

Higher Maths
SQA 2015 Paper 1
Question 15



The rate of change of the temperature, T °C of a mug of coffee is given by

$$\frac{dT}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}t - k, \quad 0 \leq t \leq 50$$

- t is the elapsed time, in minutes, after the coffee is poured into the mug
- k is a constant
- initially, the temperature of the coffee is 100 °C
- 10 minutes later the temperature has fallen to 82 °C.

Express T in terms of t .

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Answer:

$$T = \frac{1}{50}t^2 - 2t + 100$$