Modelling With Exponentials Exam Questions Sheet 2

Q1.

The value of a car, £V, can be modelled by the equation

$$V = 15\,700e^{-0.25t} + 2300 \qquad t \in \mathbb{R},\ t \geqslant 0$$

where the age of the car is t years.

Using the model,

(a) find the initial value of the car.

(1)

Given the model predicts that the value of the car is decreasing at a rate of £500 per year at the instant when $t = T$,

(b) (i) show that

$$3925e^{-0.25T} = 500$$

(ii) Hence find the age of the car at this instant, giving your answer in years and months to the nearest month.
(*Solutions based entirely on graphical or numerical methods are not acceptable.*)

(6)

The model predicts that the value of the car approaches, but does not fall below, £A.

(c) State the value of A.

(1)

(d) State a limitation of this model.

(1)

(Total for question = 9 marks)

Q2.

Water is being heated in an electric kettle. The temperature, θ °C, of the water t seconds after the kettle is switched on, is modelled by the equation

$$\theta = 120 - 100e^{-\lambda t}, \qquad 0 \leqslant t \leqslant T$$

(a) State the value of θ when $t = 0$

(1)

Given that the temperature of the water in the kettle is 70°C when $t = 40$,

(b) find the exact value of λ, giving your answer in the form $\frac{\ln a}{b}$, where a and b are integers.

(4)

When $t = T$, the temperature of the water reaches 100°C and the kettle switches off.

(c) Calculate the value of T to the nearest whole number.

(2)

(Total for question = 7 marks)

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Q3.

A rare species of primrose is being studied. The population, P, of primroses at time t years after the study started is modelled by the equation

$$P = \frac{800e^{0.1t}}{1 + 3e^{0.1t}}, \quad t \geq 0, t \in \mathbb{R}.$$

(a) Calculate the number of primroses at the start of the study.

(2)

(b) Find the exact value of t when $P = 250$, giving your answer in the form $a \ln(b)$ where a and b are integers.

(4)

(c) Explain why the population of primroses can never be 270

(1)

(Total 11 marks)

Q4.

The amount of an antibiotic in the bloodstream, from a given dose, is modelled by the formula

$$x = De^{-0.2t}$$

where x is the amount of the antibiotic in the bloodstream in milligrams, D is the dose given in milligrams and t is the time in hours after the antibiotic has been given.

A first dose of 15 mg of the antibiotics is given

(a) Use the model to find the amount of the antibiotic in the bloodstream 4 hours after the dose is given. Give your answer in mg to 3 decimal places.

(2)

A second dose of 15 mg is given 5 hours after the first dose has been given. Using the same model for the second dose,

(b) show that the **total** amount of the antibiotic in the bloodstream 2 hours after the second dose is given is 13.754 mg to 3 decimal places.

(2)

No more doses of the antibiotic are given. At time T hours after the second dose is given, the total amount of the antibiotic in the bloodstream is 7.5 mg.

(c) Show that $T = a\ln\left(b + \frac{b}{e}\right)$, where a and b are integers to be determined.

(4)

(Total for question = 8 marks)

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Q5.

The radioactive decay of a substance is given by

$$R = 1000e^{-ct}, \quad t \geq 0.$$

where R is the number of atoms at time t years and c is a positive constant.

(a) Find the number of atoms when the substance started to decay.

(1)

It takes 5730 years for half of the substance to decay.

(b) Find the value of c to 3 significant figures.

(4)

(c) Calculate the number of atoms that will be left when $t = 22\,920$.

(2)

(d) Sketch the graph of R against t .

(2)

(Total 9 marks)

Q6.

The mass, m grams, of a leaf t days after it has been picked from a tree is given by

$$m = pe^{-kt}$$

where k and p are positive constants.

When the leaf is picked from the tree, its mass is 7.5 grams and 4 days later its mass is 2.5 grams.

(a) Write down the value of p.

(1)

(b) Show that $k = \frac{1}{4}\ln 3$.

(4)

(c) Find the value of t when the rate of decrease of the mass of the leaf is -0.6ln(3) grams per day.

(6)

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