

**2006 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS**

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

**No calculator is allowed for these problems.**

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$t$ (seconds)	0	10	20	30	40	50	60	70	80
$v(t)$ (feet per second)	5	14	22	29	35	40	44	47	49

4. Rocket *A* has positive velocity  $v(t)$  after being launched upward from an initial height of 0 feet at time  $t = 0$  seconds. The velocity of the rocket is recorded for selected values of  $t$  over the interval  $0 \leq t \leq 80$  seconds, as shown in the table above.
- (a) Find the average acceleration of rocket *A* over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 80$  seconds. Indicate units of measure.
- (b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of  $\int_{10}^{70} v(t) dt$  in terms of the rocket's flight. Use a midpoint Riemann sum with 3 subintervals of equal length to approximate  $\int_{10}^{70} v(t) dt$ .
- (c) Rocket *B* is launched upward with an acceleration of  $a(t) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{t+1}}$  feet per second per second. At time  $t = 0$  seconds, the initial height of the rocket is 0 feet, and the initial velocity is 2 feet per second. Which of the two rockets is traveling faster at time  $t = 80$  seconds? Explain your answer.
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5. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 5x^2 - \frac{6}{y-2}$  for  $y \neq 2$ . Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition  $f(-1) = -4$ .

- (a) Evaluate  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  and  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  at  $(-1, -4)$ .
- (b) Is it possible for the  $x$ -axis to be tangent to the graph of  $f$  at some point? Explain why or why not.
- (c) Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = -1$ .
- (d) Use Euler's method, starting at  $x = -1$  with two steps of equal size, to approximate  $f(0)$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
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6. The function  $f$  is defined by the power series

$$f(x) = -\frac{x}{2} + \frac{2x^2}{3} - \frac{3x^3}{4} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n nx^n}{n+1} + \dots$$

for all real numbers  $x$  for which the series converges. The function  $g$  is defined by the power series

$$g(x) = 1 - \frac{x}{2!} + \frac{x^2}{4!} - \frac{x^3}{6!} + \dots + \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{(2n)!} + \dots$$

for all real numbers  $x$  for which the series converges.

- (a) Find the interval of convergence of the power series for  $f$ . Justify your answer.
- (b) The graph of  $y = f(x) - g(x)$  passes through the point  $(0, -1)$ . Find  $y'(0)$  and  $y''(0)$ . Determine whether  $y$  has a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at  $x = 0$ . Give a reason for your answer.
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**END OF EXAM**

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**Question 4**

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- (a) Find the average acceleration of rocket  $A$  over the time interval  $0 \leq t \leq 80$  seconds. Indicate units of measure.

- (b) Using correct units, explain the meaning of  $\int_{10}^{70} v(t) dt$  in terms of the rocket's flight. Use a midpoint

Riemann sum with 3 subintervals of equal length to approximate  $\int_{10}^{70} v(t) dt$ .

- (c) Rocket  $B$  is launched upward with an acceleration of  $a(t) = \frac{3}{\sqrt{t+1}}$  feet per second per second. At time  $t = 0$  seconds, the initial height of the rocket is 0 feet, and the initial velocity is 2 feet per second. Which of the two rockets is traveling faster at time  $t = 80$  seconds? Explain your answer.

- (a) Average acceleration of rocket  $A$  is

$$\frac{v(80) - v(0)}{80 - 0} = \frac{49 - 5}{80} = \frac{11}{20} \text{ ft/sec}^2$$

- (b) Since the velocity is positive,  $\int_{10}^{70} v(t) dt$  represents the distance, in feet, traveled by rocket  $A$  from  $t = 10$  seconds to  $t = 70$  seconds.

A midpoint Riemann sum is

$$20[v(20) + v(40) + v(60)] \\ = 20[22 + 35 + 44] = 2020 \text{ ft}$$

- (c) Let  $v_B(t)$  be the velocity of rocket  $B$  at time  $t$ .

$$v_B(t) = \int \frac{3}{\sqrt{t+1}} dt = 6\sqrt{t+1} + C$$

$$2 = v_B(0) = 6 + C$$

$$v_B(t) = 6\sqrt{t+1} - 4$$

$$v_B(80) = 50 > 49 = v(80)$$

Rocket  $B$  is traveling faster at time  $t = 80$  seconds.

Units of  $\text{ft/sec}^2$  in (a) and  $\text{ft}$  in (b)

1 : answer

3 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{explanation} \\ 1 : \text{uses } v(20), v(40), v(60) \\ 1 : \text{value} \end{cases}$

4 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : 6\sqrt{t+1} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition} \\ 1 : \text{finds } v_B(80), \text{ compares to } v(80), \\ \quad \text{and draws a conclusion} \end{cases}$

1 : units in (a) and (b)