

- 14 Alex places a hot object into iced water and records the temperature  $\theta^\circ\text{C}$  of the object every minute. The temperature of an object  $t$  minutes after being placed in iced water is modelled by  $\theta = \theta_0 e^{-kt}$  where  $\theta_0$  and  $k$  are constants whose values depend on the characteristics of the object.

The temperature of Alex's object is  $82^\circ\text{C}$  when it is placed into the water. After 5 minutes the temperature is  $27^\circ\text{C}$ .

- (a) Find the values of  $\theta_0$  and  $k$  that best model the data. [3]
- (b) Explain why the model may **not** be suitable in the long term if Alex does not top up the ice in the water. [1]
- (c) Show that the model with the values found in part (a) can be written as  $\ln \theta = a - bt$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are constants to be determined. [2]

Ben places a different object into iced water at the same time as Alex. The model for Ben's object is  $\ln \theta = 3.4 - 0.08t$ .

- (d) Determine each of the following:
- the initial temperature of Ben's object
  - the rate at which Ben's object is cooling initially. [4]
- (e) According to the models, there is a time at which both objects have the same temperature. Find this time and the corresponding temperature. [3]