

**Question 16****(7 marks)**

The table below records the altitude (metres above sea level), latitude ( $^{\circ}$  S) and mean maximum temperature ( $^{\circ}$ C) during January for eight cities in the southern hemisphere.

<b>Altitude (<math>A</math>)</b>	<b>Latitude (<math>L</math>)</b>	<b>Mean maximum temperature (<math>T</math>)</b>
15	31.95	25
20	43.53	20
24	42.88	18
314	45.03	16
8	6.18	28
154	12.05	26
37	12.46	29
8	34.60	25

Comparing altitude and the mean maximum temperature, it was determined that the least-squares line for these data was  $T = -0.022A + 24.97$  and  $r_{AT} = -0.50$ .

- (a) Determine the coefficient of determination for altitude and the mean maximum temperature and interpret this value. (2 marks)
- (b) Determine the equation of the least-squares line for comparing latitude and the mean maximum temperature and state the correlation coefficient. (2 marks)

Rio de Janeiro has a latitude of  $22.93^{\circ}$  S and an altitude of 9 metres.

- (c) Use the two least-squares lines above to predict the mean maximum temperature in January for Rio de Janeiro. Which prediction is more valid? Justify your choice. (3 marks)