

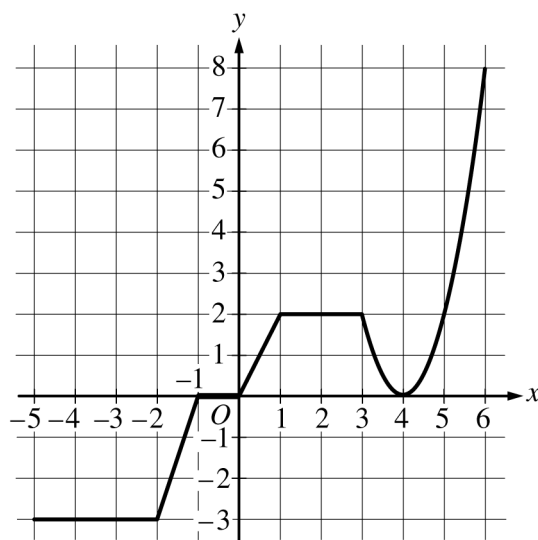
**2018 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

**CALCULUS BC**  
**SECTION II, Part B**

**Time—1 hour**

**Number of questions—4**

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Graph of  $g$

3. The graph of the continuous function  $g$ , the derivative of the function  $f$ , is shown above. The function  $g$  is piecewise linear for  $-5 \leq x < 3$ , and  $g(x) = 2(x - 4)^2$  for  $3 \leq x \leq 6$ .
- (a) If  $f(1) = 3$ , what is the value of  $f(-5)$ ?
- (b) Evaluate  $\int_1^6 g(x) \, dx$ .
- (c) For  $-5 < x < 6$ , on what open intervals, if any, is the graph of  $f$  both increasing and concave up? Give a reason for your answer.
- (d) Find the  $x$ -coordinate of each point of inflection of the graph of  $f$ . Give a reason for your answer.
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$t$ (years)	2	3	5	7	10
$H(t)$ (meters)	1.5	2	6	11	15

4. The height of a tree at time  $t$  is given by a twice-differentiable function  $H$ , where  $H(t)$  is measured in meters and  $t$  is measured in years. Selected values of  $H(t)$  are given in the table above.

(a) Use the data in the table to estimate  $H'(6)$ . Using correct units, interpret the meaning of  $H'(6)$  in the context of the problem.

(b) Explain why there must be at least one time  $t$ , for  $2 < t < 10$ , such that  $H'(t) = 2$ .

(c) Use a trapezoidal sum with the four subintervals indicated by the data in the table to approximate the average height of the tree over the time interval  $2 \leq t \leq 10$ .

(d) The height of the tree, in meters, can also be modeled by the function  $G$ , given by  $G(x) = \frac{100x}{1+x}$ , where  $x$  is the diameter of the base of the tree, in meters. When the tree is 50 meters tall, the diameter of the base of the tree is increasing at a rate of 0.03 meter per year. According to this model, what is the rate of change of the height of the tree with respect to time, in meters per year, at the time when the tree is 50 meters tall?

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**Question 3**

(a)  $f(-5) = f(1) + \int_1^{-5} g(x) \, dx = f(1) - \int_{-5}^1 g(x) \, dx$   
 $= 3 - \left(-9 - \frac{3}{2} + 1\right) = 3 - \left(-\frac{19}{2}\right) = \frac{25}{2}$

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

(b)  $\int_1^6 g(x) \, dx = \int_1^3 g(x) \, dx + \int_3^6 g(x) \, dx$   
 $= \int_1^3 2 \, dx + \int_3^6 2(x-4)^2 \, dx$   
 $= 4 + \left[\frac{2}{3}(x-4)^3\right]_{x=3}^{x=6} = 4 + \frac{16}{3} - \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = 10$

3 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{split at } x = 3 \\ 1 : \text{antiderivative of } 2(x-4)^2 \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

(c) The graph of  $f$  is increasing and concave up on  $0 < x < 1$  and  $4 < x < 6$  because  $f'(x) = g(x) > 0$  and  $f'(x) = g(x)$  is increasing on those intervals.

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{intervals} \\ 1 : \text{reason} \end{cases}$

(d) The graph of  $f$  has a point of inflection at  $x = 4$  because  $f'(x) = g(x)$  changes from decreasing to increasing at  $x = 4$ .

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