1. Let growth rate be k. Then

$$2 = e^{k \times h}, \text{ so}$$

$$\ln 2 = kh, \text{ so}$$

$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{h}$$

$$= \frac{\ln 2}{45.5}$$

$$\approx 0.0152$$

Hence the growth rate is approximately 0.0152 per hour.

2. Let growth rate be k. Then

$$2 = e^{k \times h}, \text{ so}$$

$$\ln 2 = kh, \text{ so}$$

$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{h}$$

$$= \frac{\ln 2}{18}$$

$$\approx 0.0385$$

Hence the growth rate is approximately 0.0385 per hour.

3. Let growth rate be k. Then

$$2 = e^{k \times h}, \text{ so}$$

$$\ln 2 = kh, \text{ so}$$

$$k = \frac{\ln 2}{h}$$

$$= \frac{\ln 2}{40.5}$$

$$\approx 0.0171$$

Hence the growth rate is approximately 0.0171 per hour.