

# CFA® SAMPLE QUESTION – LEVEL I

## Quantitative Methods

**Q:** Find the future value of the following uneven cash flow stream. Assume end of the year payments. Assuming that the discount rate is 12%.

Year 1: -2,000      Year 4: 25,000  
Year 2: -3,000      Year 5: 30,000  
Year 3: 6,000

### CORRECT ANSWER:

**Ⓒ \$58,164.58.**

$N = 4; I/Y = 12; PMT = 0; PV = -2,000; CPT \rightarrow FV = -3,147.04$   
 $N = 3; I/Y = 12; PMT = 0; PV = -3,000; CPT \rightarrow FV = -4,214.78$   
 $N = 2; I/Y = 12; PMT = 0; PV = 6,000; CPT \rightarrow FV = 7,526.40$   
 $N = 1; I/Y = 12; PMT = 0; PV = 25,000; CPT \rightarrow FV = 28,000.00$   
 $N = 0; I/Y = 12; PMT = 0; PV = 30,000; CPT \rightarrow FV = 30,000.00$   
Sum the cash flows: \$58,164.58.

Alternative calculation solution:

$$= -2,000 \times 1.12^4 - 3,000 \times 1.12^3 + 6,000 \times 1.12^2 + 25,000 \times 1.12^1 + 30,000$$
$$= \$58,164.58.$$



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