

# **2001 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

**CALCULUS BC**  
**SECTION II, Part A**  
**Time—45 minutes**  
**Number of problems—3**

**A graphing calculator is required for some problems or parts of problems.**

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for  $0 \leq t \leq 3$ . At time  $t = 2$ , the object is at position  $(4, 5)$ .

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$t$ (days)	$W(t)$ (°C)
0	20
3	31
6	28
9	24
12	22
15	21

2. The temperature, in degrees Celsius (°C), of the water in a pond is a differentiable function  $W$  of time  $t$ . The table above shows the water temperature as recorded every 3 days over a 15-day period.
- (a) Use data from the table to find an approximation for  $W'(12)$ . Show the computations that lead to your answer. Indicate units of measure.
- (b) Approximate the average temperature, in degrees Celsius, of the water over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 15$  days by using a trapezoidal approximation with subintervals of length  $\Delta t = 3$  days.
- (c) A student proposes the function  $P$ , given by  $P(t) = 20 + 10te^{(-t/3)}$ , as a model for the temperature of the water in the pond at time  $t$ , where  $t$  is measured in days and  $P(t)$  is measured in degrees Celsius. Find  $P'(12)$ . Using appropriate units, explain the meaning of your answer in terms of water temperature.
- (d) Use the function  $P$  defined in part (c) to find the average value, in degrees Celsius, of  $P(t)$  over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 15$  days.
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**Question 1**

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(a)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3 \sin(t^2)}{\cos(t^3)}$   

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=2} = \frac{3 \sin(2^2)}{\cos(2^3)} = 15.604$$
  
 $y - 5 = 15.604(x - 4)$

1 : tangent line

(b) Speed  $= \sqrt{\cos^2(8) + 9 \sin^2(4)} = 2.275$

1 : answer

(c) Distance  $= \int_0^1 \sqrt{\cos^2(t^3) + 9 \sin^2(t^2)} dt$   
 $= 1.458$

3 : 
$$\begin{cases} 2 : \text{distance integral} \\ <-1> \text{ each integrand error} \\ <-1> \text{ error in limits} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$$

(d)  $x(3) = 4 + \int_2^3 \cos(t^3) dt = 3.953 \text{ or } 3.954$   
 $y(3) = 5 + \int_2^3 3 \sin(t^2) dt = 4.906$

4 : 
$$\begin{cases} 1 : \text{definite integral for } x \\ 1 : \text{answer for } x(3) \\ 1 : \text{definite integral for } y \\ 1 : \text{answer for } y(3) \end{cases}$$