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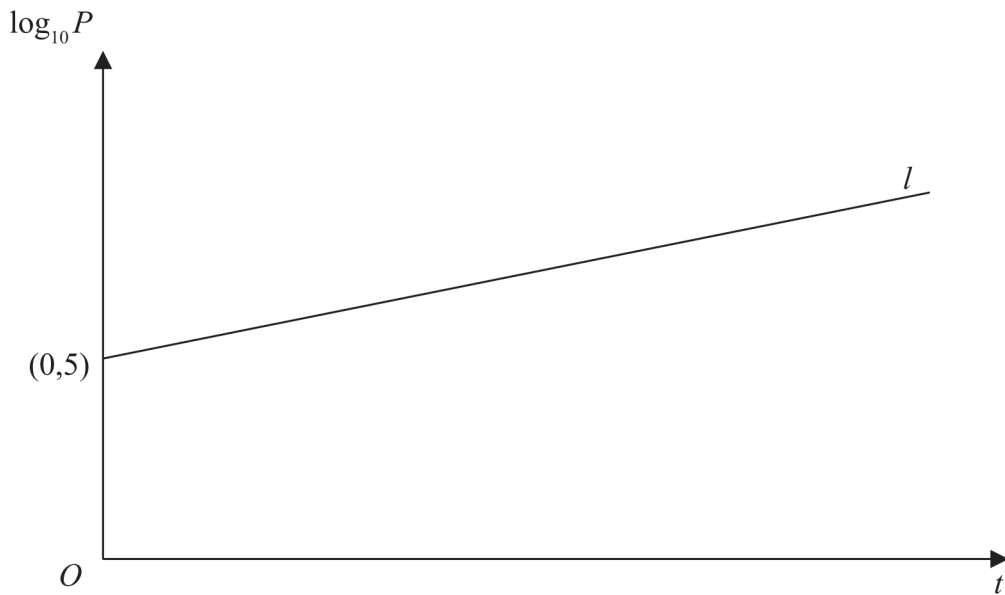


Figure 2

A town's population, P , is modelled by the equation $P = ab^t$, where a and b are constants and t is the number of years since the population was first recorded.

The line l shown in Figure 2 illustrates the linear relationship between t and $\log_{10} P$ for the population over a period of 100 years.

The line l meets the vertical axis at $(0, 5)$ as shown. The gradient of l is $\frac{1}{200}$.

- (a) Write down an equation for l . (2)
- (b) Find the value of a and the value of b . (4)
- (c) With reference to the model interpret
- (i) the value of the constant a ,
 - (ii) the value of the constant b . (2)
- (d) Find
- (i) the population predicted by the model when $t = 100$, giving your answer to the nearest hundred thousand,
 - (ii) the number of years it takes the population to reach 200 000, according to the model. (3)
- (e) State two reasons why this may not be a realistic population model. (2)

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