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1a) for bacterial growth, $\frac{dy}{dt} = ky$

let y = quantity of bacteria

t = time (hr)

$$\frac{dy}{y} = k dt$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int k dt$$

$$\ln y = kt + C$$

$$y = e^{kt+C}$$

$$y = e^{kt} \cdot e^C$$

$$y = e^{kt} \cdot C$$

$$y = C e^{kt}$$

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at initial time $t = 0$, $y = 20$

$$20 = C e^{k \cdot 0}$$

$$20 = C$$

at $t = 5$, $y = 40$

$$40 = C e^{k \cdot 5}$$

$$40 = 20 \cdot e^{5k}$$

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$$e^{5k} = 2$$

$$5k = \ln 2$$

$$5k = 0.6931$$

$$k = \frac{0.6931}{5}$$

$$k = 0.1386$$

$$\therefore y = 20 e^{0.1386t} \text{ (required model)}$$

b At $t = 1\frac{1}{2}$ day

$t = 24 + 12$ (1 day = 24 hrs, $\frac{1}{2}$ day = 12 hrs)

$$t = 36 \text{ hrs}$$

$$y = 20e^{36 \times 0.1386}$$

$$y = 20 \times 146.8777$$

$$y = 2937.55$$

At $y = 10$, and $t = 0$

$$10 = Ce^{kt}$$

$$C = 10$$

at $t = 5$, $y = 20$

$$\therefore 20 = 10e^{5k}$$

$$e^{5k} = 2$$

$$5k = \ln 2$$

$$k = 0.1386$$

For initial value (10), we have $y = 10e^{0.1386t}$

For initial value (30), we have $y = 30e^{0.1386t}$

For initial value (50), we have $y = 50e^{0.1386t}$

c The initial amount of bacteria affected the experimental growth of bacteria. The highest initial amount had the highest final amount.