

5. A raindrop falls from rest from a cloud. The velocity,  $v \text{ ms}^{-1}$  vertically downwards, of the raindrop,  $t$  seconds after the raindrop starts to fall, is modelled by the differential equation

$$(t + 2) \frac{dv}{dt} + 3v = k(t + 2) - 3 \quad t \geq 0$$

where  $k$  is a positive constant.

- (a) Solve the differential equation to show that

$$v = \frac{k}{4}(t + 2) - 1 + \frac{4(2 - k)}{(t + 2)^3} \quad (5)$$

Given that  $v = 4$  when  $t = 2$

- (b) determine, according to the model, the velocity of the raindrop 5 seconds after it starts to fall. (3)

- (c) Comment on the validity of the model for very large values of  $t$  (1)