

The times taken for students at a college to run 200 m have a normal distribution with mean  $\mu$  s. The times,  $x$  s, are recorded for a random sample of 10 students from the college. The results are summarised as follows, where  $\bar{x}$  is the sample mean.

$$\bar{x} = 25.6 \qquad \Sigma(x - \bar{x})^2 = 78.5$$

- (a)** Find a 90% confidence interval for  $\mu$ . [4]

A test of the null hypothesis  $\mu = k$  is carried out on this sample, using a 10% significance level. The test does not support the alternative hypothesis  $\mu < k$ .

- (b)** Find the greatest possible value of  $k$ . [3]