## CFA ${ }^{\circledR}$ SAMPLE QUESTION - LEVEL I

## Quantitative Methods

Q: If a stock's initial price is $\$ 35$ and its year-end price is $\$ 42$, then its continuously compounded annual rate of return is:

## CORRECT ANSWER:

(a) 18.23\%

The formula to calculate the continuously compounded annual rate of return is:

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=\ln (Y 1 / Y 0)
$$

Where Y 1 is the new price and Y 0 is the original price
So answer for our question is
$=\operatorname{IN}(42 / 35)=0.18232$


