pay interest every 6 months.) The credit union uses March 31st, June 30th, September 30th, and December 31st as quarterly interest periods. Determine (a) the end-of period totals in the account, and (b) the interest paid each quarter on the total. Assume there are no withdrawals and that quarterly interest is not redeposited.

| Month | Deposit, \$ |
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| Jan | 50 |
| Feb | 70 |
| Mar | 0 |
| Apr | 120 |
| May | 20 |
| June | 0 |
| July | 150 |
| Aug | 90 |
| Sept | 0 |
| Oct | 40 |
| Nov | 110 |
| Dec | 0 |

Solution:

End-of-period amount for March: $50 + 70 = \$120$; Interest = $120 * 0.03 = \$3.60$

End-of-period amount for June: $120 + 120 + 20 = \$260$; Interest = $260 * 0.03 = \$7.80$

End-of-period amount for September: $260 + 150 + 90 = \$500$; Interest = $\$15.00$

End-of-period amount for Dec: $500 + 40 + 110 = \$650$; Interest = $\$19.50$