**1.20** (a) 400 (USD) (A1) (C1) [1 mark]

(b)  $8500(0.95)^t = 400 \times t + 2000$ 

**Note:** Award *(M1)* for equating  $8500(0.95)^t$  to  $400 \times t + 2000$  or for comparing the difference between the two expressions to zero or for showing a sketch of both functions.

$$(t =) 8.64 \text{ (months)} (8.6414...(\text{months}))$$
 (C2)

Note: Accept 9 months.

[2 marks]

(c)  $8500(0.95)^2 - (400 \times 2 + 2000)$  (M1)(M1)

**Note:** Award *(M1)* for correct substitution of t = 2 into equation for P, *(M1)* for finding the difference between a value/expression for P and a value/expression for S. The first *(M1)* is implied if 7671.25 seen.

**Note:** Accept 4871.3.

[3 marks]

Total [6 marks]