AP Calculus AB Practice: Functions/Miscellaneous

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(a) $f'(x) = 12x^2 + 2ax + b$
$f''(x) = 24x + 2a$

$f'(-1) = 12 - 2a + b = 0$
$f''(-2) = -48 + 2a = 0$

$a = 24$
$b = -12 + 2a = 36$

$$5 : \begin{cases} 1 : f'(x) \\ 1 : f''(x) \\ 1 : f'(-1) = 0 \\ 1 : f''(-2) = 0 \\ 1 : a,\ b \end{cases}$$

(b) $\int_0^1 \left(4x^3 + 24x^2 + 36x + k\right) dx$
$= x^4 + 8x^3 + 18x^2 + kx\Big|_{x=0}^{x=1} = 27 + k$

$27 + k = 32$
$k = 5$

$$4 : \begin{cases} 2 : \text{antidifferentiation} \\ \quad < -1 > \text{ each error} \\ 1 : \text{expression in } k \\ 1 : k \end{cases}$$

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(a) $h'(x) = 0$ at $x = \pm\sqrt{2}$

$h'(x)$	$-$	0	$+$	und	$-$	0	$+$
x		$-\sqrt{2}$		0		$\sqrt{2}$	

Local minima at $x = -\sqrt{2}$ and at $x = \sqrt{2}$

$$4 : \begin{cases} 1 : x = \pm\sqrt{2} \\ 1 : \text{analysis} \\ 2 : \text{conclusions} \\ \quad < -1 > \text{ not dealing with discontinuity at } 0 \end{cases}$$

(b) $h''(x) = 1 + \dfrac{2}{x^2} > 0$ for all $x \neq 0$. Therefore, the graph of h is concave up for all $x \neq 0$.

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : h''(x) \\ 1 : h''(x) > 0 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

(c) $h'(4) = \dfrac{16 - 2}{4} = \dfrac{7}{2}$

$y + 3 = \dfrac{7}{2}(x - 4)$

1 : tangent line equation

(d) The tangent line is below the graph because the graph of h is concave up for $x > 4$.

1 : answer with reason

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(a) f is continuous at $x = 3$ because
$\lim\limits_{x \to 3^-} f(x) = \lim\limits_{x \to 3^+} f(x) = 2.$
Therefore, $\lim\limits_{x \to 3} f(x) = 2 = f(3).$

$$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{answers “yes” and equates the values of the left- and right-hand limits} \\ 1 : \text{explanation involving limits} \end{cases}$$

(b)
$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^5 f(x)\,dx &= \int_0^3 f(x)\,dx + \int_3^5 f(x)\,dx \\ &= \frac{2}{3}(x+1)^{3/2}\Big|_0^3 + \left(5x - \frac{1}{2}x^2\right)\Big|_3^5 \\ &= \left(\frac{16}{3} - \frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{25}{2} - \frac{21}{2}\right) = \frac{20}{3} \end{aligned}$$

Average value: $\dfrac{1}{5}\displaystyle\int_0^5 f(x)\,dx = \dfrac{4}{3}$

$$4 : \begin{cases} 1 : k\int_0^3 f(x)\,dx + k\int_3^5 f(x)\,dx \\ \quad (\text{where } k \ne 0) \\ 1 : \text{antiderivative of } \sqrt{x+1} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivative of } 5 - x \\ 1 : \text{evaluation and answer} \end{cases}$$

(c) Since g is continuous at $x = 3$, $2k = 3m + 2$.

$$g'(x) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{k}{2\sqrt{x+1}} & \text{for } 0 < x < 3 \\ m & \text{for } 3 < x < 5 \end{cases}$$

$\lim\limits_{x \to 3^-} g'(x) = \dfrac{k}{4}$ and $\lim\limits_{x \to 3^+} g'(x) = m$

Since these two limits exist and g is differentiable at $x = 3$, the two limits are equal. Thus $\dfrac{k}{4} = m$.

$8m = 3m + 2$; $m = \dfrac{2}{5}$ and $k = \dfrac{8}{5}$

$$3 : \begin{cases} 1 : 2k = 3m + 2 \\ 1 : \dfrac{k}{4} = m \\ 1 : \text{values for } k \text{ and } m \end{cases}$$

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(a) $f'(x) = \dfrac{k}{2\sqrt{x}} - \dfrac{1}{x}$

$f''(x) = -\dfrac{1}{4}kx^{-3/2} + x^{-2}$

$2 : \begin{cases} 1 : f'(x) \\ 1 : f''(x) \end{cases}$

(b) $f'(1) = \dfrac{1}{2}k - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow k = 2$

When $k = 2$, $f'(1) = 0$ and $f''(1) = -\dfrac{1}{2} + 1 > 0$.

f has a relative minimum value at $x = 1$ by the Second Derivative Test.

$4 : \begin{cases} 1 : \text{sets } f'(1) = 0 \text{ or } f'(x) = 0 \\ 1 : \text{solves for } k \\ 1 : \text{answer} \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$

(c) At this inflection point, $f''(x) = 0$ and $f(x) = 0$.

$f''(x) = 0 \Rightarrow \dfrac{-k}{4x^{3/2}} + \dfrac{1}{x^2} = 0 \Rightarrow k = \dfrac{4}{\sqrt{x}}$

$f(x) = 0 \Rightarrow k\sqrt{x} - \ln x = 0 \Rightarrow k = \dfrac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}}$

Therefore, $\dfrac{4}{\sqrt{x}} = \dfrac{\ln x}{\sqrt{x}}$

$\Rightarrow 4 = \ln x$

$\Rightarrow x = e^4$

$\Rightarrow k = \dfrac{4}{e^2}$

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$g'(0) = a - 4$

$g''(x) = a^2e^{ax} + f''(x)$

$g''(0) = a^2 + 3$

$$4 : \begin{cases} 1 : g'(x) \\ 1 : g'(0) \\ 1 : g''(x) \\ 1 : g''(0) \end{cases}$$

(b) $h'(x) = f'(x)\cos(kx) - k\sin(kx)f(x)$

$h'(0) = f'(0)\cos(0) - k\sin(0)f(0) = f'(0) = -4$

$h(0) = \cos(0)f(0) = 2$

The equation of the tangent line is $y = -4x + 2$.

$$5 : \begin{cases} 2 : h'(x) \\ 3 : \begin{cases} 1 : h'(0) \\ 1 : h(0) \\ 1 : \text{equation of tangent line} \end{cases} \end{cases}$$