

Higher Maths
SQA 2023 Paper 2
Question 13



A patient is given a dose of medicine.

The concentration of the medicine in the patient's blood is modelled by

$$C_t = 11e^{-0.0053 t}$$

where:

- t is the time, in minutes, since the dose of medicine was given
- C_t is the concentration of the medicine, in mg/l, at time t .

(a) Calculate the concentration of the medicine 30 minutes after the dose was given.

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The dose of medicine becomes ineffective when its concentration falls to 0.66 mg/l.

(b) Calculate the time taken for this dose of the medicine to become ineffective.

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Answers:

(a) 9.38 mg/l

(b) 530.8 minutes