

# MyStudyBro - Revision Exercise Tool

This Revision Handout includes the Questions and Answers of a total of 5 exercises!

## Chapters:

### **Exponentials and Logarithms - C3 (Pearson Edexcel)**

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3. The value of a car is modelled by the formula

$$V = 16000e^{-kt} + A, \quad t \geq 0, t \in \mathbb{R}$$

where  $V$  is the value of the car in pounds,  $t$  is the age of the car in years, and  $k$  and  $A$  are positive constants.

Given that the value of the car is £17 500 when new and £13 500 two years later,

- (a) find the value of  $A$ , (1)

- (b) show that  $k = \ln\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$  (4)

- (c) Find the age of the car, in years, when the value of the car is £6000

Give your answer to 2 decimal places. (4)

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Question Number	Scheme	Marks
<b>3(a)</b>	$A = 1500$	B1 (1)
<b>(b)</b>	$\text{Sub } t = 2, V = 13500 \Rightarrow 16000e^{-2k} = 12000$ $\Rightarrow e^{-2k} = \frac{3}{4} \quad 0.75 \quad \text{oe}$ $\Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{3}{4}, = \ln \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} = \ln \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$	M1 A1 dM1, A1* (4)
<b>(c)</b>	$\text{Sub } 6000 = 16000e^{-\ln\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)T} + '1500' \Rightarrow e^{-\ln\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)T} = C$ $\Rightarrow e^{-\ln\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)T} = \frac{45}{160} = 0.28125$ $\Rightarrow T = -\frac{\ln\left(\frac{45}{160}\right)}{\ln\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)} = 8.82$	M1 A1 M1 A1 (4) (9 marks)
<b>Alt (b)</b>	$\text{Sub } t = 2, V = 13500 \Rightarrow 13500 = 16000e^{-2k} + '1500' \Rightarrow 1600e^{-2k} = 1200$ $\Rightarrow \ln 1600 - 2k = \ln 1200$ $\Rightarrow k = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{1200}{1600}, = \ln \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} = \ln \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \right)$	M1 A1 dM A1* (4)

You may mark parts (a) and (b) together

(a)

**B1:** Sight of  $A = 1500$

(b)

**M1:** Substitutes  $t = 2, V = 13500 \Rightarrow 13500 = 16000e^{-2k} + 'their 1500'$  and proceeds to  $Pe^{-2k} = \dots$  or  $Qe^{2k} = \dots$  Condone slips, for example,  $V$  may be 1350. It is for an **attempt** to make  $e^{\pm 2k}$  the subject.

**A1:**  $e^{-2k} = \frac{3}{4} \quad 0.75 \quad \text{or } e^{2k} = \frac{4}{3} \quad \left(1.\dot{3}\right) \quad \text{oe}$

**dM1:** For taking  $\ln$ 's and proceeding to  $k = \dots$  For example  $k = -\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{3}{4} \quad \text{oe}$

May be implied by the correct decimal answer awrt 0.144 . This mark cannot be awarded from impossible to solve equations, that is ones of the type  $\Rightarrow e^{\pm 2k} = c, \quad c \leq 0$

**A1\*:** cso  $k = \ln\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$  (brackets not required) **with a correct intermediate line** of either

$$\frac{1}{2} \ln \frac{4}{3}, \frac{1}{2} \ln 4 - \frac{1}{2} \ln 3, \ln \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} \text{ or } \ln\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

Note:  $e^{-2k} = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow e^{2k} = \frac{4}{3} \Rightarrow e^k = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$  are perfectly acceptable steps

See scheme for alternative method when ln's are taken before  $e^{-2k}$  is made the subject.

It is also possible to substitute  $k = \ln\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$  into  $13500 = 16000e^{-k \times 2} + 1500$  and show that  $12000 = 12000$

or similar. This is fine as long as a minimal conclusion (eg ✓) is given for the A1\*.

(c)

**M1:** Sub  $V = 6000 \Rightarrow 6000 = 16000e^{\pm kT} + \text{'their 1500'}$  and proceeds to  $e^{\pm kT} = c, \quad c > 0$

Allow candidates to write  $k = \text{awrt } 0.144$  or leave as ' $k$ '. Condone slips on  $k$ . Eg  $k = 2 \ln\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

Allow this when the = sign is replaced by any inequality.

If the candidate attempts to simplify the exponential function score for  $\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^{\pm T} = c, \quad c > 0$

**A1:**  $e^{-\ln\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)T} = \frac{45}{160} = 0.28125, \quad e^{-kT} = \frac{45}{160}$  or  $\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^{-T} = \frac{45}{160}$  Condone inequalities for =

Allow solutions from rounded values (3sf). Eg.  $e^{-0.144T} = 0.281$

**M1:** Correct order of operations using ln's and division leading to a value of  $T$ . It is implied by awrt 8.8

$$\left(\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^{-T} = \frac{45}{160} \Rightarrow -T = \log_{\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}} \frac{45}{160} \text{ is equivalent work for this M mark.}$$

**A1:** cso 8.82 only following correct work. Note that this is not awrt

Allow a solution using an inequality as long as it arrives at the solution 8.82.

There may be solutions using trial and improvement. Score (in this order) as follows

**M1:** Trial at value of  $V = 16000e^{-0.144t} + 1500$  (oe) at either  $t = 8$  or  $t = 9$  and shows evidence  
 $V_{t=8} = \text{awrt } 6500 \quad V_{t=9} = \text{awrt } 5900$  This may be implied by the subsequent M1

**M1:** Trial at value of  $V = 16000e^{-0.144t} + 1500$  (oe) at either  $t = 8.81$  or  $t = 8.82$  and shows evidence.  
 (See below for answers. Allow to 2sf)

**A1:** Correct answers for  $V$  at **both**  $t = 8.81$  **and**  $t = 8.82 \quad V_{t=8.81} = \text{awrt } 6006 \quad V_{t=8.82} = \text{awrt } 5999$

**A1:** Correctly deduces 8.82 with all evidence.

Hence candidates who **just** write down 8.82 will score 1, 1, 0, 0

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2. Find the exact solutions, in their simplest form, to the equations

(a)  $e^{3x-9} = 8$

(3)

(b)  $\ln(2y + 5) = 2 + \ln(4 - y)$

(4)

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Question Number	Scheme	Marks
2.(a)	$e^{3x-9} = 8 \Rightarrow 3x - 9 = \ln 8$ $\Rightarrow x = \frac{\ln 8 + 9}{3}, = \ln 2 + 3$	M1 A1, A1 (3)
(b)	$\ln(2y+5) = 2 + \ln(4-y)$ $\ln\left(\frac{2y+5}{4-y}\right) = 2$ $\left(\frac{2y+5}{4-y}\right) = e^2$ $2y+5 = e^2(4-y) \Rightarrow 2y + e^2y = 4e^2 - 5 \Rightarrow y = \frac{4e^2 - 5}{2 + e^2}$	M1 M1 dM1, A1 (4) <b>7 marks</b>

(a)

M1 Takes ln's of both sides and uses the power law. You may even accept candidates taking logs of both sides

A1 A correct unsimplified answer  $\frac{\ln 8 + 9}{3}$  or equivalent such as  $\frac{\ln 8e^9}{3}$ ,  $3 + \ln(\sqrt[3]{8})$ ,  $\frac{\log 8}{3 \log e} + 3$  or even 3.69

A1 cso  $\ln 2 + 3$ . Accept  $\ln 2e^3$

Alt I (a)

$e^{3x-9} = 8 \Rightarrow \frac{e^{3x}}{e^9} = 8 \Rightarrow e^{3x} = 8e^9 \Rightarrow 3x = \ln(8e^9)$  for M1 (Condone slips on index work and lack of bracket)

Alt II (a)

$e^{x-3} = \sqrt[3]{8} \Rightarrow x-3 = \ln(\sqrt[3]{8})$  for M1 (Condone slips on the 9. Eg  $e^{x-9} = 2 \Rightarrow x-9 = \ln 2$ )

(b)

M1 Uses a correct method to combine two terms to create a single ln term.

Eg. Score for  $2 + \ln(4-y) = \ln(e^2(4-y))$  or  $\ln(2y+5) - \ln(4-y) = \ln\left(\frac{2y+5}{4-y}\right)$

Condone slips on the signs and coefficients of the terms, but not on the  $e^2$

M1 Scored for an attempt to undo the ln's to get an equation in y This must be awarded after an attempt to combine the ln terms. Award for  $\ln(g(y)) = 2 \Rightarrow g(y) = e^2$  and can be scored eg where  $g(y) = 2y+5-(4-y)$

It cannot be awarded for just  $2y+5 = e^2 + 4-y$  where the candidate attempts to undo term by term

dM1 Dependent upon **both** previous M's. It is for making y the subject. Expect to see both terms in y collected and factorised (may be implied) before reaching  $y =$ . Condone slips, for eg, on signs.  $y = 2.615$  scores this.

A1  $y = \frac{4e^2 - 5}{2 + e^2}$  or equivalent such as  $y = 4 - \frac{13}{2 + e^2}$  ISW after you see the correct answer.

Special Case:  $\ln(2y+5) - \ln(4-y) = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{\ln(2y+5)}{\ln(4-y)} = 2 \Rightarrow \frac{2y+5}{4-y} = e^2 \Rightarrow$  Correct answer score M0 M1 M1 A0

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Question	Scheme	Marks
<b>9(a)</b>	Subs $D = 15$ and $t = 4$ $x = 15e^{-0.2 \times 4} = 6.740$ (mg)	M1A1 (2)
<b>(b)</b>	$15e^{-0.2 \times 7} + 15e^{-0.2 \times 2} = 13.754$ (mg)	M1A1* (2)
<b>(c)</b>	$15e^{-0.2 \times T} + 15e^{-0.2 \times (T+5)} = 7.5$ $15e^{-0.2 \times T} + 15e^{-0.2 \times T} e^{-1} = 7.5$ $15e^{-0.2 \times T} (1 + e^{-1}) = 7.5 \Rightarrow e^{-0.2 \times T} = \frac{7.5}{15(1 + e^{-1})}$ $T = -5 \ln \left( \frac{7.5}{15(1 + e^{-1})} \right) = 5 \ln \left( 2 + \frac{2}{e} \right)$	M1 dM1 A1, A1 (4) (8 marks)

(a)

M1 Attempts to substitute both  $D = 15$  and  $t = 4$  in  $x = De^{-0.2t}$ It can be implied by sight of  $15e^{-0.8}$ ,  $15e^{-0.2 \times 4}$  or awrt 6.7

Condone slips on the power. Eg you may see -0.02

A1 CAO 6.740 (mg) Note that 6.74 (mg) is A0

(b)

M1 Attempt to find the sum of two expressions with  $D = 15$  in both terms with  $t$  values of 2 and 7Evidence would be  $15e^{-0.2 \times 7} + 15e^{-0.2 \times 2}$  or similar expressions such as  $(15e^{-1} + 15)e^{-0.2 \times 2}$ Award for the sight of the two numbers awrt **3.70** and awrt **10.05**, followed by their total awrt **13.75**Alternatively finds the amount after 5 hours,  $15e^{-1} =$  awrt **5.52** adds the second dose = **15** to get atotal of awrt **20.52** then multiplies this by  $e^{-0.4}$  to get awrt **13.75**.Sight of  $5.52 + 15 = 20.52 \rightarrow 13.75$  is fine.A1\* cso so both the expression  $15e^{-0.2 \times 7} + 15e^{-0.2 \times 2}$  and  $13.754$ (mg) are requiredAlternatively both the expression  $(15e^{-0.2 \times 5} + 15) \times e^{-0.2 \times 2}$  and  $13.754$ (mg) are required.

Sight of just the numbers is not enough for the A1\*

(c)

M1 Attempts to write down a correct equation involving  $T$  or  $t$ . Accept with or without correct bracketingEg. accept  $15e^{-0.2 \times T} + 15e^{-0.2 \times (T+5)} = 7.5$  or similar equations  $(15e^{-1} + 15)e^{-0.2 \times T} = 7.5$ dM1 Attempts to solve their equation, dependent upon the previous mark, by proceeding to  $e^{-0.2 \times T} = \dots$ An attempt should involve an attempt at the index law  $x^{m+n} = x^m \times x^n$  and taking out a factor of  $e^{-0.2 \times T}$  Also score for candidates who make  $e^{+0.2 \times T}$  the subject using the same criteriaA1 Any correct form of the answer, for example,  $-5 \ln \left( \frac{7.5}{15(1 + e^{-1})} \right)$ A1 CSO  $T = 5 \ln \left( 2 + \frac{2}{e} \right)$  Condone  $t$  appearing for  $T$  throughout this question.

Alt (c) using lns

(c)	$15e^{-0.2 \times T} + 15e^{-0.2 \times (T+5)} = 7.5$ $15e^{-0.2 \times T} + 15e^{-0.2 \times T} e^{-1} = 7.5$ $e^{-0.2 \times T} (1 + e^{-1}) = 0.5 \Rightarrow -0.2 \times T + \ln(1 + e^{-1}) = \ln 0.5$ $\Rightarrow T = \frac{\ln 0.5 - \ln(1 + e^{-1})}{-0.2}, \Rightarrow T = 5 \ln \left( 2 + \frac{2}{e} \right)$	M1  dM1  A1, A1  <b>(4)</b> <b>(8 marks)</b>
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You may see numerical attempts at part (c).

Such an attempt can score a maximum of two marks.

This can be achieved either by

Method One

1st Mark (Method):  $15e^{-0.2 \times T} + \text{awrt } 5.52e^{-0.2 \times T} = 7.5 \Rightarrow e^{-0.2 \times T} = \text{awrt } 0.37$

2nd Mark (Accuracy):  $T = -5 \ln(\text{awrt } 0.37)$  or  $\text{awrt } 5.03$  or  $T = -5 \ln \left( \frac{7.5}{\text{awrt } 20.52} \right)$

Method Two

1st Mark (Method):  $13.754e^{-0.2 \times T} = 7.5 \Rightarrow T = -5 \ln \left( \frac{7.5}{13.754} \right)$  or equivalent such as 3.03

2nd Mark (Accuracy):  $3.03 + 2 = 5.03$  Allow  $-5 \ln \left( \frac{7.5}{13.754} \right) + 2$

Method Three (by trial and improvement)

1st Mark (Method):  $15e^{-0.2 \times 5} + 15e^{-0.2 \times 10} = 7.55$  or  $15e^{-0.2 \times 5.1} + 15e^{-0.2 \times 10.1} = 7.40$  or any value between

2nd Mark (Accuracy): Answer  $T = 5.03$ .

4. Water is being heated in an electric kettle. The temperature,  $\theta^{\circ}\text{C}$ , of the water  $t$  seconds after the kettle is switched on, is modelled by the equation

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

- (a) State the value of  $\theta$  when  $t = 0$

(1)

Given that the temperature of the water in the kettle is  $70^{\circ}\text{C}$  when  $t = 40$ ,

- (b) find the exact value of  $\lambda$ , 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  $100^\circ\text{C}$  and the kettle switches off.

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

(2)



Question Number	Scheme	Marks
<b>4(a)</b>	$(\theta =) 20$	B1 (1)
<b>(b)</b>	$\text{Sub } t = 40, \theta = 70 \Rightarrow 70 = 120 - 100e^{-40\lambda}$ $\Rightarrow e^{-40\lambda} = 0.5$ $\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{40}$	M1A1 M1A1 (4)
<b>(c)</b>	$\theta = 100 \Rightarrow T = \frac{\ln 0.2}{-\text{their } \lambda'}$ $T = \text{awrt } 93$	M1 A1 (2)
<b>Alt (b)</b>	$\text{Sub } t = 40, \theta = 70 \Rightarrow 100e^{-40\lambda} = 50$ $\Rightarrow \ln 100 - 40\lambda = \ln 50$ $\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{\ln 100 - \ln 50}{40} = \frac{\ln 2}{40}$	M1A1 M1A1 (4)

(a)

B1 Sight of  $(\theta =)20$ 

(b)

M1 Sub  $t = 40, \theta = 70 \Rightarrow 70 = 120 - 100e^{-40\lambda}$  and proceed to  $e^{\pm 40\lambda} = A$  where  $A$  is a constant. Allow sign slips and copying errors.A1  $e^{40\lambda} = 0.5$  or  $e^{40\lambda} = 2$  or exact equivalentM1 For undoing the e's by taking ln's and proceeding to  $\lambda = ..$ May be implied by the correct decimal answer awrt 0.017 or  $\lambda = \frac{\ln 0.5}{-40}$ A1 cso  $\lambda = \frac{\ln 2}{40}$ Accept equivalents in the form  $\frac{\ln a}{b}$ ,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$  such as  $\lambda = \frac{\ln 4}{80}$ 

(c)

M1 Substitutes  $\theta = 100$  and their numerical value of  $\lambda$  into  $\theta = 120 - 100e^{-\lambda t}$  and proceed to  $T = \pm \frac{\ln 0.2}{\text{their } \lambda'}$  or  $T = \pm \frac{\ln 5}{\text{their } \lambda'}$  Allow inequalities here.A1 awrt  $T = 93$ Watch for candidates who lose the minus sign in (b) and use  $\lambda = \frac{\ln 1/2}{40}$  in (c). Many then reach  $T = -93$  and ignore the minus. This is M1 A0

8. 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

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

- (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) Find the exact value of  $\frac{dP}{dt}$  when  $t = 10$ . Give your answer in its simplest form. (4)
- (d) Explain why the population of primroses can never be 270 (1)



Question Number	Scheme	Marks
8.(a)	$P = \frac{800e^0}{1+3e^0}, = \frac{800}{1+3} = 200$	M1,A1 (2)
(b)	$250 = \frac{800e^{0.1t}}{1+3e^{0.1t}}$ $250(1+3e^{0.1t}) = 800e^{0.1t} \Rightarrow 50e^{0.1t} = 250, \Rightarrow e^{0.1t} = 5$ $t = \frac{1}{0.1} \ln(5)$ $t = 10 \ln(5)$	M1,A1  M1 A1 (4)
(c)	$P = \frac{800e^{0.1t}}{1+3e^{0.1t}} \Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{(1+3e^{0.1t}) \times 800 \times 0.1e^{0.1t} - 800e^{0.1t} \times 3 \times 0.1e^{0.1t}}{(1+3e^{0.1t})^2}$ <p>At <math>t=10</math></p> $\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{(1+3e) \times 80e - 240e^2}{(1+3e)^2} = \frac{80e}{(1+3e)^2}$	M1,A1  M1,A1 (4)
(d)	$P = \frac{800e^{0.1t}}{1+3e^{0.1t}} = \frac{800}{e^{-0.1t} + 3} \Rightarrow P_{\max} = \frac{800}{3} = 266.67$ <p>Hence P cannot be 270</p>	B1 (1) (11 marks)

(a)

M1 Sub  $t = 0$  into  $P$  **and** use  $e^0 = 1$  in at least one of the two cases. Accept  $P = \frac{800}{1+3}$  as evidence

A1 200. Accept this for both marks as long as no incorrect working is seen.

(b)

M1 Sub  $P=250$  into  $P = \frac{800e^{0.1t}}{1+3e^{0.1t}}$ , cross multiply, collect terms in  $e^{0.1t}$  **and** proceed

to  $Ae^{0.1t} = B$

Condone bracketing issues and slips in arithmetic.

If they divide terms by  $e^{0.1t}$  you should expect to see  $Ce^{-0.1t} = D$

A1  $e^{0.1t} = 5$  or  $e^{-0.1t} = 0.2$

M1 Dependent upon gaining  $e^{0.1t} = E$ , for taking  $\ln$ 's of both sides and proceeding to  $t = \dots$

Accept  $e^{0.1t} = E \Rightarrow 0.1t = \ln E \Rightarrow t = \dots$  It could be implied by  $t = \text{awrt } 16.1$

A1  $t = 10 \ln(5)$

Accept exact equivalents of this as long as  $a$  and  $b$  are integers. Eg.  $t = 5 \ln(25)$  is fine.

(c)

M1 Scored for a full application of the quotient rule and knowing that

$$\frac{d}{dt} e^{0.1t} = ke^{0.1t} \text{ and NOT } kte^{0.1t}$$

If the rule is quoted it must be correct.

It may be implied by their  $u = 800e^{0.1t}$ ,  $v = 1 + 3e^{0.1t}$ ,  $u' = pe^{0.1t}$ ,  $v' = qe^{0.1t}$

followed by  $\frac{vu' - uv'}{v^2}$ .

If it is neither quoted nor implied only accept expressions of the form

$$\frac{(1 + 3e^{0.1t}) \times pe^{0.1t} - 800e^{0.1t} \times qe^{0.1t}}{(1 + 3e^{0.1t})^2}$$

Condone missing brackets.

You may see the chain or product rule applied to

For applying the product rule see question 1 but still insist on  $\frac{d}{dt} e^{0.1t} = ke^{0.1t}$

For the chain rule look for

$$P = \frac{800e^{0.1t}}{1 + 3e^{0.1t}} = \frac{800}{e^{-0.1t} + 3} \Rightarrow \frac{dP}{dt} = 800 \times (e^{-0.1t} + 3)^{-2} \times -0.1e^{-0.1t}$$

A1 A correct unsimplified answer to

$$\frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{(1 + 3e^{0.1t}) \times 800 \times 0.1e^{0.1t} - 800e^{0.1t} \times 3 \times 0.1e^{0.1t}}{(1 + 3e^{0.1t})^2}$$

M1 For substituting  $t = 10$  into their  $\frac{dP}{dt}$ , NOT  $P$

Accept numerical answers for this. 2.59 is the numerical value if  $\frac{dP}{dt}$  was correct

$$A1 \quad \frac{dP}{dt} = \frac{80e}{(1 + 3e)^2} \text{ or equivalent such as } \frac{dP}{dt} = 80e(1 + 3e)^{-2}, \frac{80e}{1 + 6e + 9e^2}$$

Note that candidates who substitute  $t = 10$  before differentiation will score 0 marks

(d)

B1 Accept solutions from substituting  $P = 270$  and showing that you get an unsolvable equation

$$\text{Eg. } 270 = \frac{800e^{0.1t}}{1 + 3e^{0.1t}} \Rightarrow -27 = e^{0.1t} \Rightarrow 0.1t = \ln(-27) \text{ which has no answers.}$$

$$\text{Eg. } 270 = \frac{800e^{0.1t}}{1 + 3e^{0.1t}} \Rightarrow -27 = e^{0.1t} \Rightarrow e^{0.1t} / e^x \text{ is never negative}$$

Accept solutions where it implies the max value is 266.6 or 267. For example  
accept sight of  $\frac{800}{3}$ , with a comment 'so it cannot reach 270', or a large value  
of  $t$  ( $t > 99$ ) being substituted in to get 266.6 or 267 with a similar statement, or  
a graph drawn with an asymptote marked at 266.6 or 267  
Do not accept exp's cannot be negative or you cannot ln a negative number  
without numerical evidence.  
Look for both a statement and a comment