

2018 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

**CALCULUS BC
SECTION II, Part A
Time—30 minutes
Number of questions—2**

A GRAPHING CALCULATOR IS REQUIRED FOR THESE QUESTIONS.

1. People enter a line for an escalator at a rate modeled by the function r given by

$$r(t) = \begin{cases} 44\left(\frac{t}{100}\right)^3\left(1 - \frac{t}{300}\right)^7 & \text{for } 0 \leq t \leq 300 \\ 0 & \text{for } t > 300, \end{cases}$$

where $r(t)$ is measured in people per second and t is measured in seconds. As people get on the escalator, they exit the line at a constant rate of 0.7 person per second. There are 20 people in line at time $t = 0$.

- How many people enter the line for the escalator during the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 300$?
- During the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 300$, there are always people in line for the escalator. How many people are in line at time $t = 300$?
- For $t > 300$, what is the first time t that there are no people in line for the escalator?
- For $0 \leq t \leq 300$, at what time t is the number of people in line a minimum? To the nearest whole number, find the number of people in line at this time. Justify your answer.

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2. Researchers on a boat are investigating plankton cells in a sea. At a depth of h meters, the density of plankton cells, in millions of cells per cubic meter, is modeled by $p(h) = 0.2h^2e^{-0.0025h^2}$ for $0 \leq h \leq 30$ and is modeled by $f(h)$ for $h \geq 30$. The continuous function f is not explicitly given.
- (a) Find $p'(25)$. Using correct units, interpret the meaning of $p'(25)$ in the context of the problem.
- (b) Consider a vertical column of water in this sea with horizontal cross sections of constant area 3 square meters. To the nearest million, how many plankton cells are in this column of water between $h = 0$ and $h = 30$ meters?
- (c) There is a function u such that $0 \leq f(h) \leq u(h)$ for all $h \geq 30$ and $\int_{30}^{\infty} u(h) dh = 105$. The column of water in part (b) is K meters deep, where $K > 30$. Write an expression involving one or more integrals that gives the number of plankton cells, in millions, in the entire column. Explain why the number of plankton cells in the column is less than or equal to 2000 million.
- (d) The boat is moving on the surface of the sea. At time $t \geq 0$, the position of the boat is $(x(t), y(t))$, where $x'(t) = 662 \sin(5t)$ and $y'(t) = 880 \cos(6t)$. Time t is measured in hours, and $x(t)$ and $y(t)$ are measured in meters. Find the total distance traveled by the boat over the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 1$.
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END OF PART A OF SECTION II

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Question 1

(a) $\int_0^{300} r(t) dt = 270$

According to the model, 270 people enter the line for the escalator during the time interval $0 \leq t \leq 300$.

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{integral} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

(b) $20 + \int_0^{300} (r(t) - 0.7) dt = 20 + \int_0^{300} r(t) dt - 0.7 \cdot 300 = 80$

According to the model, 80 people are in line at time $t = 300$.

2 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers rate out} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

- (c) Based on part (b), the number of people in line at time $t = 300$ is 80.

1 : answer

The first time t that there are no people in line is

$$300 + \frac{80}{0.7} = 414.286 \text{ (or } 414.285\text{)} \text{ seconds.}$$

- (d) The total number of people in line at time t , $0 \leq t \leq 300$, is modeled by

$$20 + \int_0^t r(x) dx - 0.7t.$$

$$r(t) - 0.7 = 0 \Rightarrow t_1 = 33.013298, t_2 = 166.574719$$

4 : $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{considers } r(t) - 0.7 = 0 \\ 1 : \text{identifies } t = 33.013 \\ 1 : \text{answers} \\ 1 : \text{justification} \end{cases}$

t	People in line for escalator
0	20
t_1	3.803
t_2	158.070
300	80

The number of people in line is a minimum at time $t = 33.013$ seconds, when there are 4 people in line.