

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

3. An object moving along a curve in the  $xy$ -plane is at position  $(x(t), y(t))$  at time  $t$ , where

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \sin^{-1}(1 - 2e^{-t}) \text{ and } \frac{dy}{dt} = \frac{4t}{1 + t^3}$$

for  $t \geq 0$ . At time  $t = 2$ , the object is at the point  $(6, -3)$ . (Note:  $\sin^{-1} x = \arcsin x$ )

- Find the acceleration vector and the speed of the object at time  $t = 2$ .
  - The curve has a vertical tangent line at one point. At what time  $t$  is the object at this point?
  - Let  $m(t)$  denote the slope of the line tangent to the curve at the point  $(x(t), y(t))$ . Write an expression for  $m(t)$  in terms of  $t$  and use it to evaluate  $\lim_{t \rightarrow \infty} m(t)$ .
  - The graph of the curve has a horizontal asymptote  $y = c$ . Write, but do not evaluate, an expression involving an improper integral that represents this value  $c$ .
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**END OF PART A OF SECTION II**

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**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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