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UNIT 1 • BUILDING MATHEMATICAL COMMUNITY WITH PARENT FUNCTIONS AND KEY FEATURES

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The exponential function $N(t) = 5(1 - 2^{-t})$, graphed as follows, describes the number of breeding pairs of cougars that can be supported by a nature preserve. The independent variable *t* represents the time in years. Use the function equation and the graph to complete the problems.



- 1. What is the domain of *t*?
- 2. Based on the graph and the domain, describe what happens to the function values as time increases.
- 3. Rewrite the function with a positive exponent.
- 4. Use the result of problem 3 to describe what happens to the function values as *t* increases.
- 5. What are the maximum and minimum function values? Explain what these values mean within the context of the problem.