- 5. [10 points] The temperature T in a given room, measured in °F, after an air conditioner is turned on is given by $T = f(t) = 68 + 5e^{-0.02t}$, where t is measured in minutes.
 - **a**. [4 points] Find the following limits of f(t):

(i)
$$\lim_{t \to \infty} f(t) =$$
 68

(ii)
$$\lim_{t \to -\infty} f(t) = \underline{\qquad}$$

b. [3 points] Find a formula for $t = f^{-1}(T)$.

Solution: Starting with $T = 68 + 5e^{-0.02t}$, our goal is to isolate t, thereby finding an expression for t as a function of T.

$$T = 68 + 5e^{-0.02t}$$

$$T - 68 = 5e^{-0.02t}$$

$$\frac{T - 68}{5} = e^{-0.02t}$$

$$\ln\left(\frac{T - 68}{5}\right) = -0.02t$$

$$-\frac{1}{0.02}\ln\left(\frac{T - 68}{5}\right) = -50\ln\left(\frac{T - 68}{5}\right) = t$$

$$f^{-1}(T) = -50\ln\left(\frac{T - 68}{5}\right)$$

c. [3 points]

The graph of T = q(t) to the right shows the temperature in a different room when being *heated* as a function of time t. The domain shown is $[0, \infty)$ and the dashed line represents a horizontal asymptote of q(t).

Given that behavior, which of the following could be a formula for q(t)? (*Circle all that apply.*)





Solution: As this graph has a horizontal asymptote, it cannot be either of the functions involving log, which only have vertical asymptotes. Further, it cannot be $q(t) = 50 \cdot 1.02^t$, because this is simply an exponentially increasing function and should only have a horizontal asymptote at T = 0.

Of the remaining options, $q(t) = -0.7^t + 65$ and $q(t) = -e^{-0.2t} + 67$ are both exponentially decreasing functions that have been reflected over the *t*-axis and then shifted up: exactly the behavior we see in the desired graph. The last option $q(t) = -e^{0.1t} + 69$ is an exponentially *increasing* function that has reflected over the *t*-axis and then shifted up, which is not what we see in our desired graph.