

- 15** A model for the motion of a small object falling through a thick fluid can be expressed using the differential equation

$$\frac{dv}{dt} = 9.8 - kv,$$

where  $v \text{ m s}^{-1}$  is the velocity after  $t \text{ s}$  and  $k$  is a positive constant.

- (a)** Given that  $v = 0$  when  $t = 0$ , solve the differential equation to find  $v$  in terms of  $t$  and  $k$ . [7]
- (b)** Sketch the graph of  $v$  against  $t$ . [2]

Experiments show that for large values of  $t$ , the velocity tends to  $7 \text{ m s}^{-1}$ .

- (c)** Find the value of  $k$ . [2]
- (d)** Find the value of  $t$  for which  $v = 3.5$ . [1]