CALCULUS AB
SECTION II, Part B
Time—45 minutes
Number of problems—3

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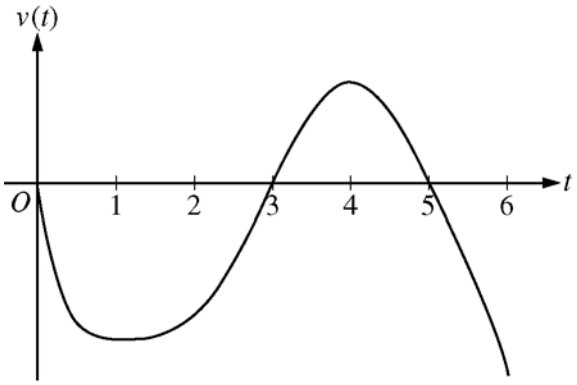

Graph of v

4. A particle moves along the x-axis so that its velocity at time t, for $0 \le t \le 6$, is given by a differentiable function v whose graph is shown above. The velocity is 0 at $t = 0$, $t = 3$, and $t = 5$, and the graph has horizontal tangents at $t = 1$ and $t = 4$. The areas of the regions bounded by the t-axis and the graph of v on the intervals $[0, 3]$, $[3, 5]$, and $[5, 6]$ are 8, 3, and 2, respectively. At time $t = 0$, the particle is at $x = -2$.

   (a) For $0 \le t \le 6$, find both the time and the position of the particle when the particle is farthest to the left. Justify your answer.

   (b) For how many values of t, where $0 \le t \le 6$, is the particle at $x = -8$? Explain your reasoning.

   (c) On the interval $2 < t < 3$, is the speed of the particle increasing or decreasing? Give a reason for your answer.

   (d) During what time intervals, if any, is the acceleration of the particle negative? Justify your answer.

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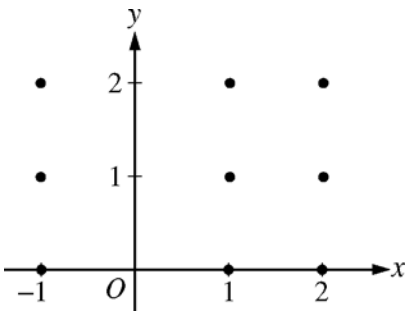
5. Consider the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{y-1}{x^2}$, where $x \neq 0$.

(a) On the axes provided, sketch a slope field for the given differential equation at the nine points indicated.

(Note: Use the axes provided in the exam booklet.)



(b) Find the particular solution $y = f(x)$ to the differential equation with the initial condition $f(2) = 0$.

(c) For the particular solution $y = f(x)$ described in part (b), find $\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x)$.

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6. Let f be the function given by $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x}$ for all $x > 0$. The derivative of f is given by $f'(x) = \frac{1 - \ln x}{x^2}$.

(a) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of f at $x = e^2$.

(b) Find the x-coordinate of the critical point of f. Determine whether this point is a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither for the function f. Justify your answer.

(c) The graph of the function f has exactly one point of inflection. Find the x-coordinate of this point.

(d) Find $\lim_{x \to 0^+} f(x)$.

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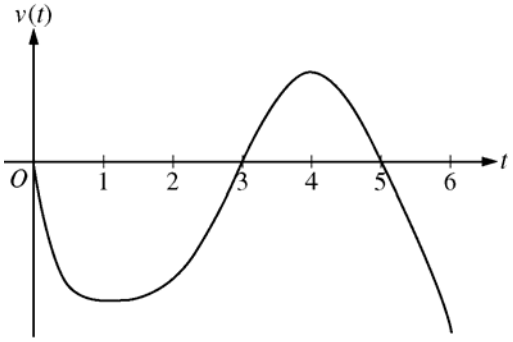
Question 4



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(a) Since $v(t) < 0$ for $0 < t < 3$ and $5 < t < 6$, and $v(t) > 0$ for $3 < t < 5$, we consider $t = 3$ and $t = 6$.

$$x(3) = -2 + \int_0^3 v(t)\,dt = -2 - 8 = -10$$

$$x(6) = -2 + \int_0^6 v(t)\,dt = -2 - 8 + 3 - 2 = -9$$

Therefore, the particle is farthest left at time $t = 3$ when its position is $x(3) = -10$.

3 : { 1 : identifies $t = 3$ as a candidate; 1 : considers $\int_0^6 v(t)\,dt$; 1 : conclusion }

(b) The particle moves continuously and monotonically from $x(0) = -2$ to $x(3) = -10$. Similarly, the particle moves continuously and monotonically from $x(3) = -10$ to $x(5) = -7$ and also from $x(5) = -7$ to $x(6) = -9$.

By the Intermediate Value Theorem, there are three values of t for which the particle is at $x(t) = -8$.

3 : { 1 : positions at $t = 3$, $t = 5$, and $t = 6$; 1 : description of motion; 1 : conclusion }

(c) The speed is decreasing on the interval $2 < t < 3$ since on this interval $v < 0$ and v is increasing.

1 : answer with reason

(d) The acceleration is negative on the intervals $0 < t < 1$ and $4 < t < 6$ since velocity is decreasing on these intervals.

2 : { 1 : answer; 1 : justification }

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