8. A scientist is studying the growth of two different populations of bacteria.

The number of bacteria, N, in the **first** population is modelled by the equation

$$N = Ae^{kt} \qquad t \geqslant 0$$

where A and k are positive constants and t is the time in hours from the start of the study.

Given that

- there were 1000 bacteria in this population at the start of the study
- it took exactly 5 hours from the start of the study for this population to double

(a) find a complete equation for the model.

(4)

(b) Hence find the rate of increase in the number of bacteria in this population exactly 8 hours from the start of the study. Give your answer to 2 significant figures.

(2)

The number of bacteria, M, in the **second** population is modelled by the equation

$$M = 500e^{1.4kt} \qquad t \geqslant 0$$

where k has the value found in part (a) and t is the time in hours from the start of the study.

Given that T hours after the start of the study, the number of bacteria in the two different populations was the same,

(c) find the value of T.

(3)