

**2009 AP® CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

$x$	2	3	5	8	13
$f(x)$	1	4	-2	3	6

5. Let  $f$  be a function that is twice differentiable for all real numbers. The table above gives values of  $f$  for selected points in the closed interval  $2 \leq x \leq 13$ .
- (a) Estimate  $f'(4)$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (b) Evaluate  $\int_2^{13} (3 - 5f'(x)) dx$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (c) Use a left Riemann sum with subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate  $\int_2^{13} f(x) dx$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (d) Suppose  $f'(5) = 3$  and  $f''(x) < 0$  for all  $x$  in the closed interval  $5 \leq x \leq 8$ . Use the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $x = 5$  to show that  $f(7) \leq 4$ . Use the secant line for the graph of  $f$  on  $5 \leq x \leq 8$  to show that  $f(7) \geq \frac{4}{3}$ .
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6. The Maclaurin series for  $e^x$  is  $e^x = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{6} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!} + \cdots$ . The continuous function  $f$  is defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{e^{(x-1)^2} - 1}{(x-1)^2} \text{ for } x \neq 1 \text{ and } f(1) = 1. \text{ The function } f \text{ has derivatives of all orders at } x = 1.$$

- (a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for  $e^{(x-1)^2}$  about  $x = 1$ .
- (b) Use the Taylor series found in part (a) to write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 1$ .
- (c) Use the ratio test to find the interval of convergence for the Taylor series found in part (b).
- (d) Use the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 1$  to determine whether the graph of  $f$  has any points of inflection.
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**Question 6**

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- (a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for  $e^{(x-1)^2}$  about  $x = 1$ .
- (b) Use the Taylor series found in part (a) to write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 1$ .
- (c) Use the ratio test to find the interval of convergence for the Taylor series found in part (b).
- (d) Use the Taylor series for  $f$  about  $x = 1$  to determine whether the graph of  $f$  has any points of inflection.

(a)  $1 + (x-1)^2 + \frac{(x-1)^4}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^6}{6} + \cdots + \frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{n!} + \cdots$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{first four terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$

(b)  $1 + \frac{(x-1)^2}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^4}{6} + \frac{(x-1)^6}{24} + \cdots + \frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{(n+1)!} + \cdots$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{first four terms} \\ 1 : \text{general term} \end{cases}$

(c) 
$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{\frac{(x-1)^{2n+2}}{(n+2)!}}{\frac{(x-1)^{2n}}{(n+1)!}} \right| = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(n+1)!}{(n+2)!} (x-1)^2 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x-1)^2}{n+2} = 0$$

3 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{sets up ratio} \\ 1 : \text{computes limit of ratio} \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

Therefore, the interval of convergence is  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

(d) 
$$f''(x) = 1 + \frac{4 \cdot 3}{6} (x-1)^2 + \frac{6 \cdot 5}{24} (x-1)^4 + \cdots + \frac{2n(2n-1)}{(n+1)!} (x-1)^{2n-2} + \cdots$$

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

Since every term of this series is nonnegative,  $f''(x) \geq 0$  for all  $x$ .  
Therefore, the graph of  $f$  has no points of inflection.