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const MaxYears = 10;
var Year: 0..MaxYears;
    Factor1, Factor2, Factor3: Real;
begin
  Year := 0;
  Factor1 := 1.0; Factor2 := 1.0; Factor3 := 1.0;
  WriteLn('Year 7% 8%      10%'); WriteLn;
  repeat
    Year := Year + 1;
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