

3. A cup of hot tea was placed on a table. At time t minutes after the cup was placed on the table, the temperature of the tea in the cup, θ °C, is modelled by the equation

$$\theta = 25 + Ae^{-0.03t}$$

where A is a constant.

The temperature of the tea was 75 °C when the cup was placed on the table.

- (a) Find a complete equation for the model.

(1)

- (b) Use the model to find the time taken for the tea to cool from 75 °C to 60 °C, giving your answer in minutes to one decimal place.

(2)

Two hours after the cup was placed on the table, the temperature of the tea was measured as 20.3 °C.

Using this information,

- (c) evaluate the model, explaining your reasoning.

(1)