

# 2001 AP® 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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4. Let  $h$  be a function defined for all  $x \neq 0$  such that  $h(4) = -3$  and the derivative of  $h$  is given by

$$h'(x) = \frac{x^2 - 2}{x} \text{ for all } x \neq 0.$$

- (a) Find all values of  $x$  for which the graph of  $h$  has a horizontal tangent, and determine whether  $h$  has a local maximum, a local minimum, or neither at each of these values. Justify your answers.  
(b) On what intervals, if any, is the graph of  $h$  concave up? Justify your answer.  
(c) Write an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $h$  at  $x = 4$ .  
(d) Does the line tangent to the graph of  $h$  at  $x = 4$  lie above or below the graph of  $h$  for  $x > 4$ ? Why?
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5. Let  $f$  be the function satisfying  $f'(x) = -3xf(x)$ , for all real numbers  $x$ , with  $f(1) = 4$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0$ .

- (a) Evaluate  $\int_1^\infty -3xf(x)dx$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.  
(b) Use Euler's method, starting at  $x = 1$  with a step size of 0.5, to approximate  $f(2)$ .  
(c) Write an expression for  $y = f(x)$  by solving the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -3xy$  with the initial condition  $f(1) = 4$ .
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6. A function  $f$  is defined by

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3^2} x + \frac{3}{3^3} x^2 + \cdots + \frac{n+1}{3^{n+1}} x^n + \cdots$$

for all  $x$  in the interval of convergence of the given power series.

- (a) Find the interval of convergence for this power series. Show the work that leads to your answer.

(b) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x) - \frac{1}{3}}{x}$ .

- (c) Write the first three nonzero terms and the general term for an infinite series that represents  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$ .

- (d) Find the sum of the series determined in part (c).
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**END OF EXAMINATION**

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**Question 5**

Let  $f$  be the function satisfying  $f'(x) = -3xf(x)$ , for all real numbers  $x$ , with  $f(1) = 4$  and

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = 0.$$

- (a) Evaluate  $\int_1^{\infty} -3xf(x) dx$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (b) Use Euler's method, starting at  $x = 1$  with a step size of 0.5, to approximate  $f(2)$ .
- (c) Write an expression for  $y = f(x)$  by solving the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -3xy$  with the initial condition  $f(1) = 4$ .

$$\begin{aligned} (a) \quad & \int_1^{\infty} -3xf(x) dx \\ &= \int_1^{\infty} f'(x) dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \int_1^b f'(x) dx = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} f(x) \Big|_1^b \\ &= \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} f(b) - f(1) = 0 - 4 = -4 \end{aligned}$$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{use of FTC} \\ 1 : \text{answer from limiting process} \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} (b) \quad & f(1.5) \approx f(1) + f'(1)(0.5) \\ &= 4 - 3(1)(4)(0.5) = -2 \\ &f(2) \approx -2 + f'(1.5)(0.5) \\ &\approx -2 - 3(1.5)(-2)(0.5) = 2.5 \end{aligned}$$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{Euler's method equations or equivalent table} \\ 1 : \text{Euler approximation to } f(2) \\ (not \text{ eligible without first point}) \end{cases}$

$$\begin{aligned} (c) \quad & \frac{1}{y} dy = -3x dx \\ & \ln y = -\frac{3}{2}x^2 + k \\ & y = Ce^{-\frac{3}{2}x^2} \\ & 4 = Ce^{-\frac{3}{2}} ; C = 4e^{\frac{3}{2}} \\ & y = 4e^{\frac{3}{2}} e^{-\frac{3}{2}x^2} \end{aligned}$$

5 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{separates variables} \\ 1 : \text{antiderivatives} \\ 1 : \text{constant of integration} \\ 1 : \text{uses initial condition } f(1) = 4 \\ 1 : \text{solves for } y \end{cases}$

Note: max 2/5 [1-1-0-0-0] if no constant of integration

Note: 0/5 if no separation of variables