

Scientists are studying the effects of exercise on LDL blood cholesterol levels. Over a three-month period, a large group of people exercised for 20 minutes each day. For a randomly chosen sample of 10 of these people, the LDL blood cholesterol levels were measured at the beginning and the end of the three-month period. The results, measured in suitable units, are as follows.

	Person	<i>A</i>	<i>B</i>	<i>C</i>	<i>D</i>	<i>E</i>	<i>F</i>	<i>G</i>	<i>H</i>	<i>I</i>	<i>J</i>
Cholesterol level	Beginning	72	84	120	90	102	135	64	75	80	88
	End	64	76	105	92	105	115	67	75	75	84

**(a)** Test, at the 2.5% significance level, whether there is evidence that the population mean LDL blood cholesterol level has reduced by more than 2 units after the three-month period. [7]

**(b)** State any assumption that you have made in part **(a)**. [1]