



The Dublin
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5th Year
Maths
Higher Level

Functions & Graphs

Exponential Functions

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	PRICE	TOTAL	SAVINGS
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4th Course	€100	€495	€685
5th Course	€100	€595	€880
6th Course	€100	€695	€1,075
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Oral Preparation Courses

Separate to the Easter Revision Courses, The Dublin School of Grinds is also running Oral Preparation Courses. With the Oral marking component of the Leaving Certificate worth up to 40%, it is of paramount importance that students are fully prepared for these examinations. These courses will show students how to lead the Examiner towards topics that the student is prepared in. This will provide students with the confidence they need to perform at their peak.

ORAL PREPARATION COURSE FEES:

	PRICE	TOTAL	SAVINGS
1st Oral Course	€140	€140	-
2nd Oral Course	€100	€240	€40

Timetable

An extensive range of course options are available over a two-week period to cater for students' timetable needs. Courses are held over the following weeks:

- » Monday 21st March – Friday 25th March 2016
- » Monday 28th March – Friday 1st April 2016

All Easter Revision Courses take place in The Talbot Hotel, Stillorgan (formerly known as The Stillorgan Park Hotel).

6th Year Easter Revision Courses

SUBJECT	LEVEL	DATES	TIME
Accounting	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	8:00am - 9:30am
Agricultural Science	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	2:00pm - 3:30pm
Applied Maths	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	8:00am - 9:30am
Art History	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 April	8:00am - 9:30am
Biology Course A*	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	8:00am - 9:30am
Biology Course A*	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Biology Course A*	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	10:00am - 11:30am
Biology Course B*	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	10:00am - 11:30am
Biology Course B*	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	2:00pm - 3:30pm
Biology Course B*	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	8:00am - 9:30am
Business	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Business	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	8:00am - 9:30am
Chemistry Course A*	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Chemistry Course B*	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	2:00pm - 3:30pm
Classical Studies	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	8:00am - 9:30am
Economics	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	8:00am - 9:30am
Economics	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	10:00am - 11:30am
English Paper 1*	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	12:00pm - 1:30pm
English Paper 2*	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	10:00am - 11:30am
English Paper 2*	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	2:00pm - 3:30pm
English Paper 2*	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	10:00am - 11:30am
English Paper 2*	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	12:00pm - 1:30pm
French	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	10:00am - 11:30am
French	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	8:00am - 9:30am
Geography	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	8:00am - 9:30am
Geography	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	10:00am - 11:30am
German	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	10:00am - 11:30am
History (Europe)*	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	2:00pm - 3:30pm
History (Ireland)*	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Home Economics	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	10:00am - 11:30am
Irish	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	10:00am - 11:30am
Irish	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Maths Paper 1*	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	8:00am - 9:30am
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Maths Paper 2*	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Maths Paper 2*	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	4:00pm - 5:30pm
Maths	O	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	8:00am - 9:30am
Maths	O	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Physics	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	10:00am - 11:30am
Spanish	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	2:00pm - 3:30pm
Spanish	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	10:00am - 11:30am

* Due to large course content, these subjects have been divided into two courses. For a full list of topics covered in these courses, please see 3 pages ahead.

6th Year Oral Preparation Courses

SUBJECT	LEVEL	DATES	TIME
French	H	Sunday 20 th March	10:00am - 2:00pm
German	H	Saturday 26 th March	10:00am - 2:00pm
Irish	H	Saturday 26 th March	10:00am - 2:00pm
Spanish	H	Saturday 19 th March	1:00pm - 5:00pm

5th Year Easter Revision Courses

SUBJECT	LEVEL	DATES	TIME
Maths	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	8:00am - 9:30am
English	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	4:00pm - 5:30pm

Note: 5th year students are welcome to attend any 6th year course as part of our buy 1 get 1 free offer.

3rd Year Easter Revision Courses

SUBJECT	LEVEL	DATES	TIME
Business Studies	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	8:00am - 9:30am
English	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	8:00am - 9:30am
English	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	2:00pm - 3:30pm
French	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Geography	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	12:00pm - 1:30pm
German	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	8:00am - 9:30am
History	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	4:00pm - 5:30pm
Irish	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	2:00pm - 3:30pm
Maths	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	10:00am - 11:30am
Maths	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Maths	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	10:00am - 11:30am
Maths	O	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	12:00pm - 1:30pm
Science	H	Monday 28 th March – Friday 1 st April	2:00pm - 3:30pm
Science	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	2:00pm - 3:30pm
Spanish	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	12:00pm - 1:30pm

2nd Year Easter Revision Courses

SUBJECT	LEVEL	DATES	TIME
Maths	H	Monday 21 st March – Friday 25 th March	2:00pm - 3:30pm

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1 Exponential functions

For Junior Certificate, you met functions that look like this... $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$.

There were three basic types of question the Examiner could ask with functions like this.

- Draw a graph of the function.
- Find an x-value or x-values when given a y-value.
- Find a y-value when given an x-value.

But what about functions that look like this... $f(x) = 5^x$, where the letter is a power?

Another word for a power is an exponent, so this is called an **exponential** function.

Note: You are dealing with something to the power of x, not x to the power of something.

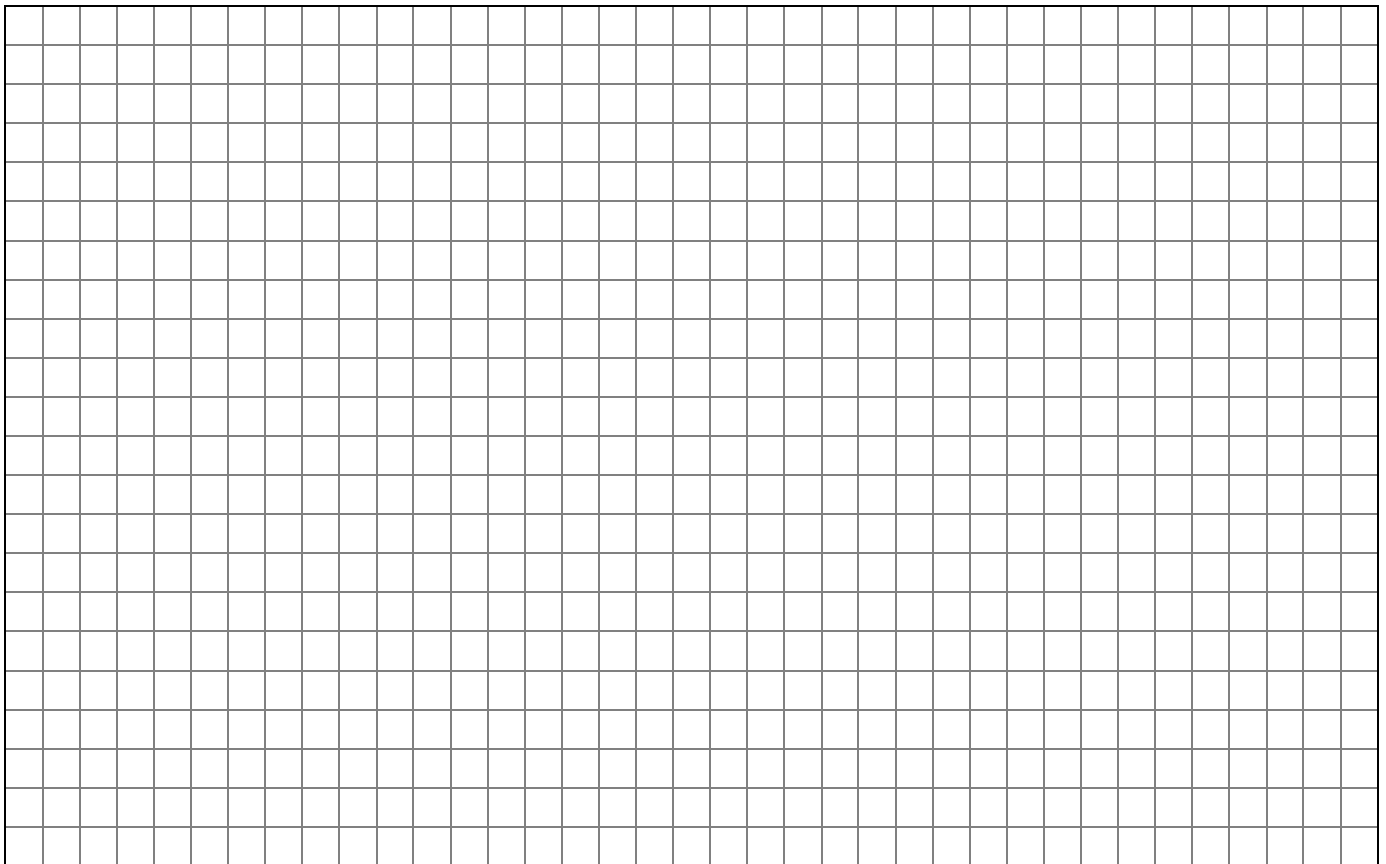
The Examiner can ask the same basic types of question with exponential functions.

Finding y-values is pretty straightforward. You just use your calculator.

Question 1

A function is defined as $f(x) = 7^x$.

- Find the value of
- (i) $f(2)$
 - (ii) $f(0)$
 - (iii) $f(-1)$
 - (iv) $f(0.5)$
 - (v) $f(0.28)$

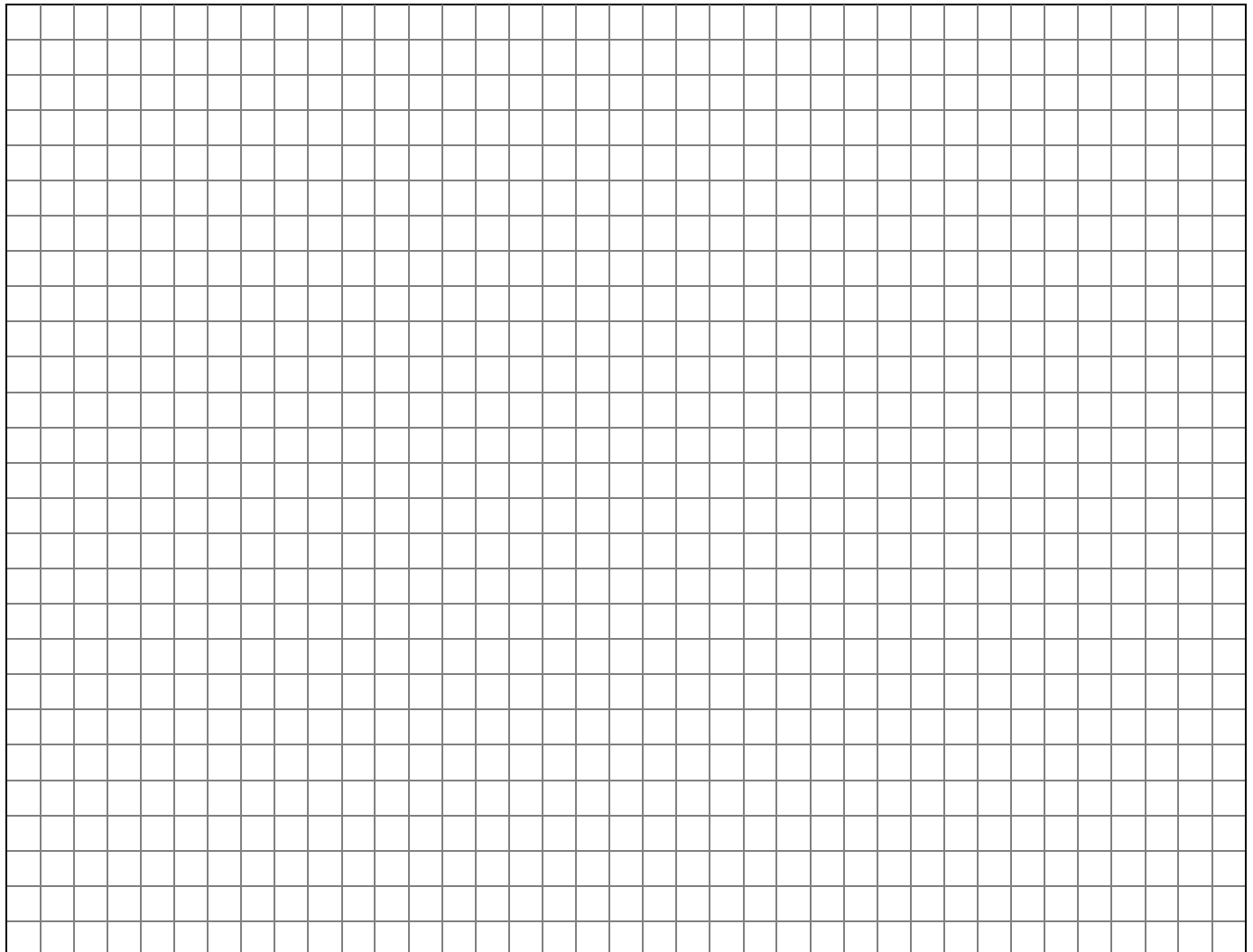


There is a number that crops up all the time in exponential functions. It is called **Euler's number**, represented by the letter **e**, and is approximately 2.71828. You will meet this constant on a few different occasions on the Leaving Certificate course. It behaves like any other numbers in exponential equations.

Question 2

A function is defined as $f(x) = e^x$.

- Find the value of
- (i) $f(3)$
 - (ii) $f(0)$
 - (iii) $f(-1)$
 - (iv) $f(-2)$
 - (v) $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$
 - (vi) $f(-0.6)$
 - (vii) $f\left(-\frac{3}{2}\right)$



Finding x-values is trickier. It involves solving **exponential equations!**

Note: Any equation where the letter is part of a power is called an exponential equation.

Suppose $f(x) = 3^x$ and you are asked to find the value of x for which $f(x) = 81$.

You will end up with the equation $3^x = 81$.

You could do this by writing the 81 on the right hand side as a power of 3... $81 = 3^4!$

So $3^x = 3^4$, which means $x = 4$...by putting the powers equal to one another.

But what if the number on the right hand side cannot be easily written as a power of 3?

You need a method that will work for all exponential equations.

The way to do it is to use **logarithms**...usually abbreviated to **logs**.

We will just take a very quick look at logs here.

In the equation $5x = 25$, to get the x on its own you divide both sides by 5.

Why? You have a multiplication by 5 on the left hand side.

The inverse of multiplying by 5 is dividing by 5.

So dividing both sides by 5 gets rid of the 5 on the left hand side.

In the equation $\sqrt{x} = 6$, to get the x on its own you square both sides.

Why? You have a square root on the left hand side.

The inverse of finding a square root is squaring.

So squaring both sides gets rid of the square root on the left hand side.

In the equation $\sin x = 0.5$, to get the x on its own you take the \sin^{-1} of both sides.

Why? You have a sin on the left hand side.

The inverse of sin by 5 is \sin^{-1} .

So taking the \sin^{-1} of both sides gets rid of the sin on the left hand side.

Logs are the inverse of exponents.

In the equation $3^x = 81$, the number that x is the power of is called the base...the base is 3 here.

So taking the log to the base 3 (written \log_3) will get rid of the 3 on the left hand side.

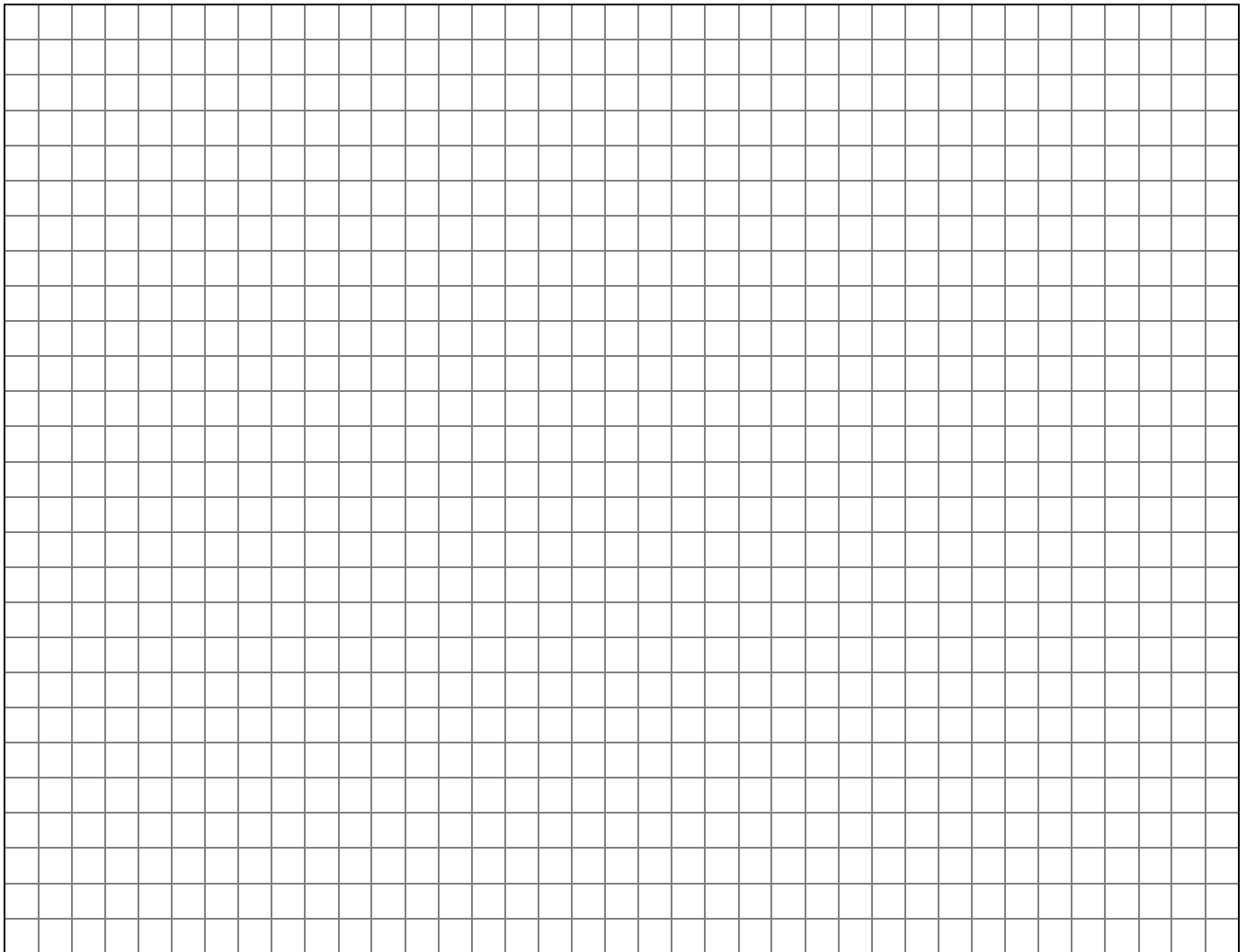
So $\log_3(3^x) = \log_3(81)$

$x = \log_3(81) = 4$...your calculator will tell you that $\log_3(81) = 4!$

Question 3

- Find the value of x if
- (i) $4^x = 64$
 - (ii) $625^x = 5$
 - (iii) $5^x = 100$
 - (iv) $3^x = -6$
 - (v) $1.5^x = 4$

Give your answers correct to two decimal places where relevant.

A large grid for working out answers, consisting of 30 columns and 25 rows of small squares.

Logs to the base e (\log_e) are referred to as **natural logs**...written as $\ln x$.

Question 4

A function is defined as $f(x) = e^{2x}$.

- (i) Find the value of $f(4)$.

- (ii) Find the value of x for which $f(x) = 6$.
Give your answer correct to one decimal place.

- (iii) Adam is asked to find the value of x for which $f(x) = -3$.
Explain the difficulty Adam will have with this question.

2 Graphs of exponential functions

Questions on graphs of exponential functions are very common. The Examiner expects that you would be able to plot and recognise graphs of exponential functions.

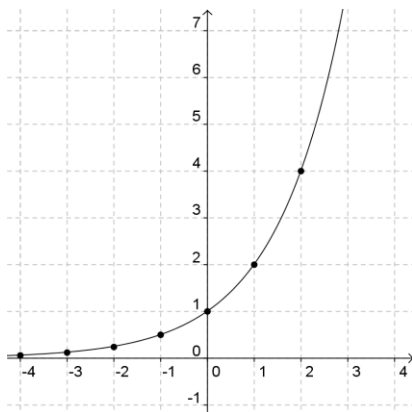
All of the exponential functions you can be asked about are basically $f(x) = A \times b^x$.

The shape of the graph will depend mainly on the value of b ...the base number.

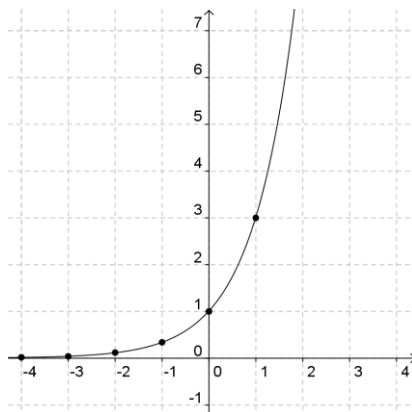
The value of b cannot ever be negative. If it was, the graph cannot be drawn!

If b is bigger than 1... $b > 1$

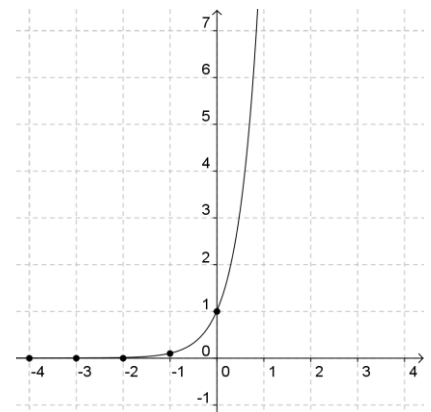
Look at the graphs below...



$$f(x) = 2^x$$



$$f(x) = 3^x$$



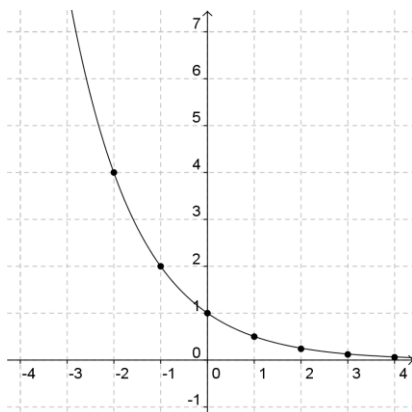
$$f(x) = 10^x$$

There are four important things to notice...

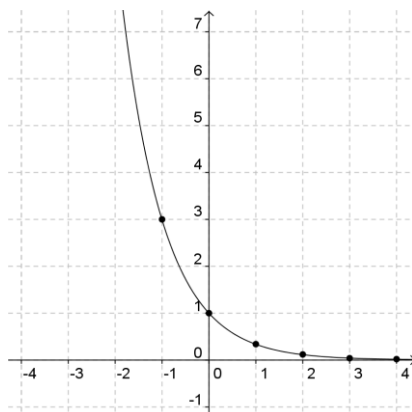
- If the base number b is bigger than 1, the graphs are increasing. This is called exponential increase or exponential growth.
- The graphs all pass through the point $(0,1)$...they all hit the y -axis at $y = 1$.
- The graphs pass through the point $(1,b)$. So $y = 2^x$ passes through $(1,2)$, $y = 3^x$ passes through $(1,3)$, and so on...
- The bigger the value of b , the tighter the curve is to the y -axis.

If b is between 0 and 1... $0 < b < 1$

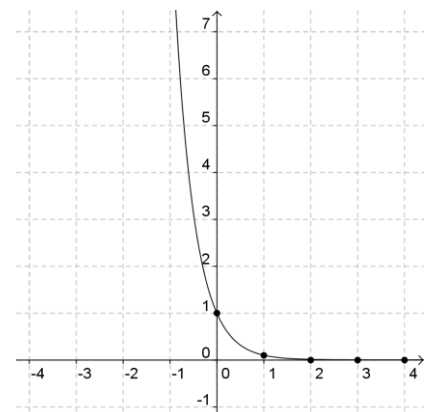
Look at the graphs below...



$$f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$$



$$f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$$



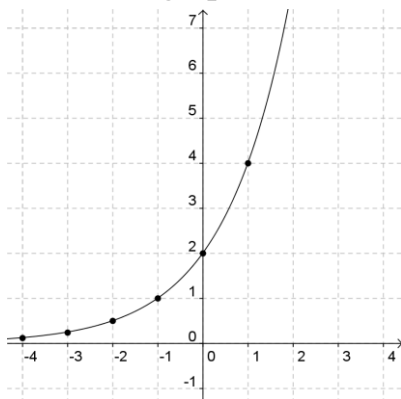
$$f(x) = \left(\frac{1}{10}\right)^x$$

Again, there are four important things to notice...

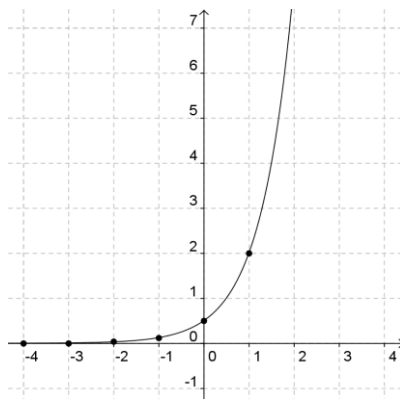
- If the base number b is between 0 and 1, the graphs are decreasing.
This is called exponential decrease or exponential decay.
- The graphs all pass through the point $(0,1)$ again...they all hit the y -axis at $y = 1$.
- The graphs pass through the point $(1,b)$ again.
So $y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$ passes through $\left(1, \frac{1}{2}\right)$, $y = \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^x$ passes through $\left(1, \frac{1}{3}\right)$, and so on...
- The smaller the value of b , the tighter the curve is to the y -axis.

If the function is $f(x) = A \times b^x$, what effect does the value of A have on the shape of the graph?

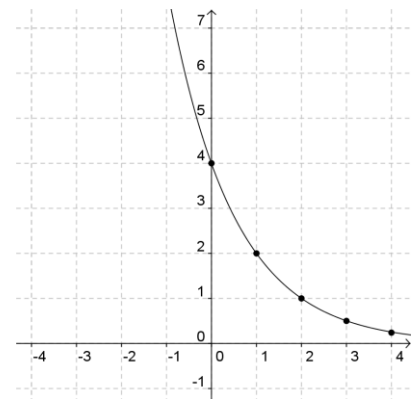
Look at the graphs below...



$$f(x) = 2(2^x)$$



$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(4^x)$$



$$f(x) = 4\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^x$$

Two things to point out here...

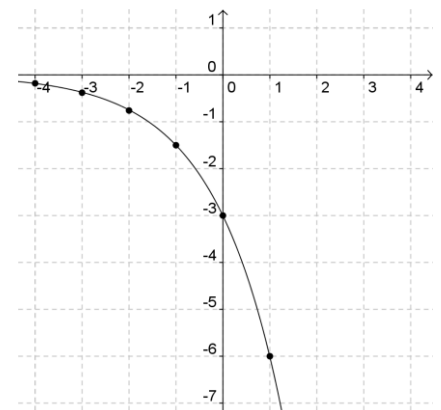
- Exponential graphs usually pass through the point $(0,1)$.
When there is a number in front of the function, the graph does not hit the y -axis at $y = 1$. The graph hits the y -axis at $y = A$ instead, so the graph passes through the point $(0,A)$!
So $y = 2(2^x)$ hits the y -axis at $y = 2$, $y = \frac{1}{2}(4^x)$ hits the y -axis at $y = \frac{1}{2}$, and so on...
- Exponential graphs usually pass through the point $(1,b)$ as well.
When there is a number in front of the function, the graph does not pass through $(1,b)$. The graph passes through the point $(1,Ab)$ instead!
So $y = 2(2^x)$ passes through $(1,4)$, $y = \frac{1}{2}(4^x)$ passes through $(1,2)$, and so on...

Look at the graph shown opposite...

If the value of A is negative, it turns the graph upside down. It still passes through the points $(0,A)$ and $(1,Ab)$.

You can identify an exponential graph by looking at these two points. The y -value where the curve hits the y -axis is the value of A . Dividing the y -value of the point where $x = 1$ by this number will give the value of b .

The Examiner can give you a graph and ask you to identify it.



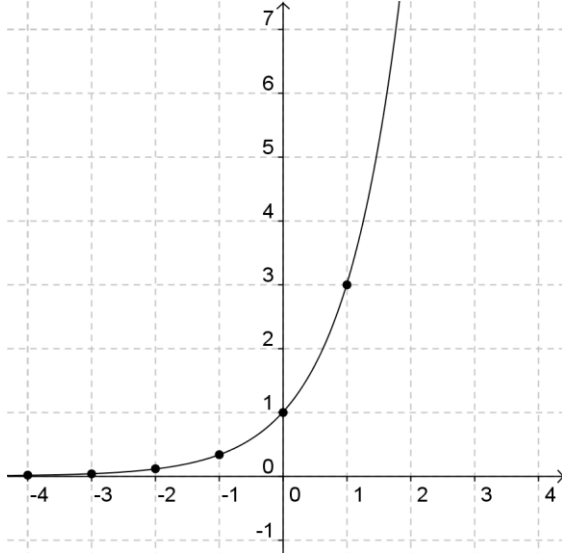
$$f(x) = -3(2^x)$$

Question 5

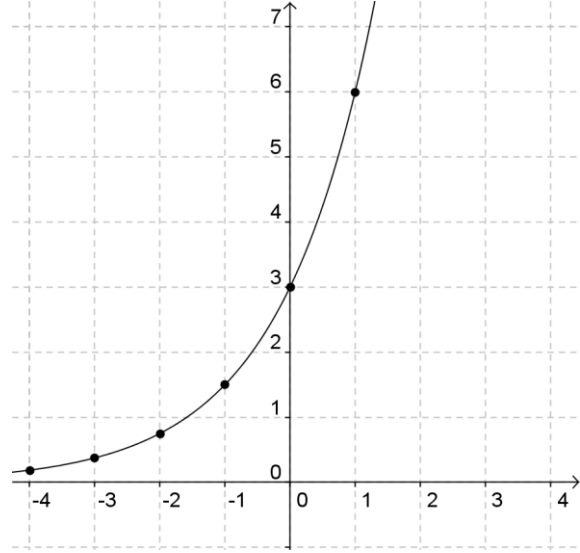
Look at the graphs numbered 1 to 4 below.

Each graph shows a function of the form $f(x) = A \cdot b^x$ where $A, b \in \mathbb{Q}$.

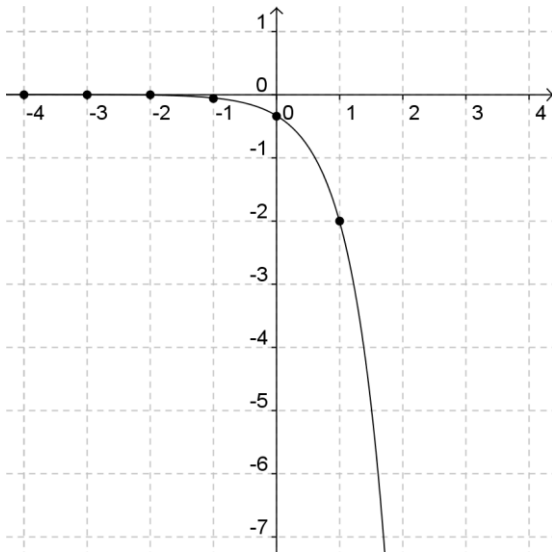
Identify the function shown in each graph.



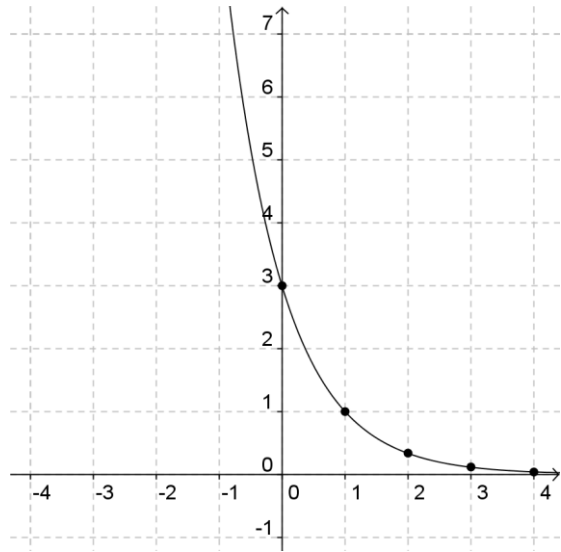
Graph 1



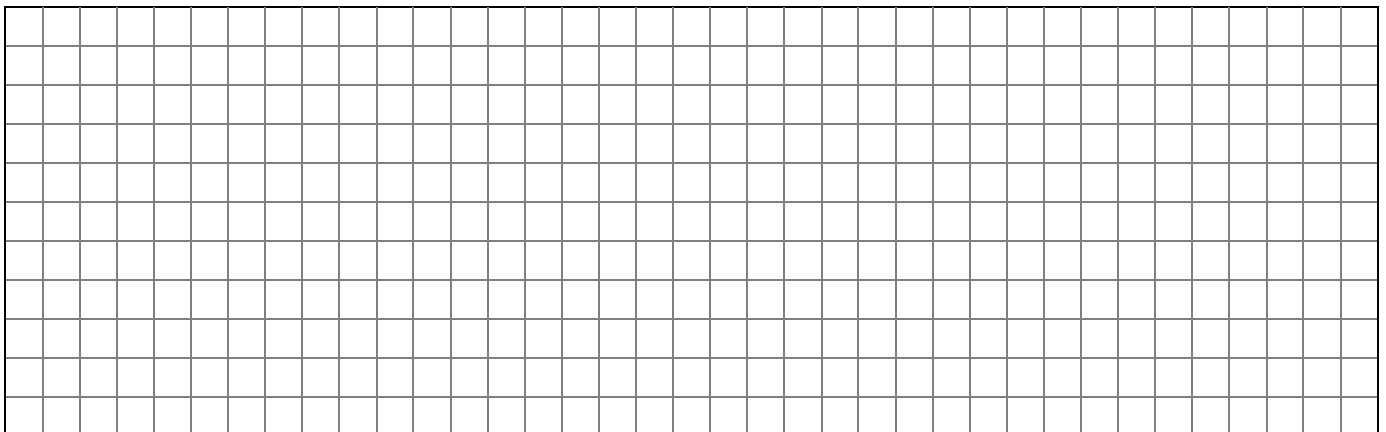
Graph 2



Graph 3



Graph 4



3 Plotting graphs of exponential functions

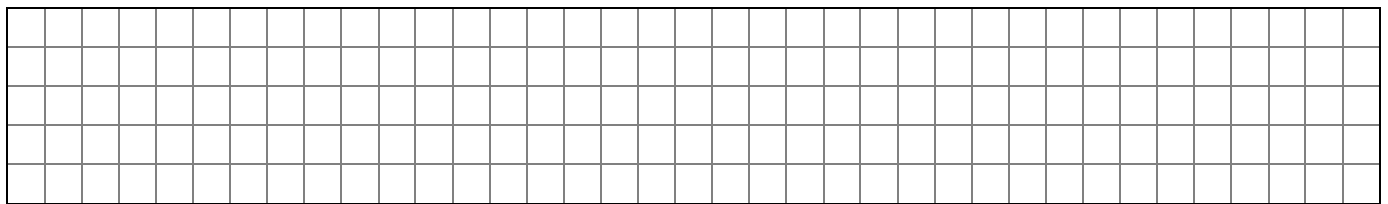
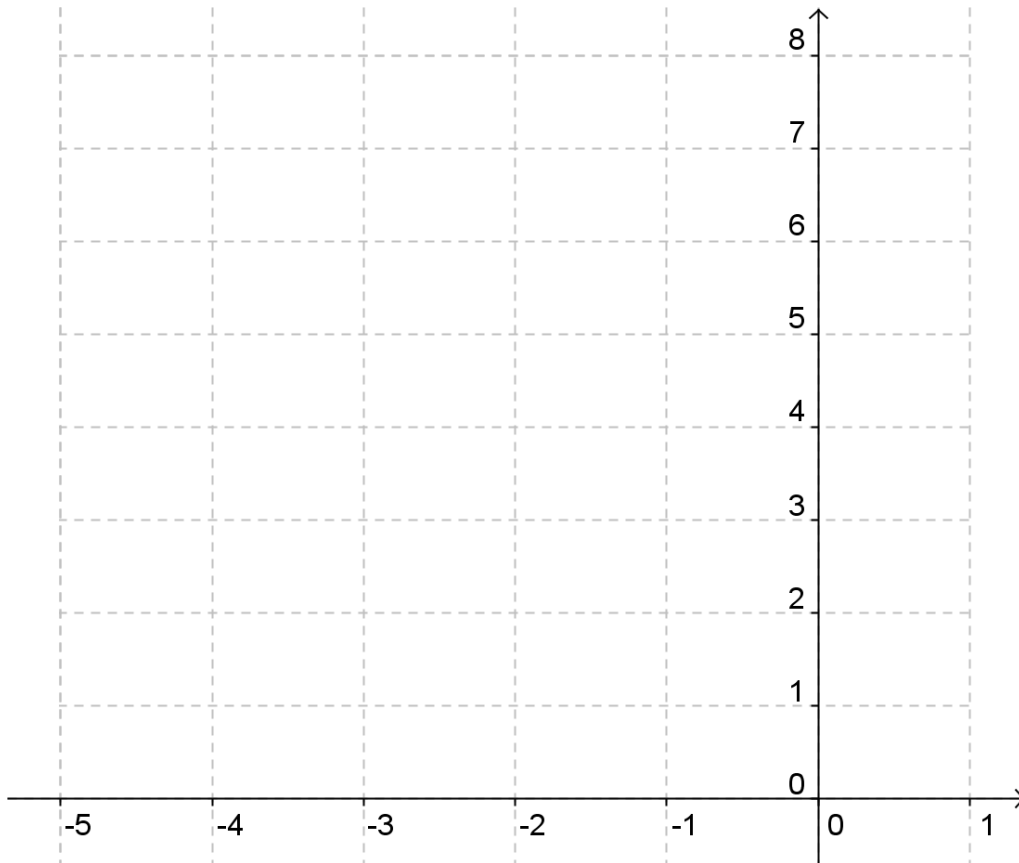
The Examiner can also ask you to plot exponential graphs for yourself.

To do this, you need to work out a set of points, plot them on a co-ordinate diagram and join them together with a smooth curve.

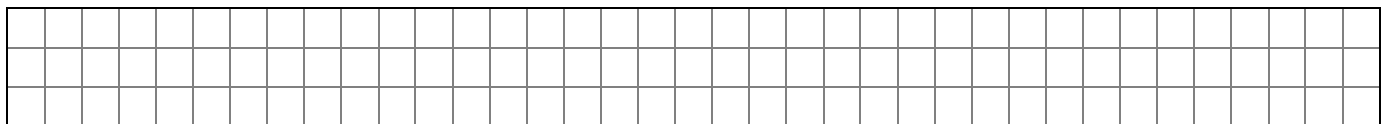
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A function is defined as $f(x) = 4(2^x)$.

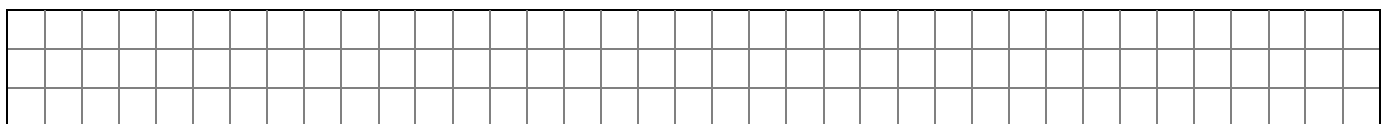
- (i) On the graph below, plot the function f in the domain $-5 \leq x \leq 1$.



- (ii) From your graph, estimate the value of $f(-1.25)$.



- (iii) From your graph, estimate the value of x for which $f(x) = 6$.



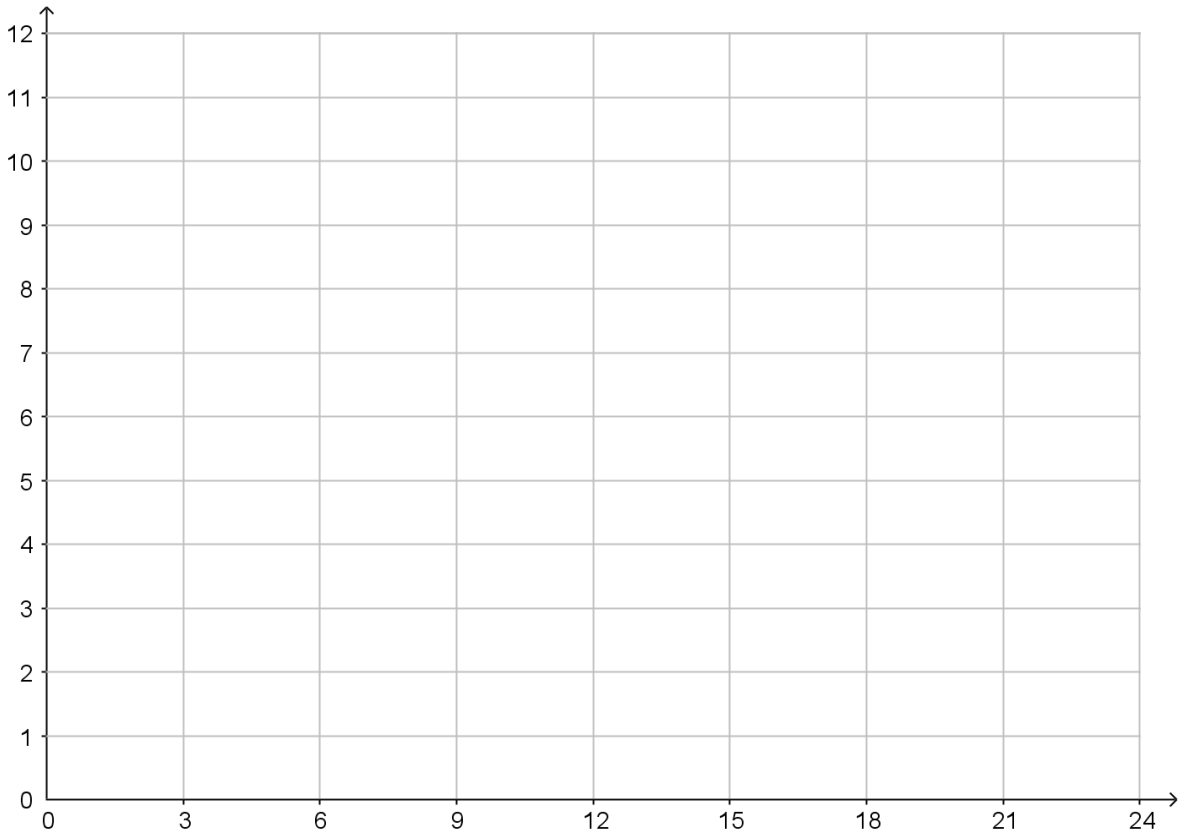
Question 7

A function is defined as $f(x) = 12(0.9^x)$.

(i) Complete the following table.

x	0	3	6	9	12	15	18	21	24
f(x)									

(ii) Hence, on the graph below plot the function f in the domain $0 \leq x \leq 24$.



(iii) Use your graph to estimate the value of $f(17)$.

(iv) Confirm your answer by substituting into the function.

4 Practical questions involving exponential functions

Question 8

A scientist is growing bacteria in an incubator.
 At the start of his experiment he places an initial population (P_0) of 15000 bacteria into the incubator.
 As the bacteria are left to multiply in the incubator, the population after t hours (P_t) is given by the following formula.

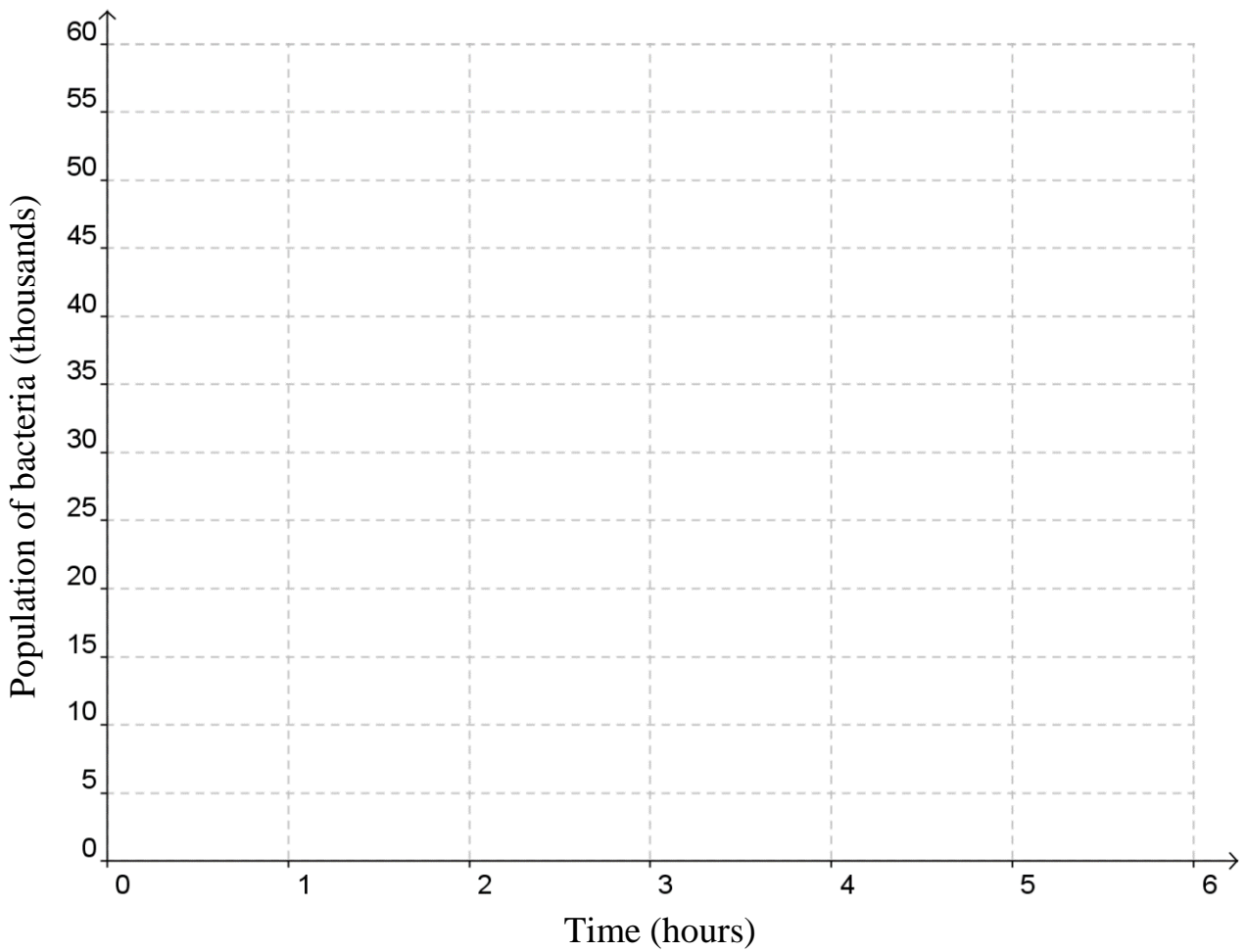
$$P_t = P_0(2^{0.3t})$$



- (i) Complete the following table.
 Give your answers correct to one decimal place.

t (hours)	0	1	2	3	4	5	6
P_t (thousands of bacteria)	15						

- (ii) On the graph below, plot the change in population of bacteria over the first 6 hours.



Question 9

During a zombie outbreak, the number of people (Z) in thousands turned into zombies after t days can be represented by the following formula.

$$Z = A(3^{nt}) \text{ where } A \text{ and } n \text{ are constants}$$

The number of people turned into zombies over the first three days of the outbreak is shown in the table below.

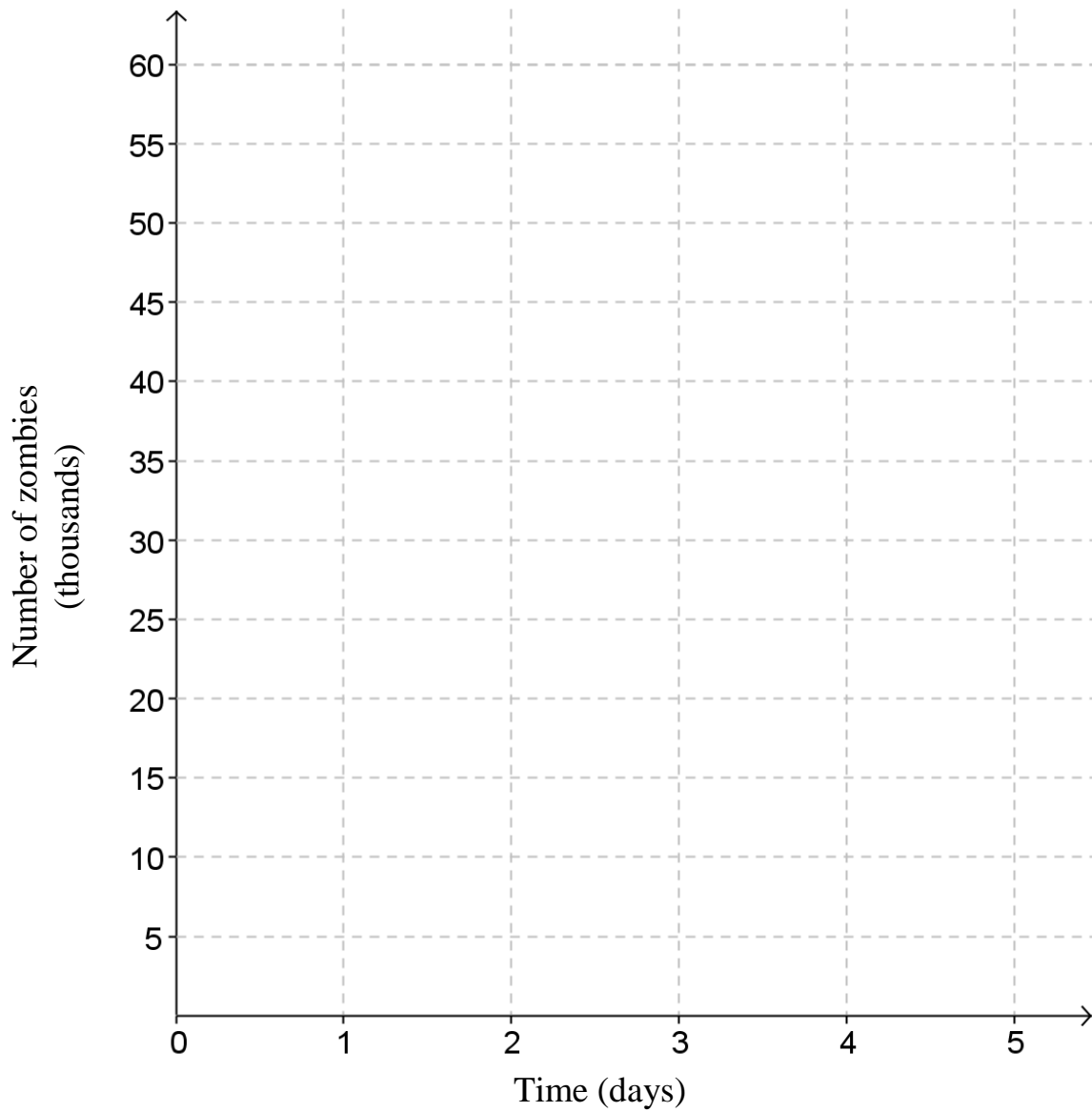


Time (days)	0	1	2	3
Number of zombies (thousands)	14.000	18.425	24.249	31.913

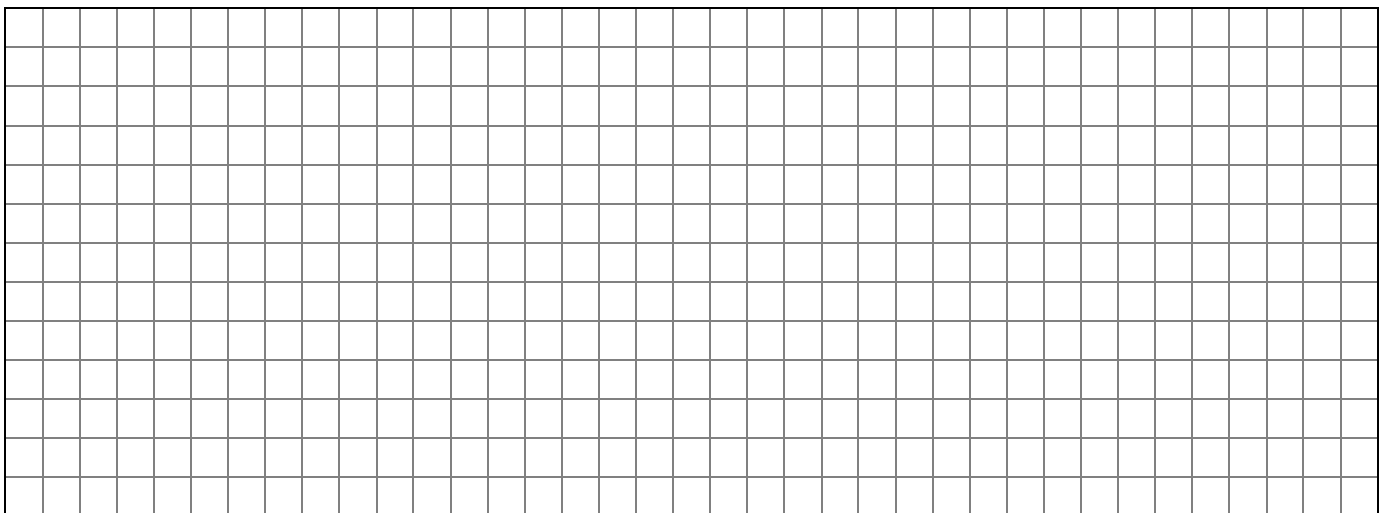
- (i) Use the information from the table to find the values of A and n .
Give your value of n correct to two decimal places.

- (ii) Hence, find the number of zombies after 4 and 5 days.

(iii) On the graph below, plot the increase in the number of zombies over the first 5 days.



(iv) The population of the island of Ireland is 6.398 million.
 How long will it take for the entire population to be turned into zombies?
 Give your answer correct to one decimal place.



Question 11

In murder cases, crime scene analysis often involves estimating the time of death by determining the drop in temperature of the body.

A dead body cools according to Newton's Law of Cooling which is

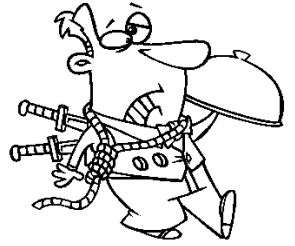
$$T_h = (T_0 - T_e)e^{-0.05h} + T_e$$

where T_h = the temperature of the body after h hours,

T_0 = the initial temperature of the body,

T_e = the temperature of the surrounding environment,

h = the time in hours.

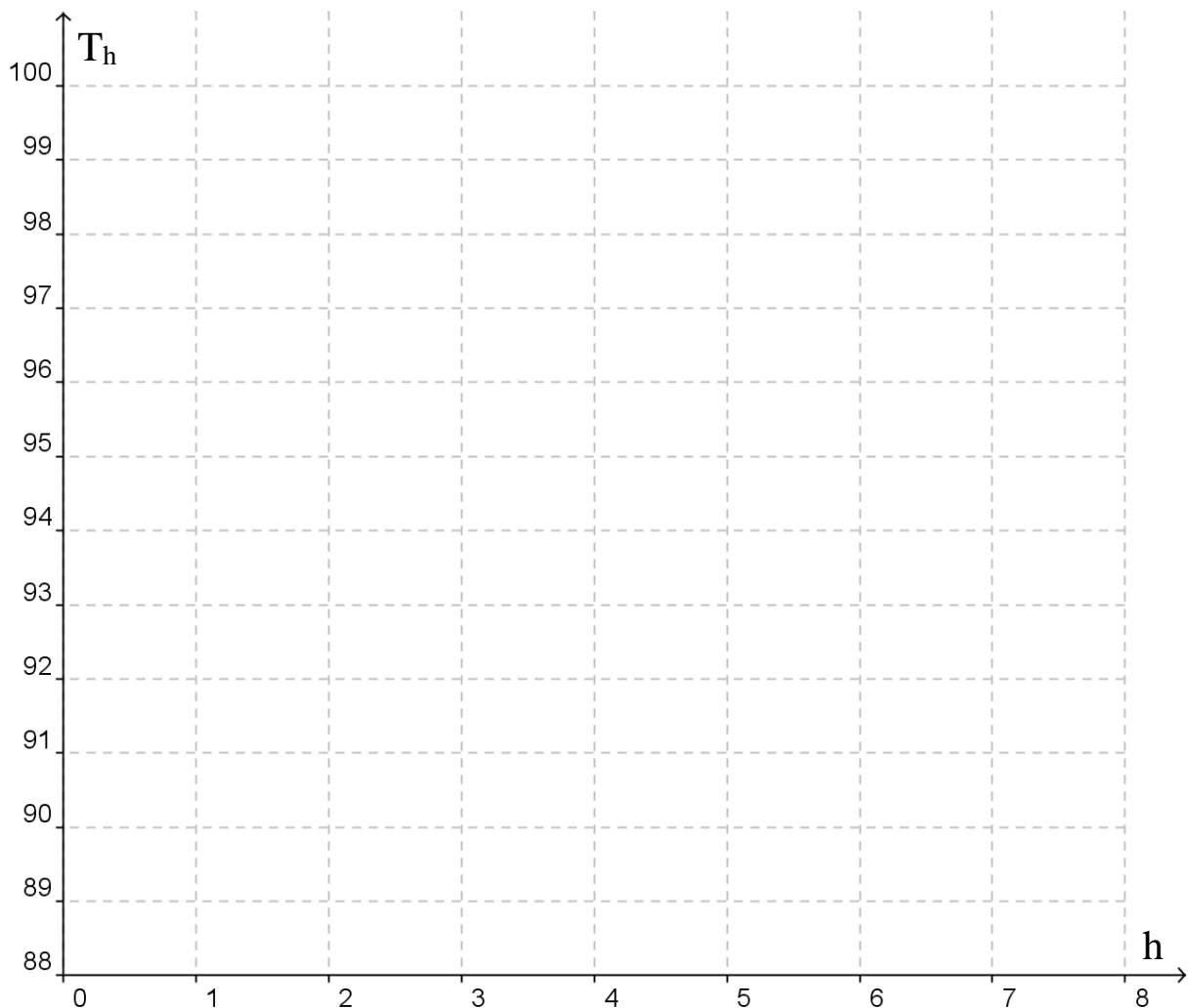


Part (a)

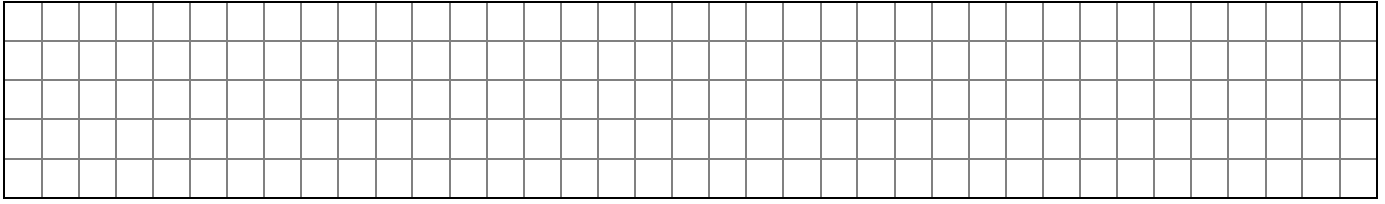
A body is left lying in a room in which the temperature is a constant 70°F .

Assume that the initial temperature of the body is normal body temperature, 98.6°F .

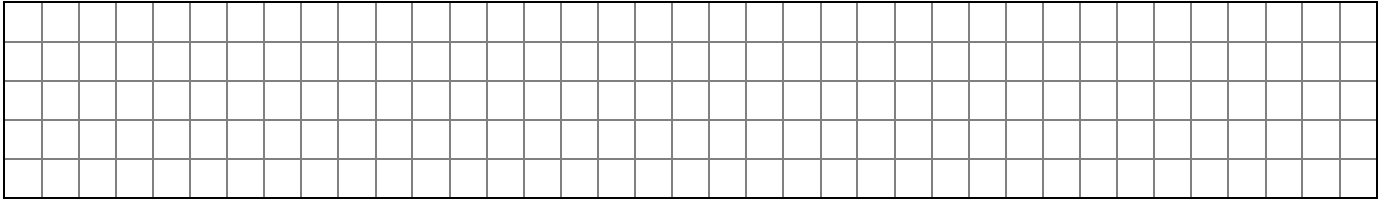
(i) On the graph below, plot the change in body temperature over the first 8 hours.



(ii) Use your graph to estimate the temperature of the body after 4.5 hours.

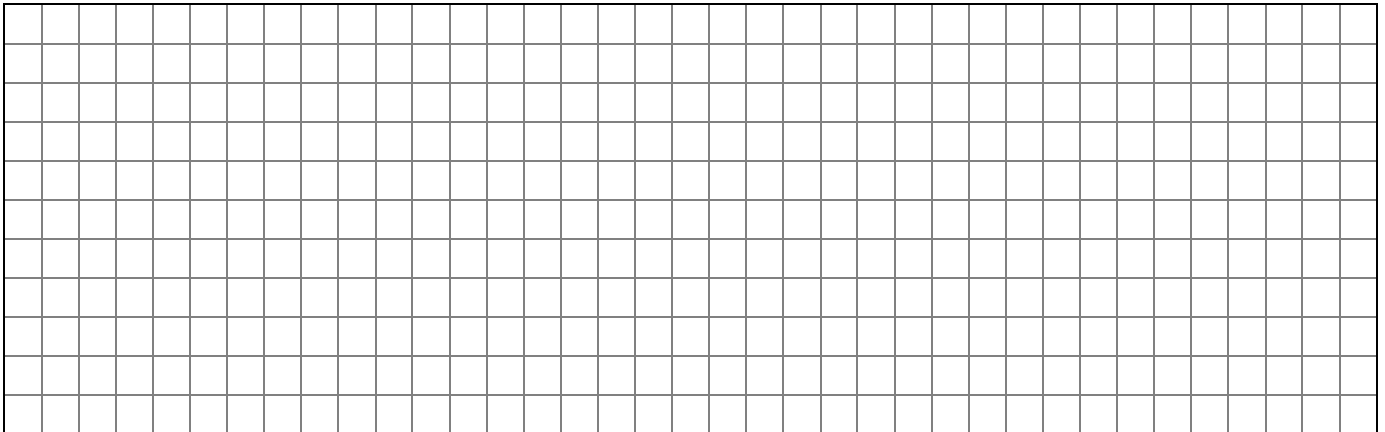


(iii) Use your graph to estimate how long the body has been dead if the body temperature is measured as 94°F .

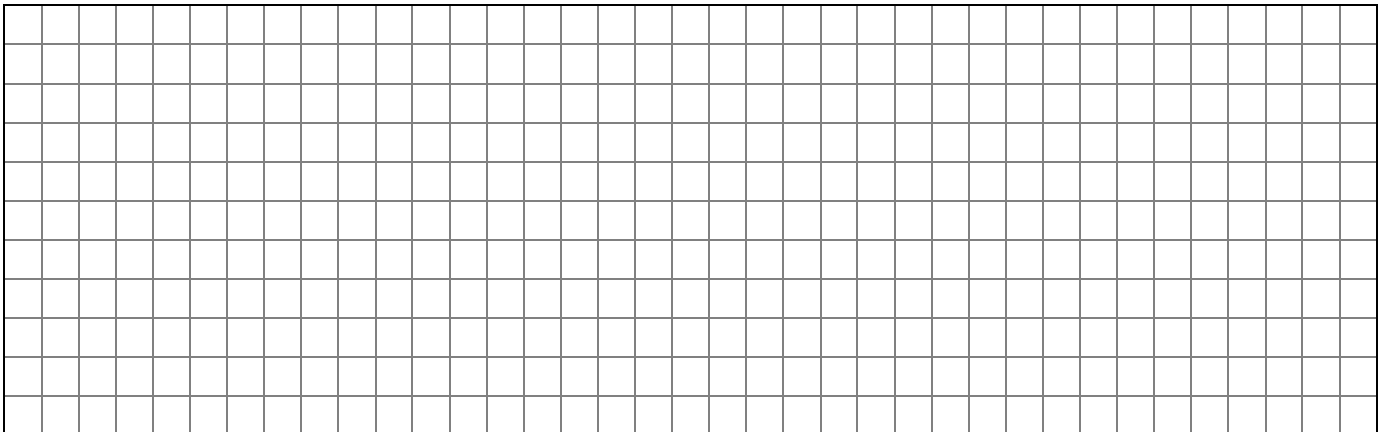


Part (b)

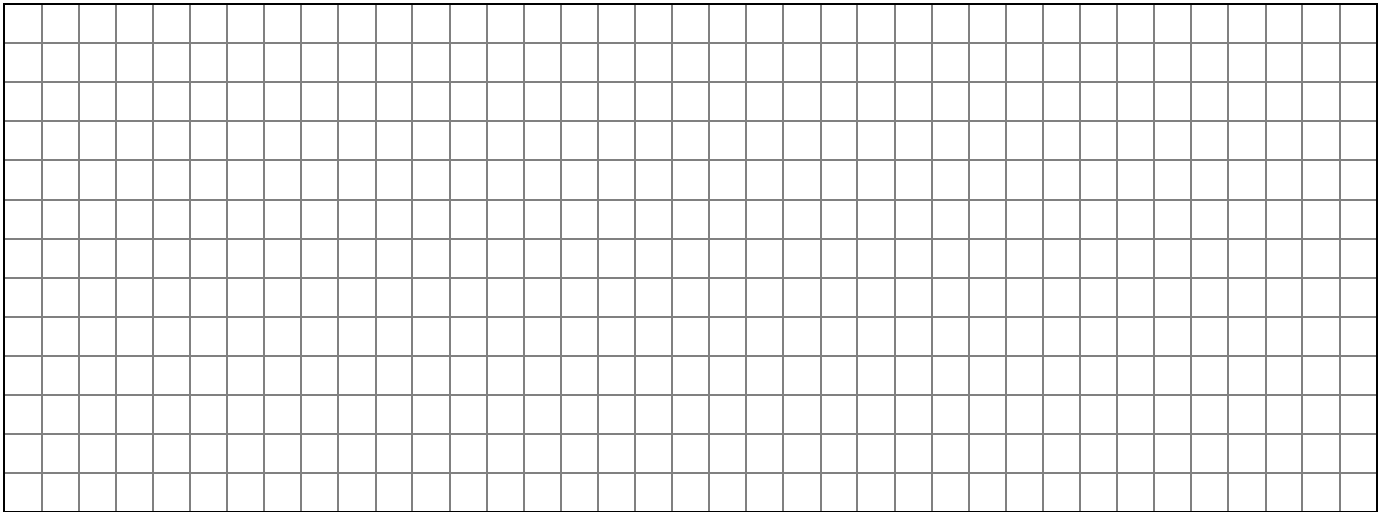
(i) At 11:00, a coroner arrives at a crime scene where a murder has been committed. He measures the temperature of the body as 93.3°F and the temperature of the room as 72.5°F . Estimate the time at which the murder was committed.



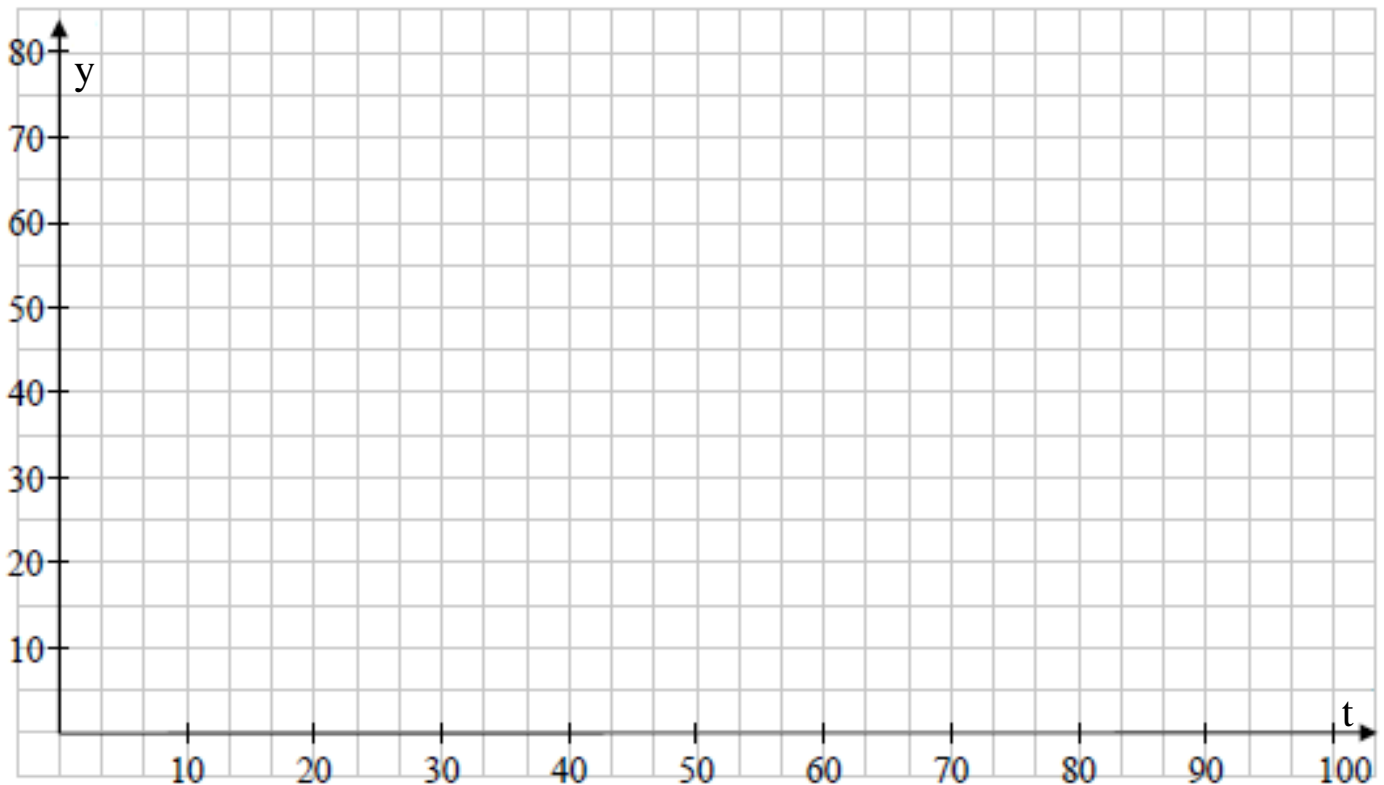
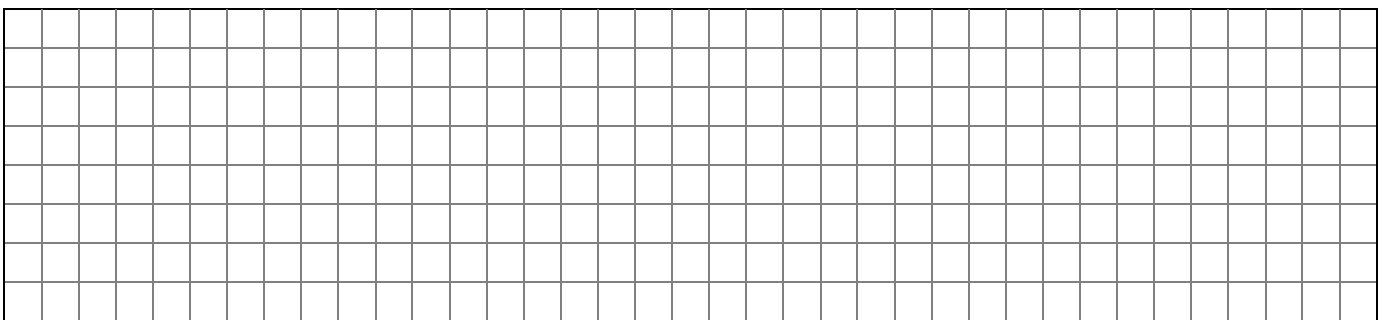
(ii) The murderer had been very clever and had wrapped the body in an electric blanket. This blanket kept the temperature around the body at 85°F for the first 5 hours. Estimate the real time at which the murder was committed.



- (c) Ciarán prepares the food for his baby when the water has cooled to 50°C .
How long does it take, correct to the nearest minute, for the water to cool to this temperature?



- (d) Using your values for A and k , sketch the curve $f(t) = Ae^{kt}$ for $0 \leq t \leq 100$, $t \in \mathbb{R}$.



- (e) (i) On the same diagram, sketch a curve $g(t) = Ae^{mt}$, showing the water cooling at a faster rate, where A is the value from part (a), and m is a constant. Label each graph clearly.
- (ii) Suggest one possible value for m for the sketch you have drawn and give a reason for your choice.

