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**NB. No calculators allowed.**

**Problem 1** (4 points). A colony of E. Coli is growing in a petri dish, doubling in quantity every minute. If the initial population of the colony is 1000, what is the equation that models the growth of the population? Determine the time  $t$  at which the population count reaches 10000.

**Problem 2** (3 points). Compare the sizes of  $\log_3 11$  and  $\log_5 24$ , and justify your answer. *Hint*: “Compare the sizes” means one of the (mutually exclusive) following should be proved:

$$\log_3 11 < \log_5 24 \quad \text{or} \quad \log_3 11 = \log_5 24 \quad \text{or} \quad \log_3 11 > \log_5 24.$$

**Problem 3** (3 points). Find the  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts of

$$y = 2 - \log_7(x + 3).$$