

8. A large container initially contains 3 litres of pure water. Contaminated water starts pouring into the container at a constant rate of 250 ml per minute and you may assume the contaminant dissolves completely.

At the same time, the container is drained at a constant rate of 125 ml per minute. The water in the container is continually mixed.

The amount of contaminant in the water pouring into the container, at time t minutes after pouring began, is modelled to be $(5 - e^{-0.1t})$ mg per litre.

Let m be the amount of contaminant, in milligrams, in the container at time t minutes after the contaminated water begins pouring into the container.

- (a) (i) Write down an expression for the total volume of water in litres in the container at time t .
- (ii) Hence show that the amount of contaminant in the container can be modelled by the differential equation

$$\frac{dm}{dt} = \frac{5 - e^{-0.1t}}{4} - \frac{m}{24 + t} \quad (4)$$

- (b) By solving the differential equation, find an expression for the amount of contaminant, in milligrams, in the container t minutes after the contaminated water begins to be poured into the container.

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After 30 minutes, the concentration of contaminant in the water was measured as 3.79 mg per litre.

- (c) Assess the model in light of this information, giving a reason for your answer.

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