AP Calculus BC

Free-Response Questions

CALCULUS BC

SECTION II, Part A

Time—30 minutes
2 Questions

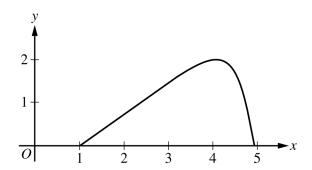
A GRAPHING CALCULATOR IS REQUIRED FOR THESE QUESTIONS.

t (seconds)	0	60	90	120	135	150
f(t) (gallons per second)	0	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.05	0

- 1. A customer at a gas station is pumping gasoline into a gas tank. The rate of flow of gasoline is modeled by a differentiable function f, where f(t) is measured in gallons per second and t is measured in seconds since pumping began. Selected values of f(t) are given in the table.
 - (a) Using correct units, interpret the meaning of $\int_{60}^{135} f(t) dt$ in the context of the problem. Use a right Riemann sum with the three subintervals [60, 90], [90, 120], and [120, 135] to approximate the value of $\int_{60}^{135} f(t) dt$.
 - (b) Must there exist a value of c, for 60 < c < 120, such that f'(c) = 0? Justify your answer.
 - (c) The rate of flow of gasoline, in gallons per second, can also be modeled by $g(t) = \left(\frac{t}{500}\right) \cos\left(\left(\frac{t}{120}\right)^2\right)$ for $0 \le t \le 150$. Using this model, find the average rate of flow of gasoline over the time interval $0 \le t \le 150$.

Show the setup for your calculations.

(d) Using the model g defined in part (c), find the value of g'(140). Interpret the meaning of your answer in the context of the problem.



- 2. For $0 \le t \le \pi$, a particle is moving along the curve shown so that its position at time t is (x(t), y(t)), where x(t) is not explicitly given and $y(t) = 2 \sin t$. It is known that $\frac{dx}{dt} = e^{\cos t}$. At time t = 0, the particle is at position (1, 0).
 - (a) Find the acceleration vector of the particle at time t = 1. Show the setup for your calculations.
 - (b) For $0 \le t \le \pi$, find the first time t at which the speed of the particle is 1.5. Show the work that leads to your answer.
 - (c) Find the slope of the line tangent to the path of the particle at time t = 1. Find the x-coordinate of the position of the particle at time t = 1. Show the work that leads to your answers.
 - (d) Find the total distance traveled by the particle over the time interval $0 \le t \le \pi$. Show the setup for your calculations.

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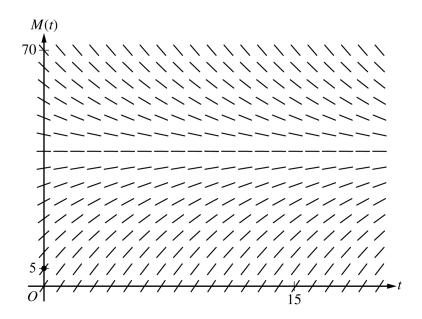
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SECTION II, Part B

Time—1 hour
4 Questions

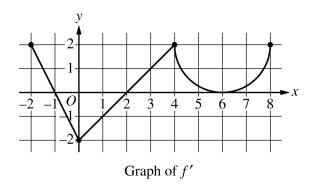
NO CALCULATOR IS ALLOWED FOR THESE QUESTIONS.

- 3. A bottle of milk is taken out of a refrigerator and placed in a pan of hot water to be warmed. The increasing function M models the temperature of the milk at time t, where M(t) is measured in degrees Celsius (°C) and t is the number of minutes since the bottle was placed in the pan. M satisfies the differential equation $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}(40 M).$ At time t = 0, the temperature of the milk is 5°C. It can be shown that M(t) < 40 for all values of t.
 - (a) A slope field for the differential equation $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}(40 M)$ is shown. Sketch the solution curve through the point (0, 5).

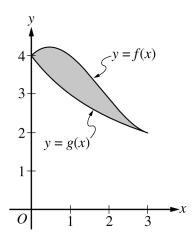


- (b) Use the line tangent to the graph of M at t = 0 to approximate M(2), the temperature of the milk at time t = 2 minutes.
- (c) Write an expression for $\frac{d^2M}{dt^2}$ in terms of M. Use $\frac{d^2M}{dt^2}$ to determine whether the approximation from part (b) is an underestimate or an overestimate for the actual value of M(2). Give a reason for your answer.
- (d) Use separation of variables to find an expression for M(t), the particular solution to the differential equation $\frac{dM}{dt} = \frac{1}{4}(40 M)$ with initial condition M(0) = 5.

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- 4. The function f is defined on the closed interval [-2, 8] and satisfies f(2) = 1. The graph of f', the derivative of f, consists of two line segments and a semicircle, as shown in the figure.
 - (a) Does f have a relative minimum, a relative maximum, or neither at x = 6? Give a reason for your answer.
 - (b) On what open intervals, if any, is the graph of f concave down? Give a reason for your answer.
 - (c) Find the value of $\lim_{x\to 2} \frac{6f(x) 3x}{x^2 5x + 6}$, or show that it does not exist. Justify your answer.
 - (d) Find the absolute minimum value of f on the closed interval [-2, 8]. Justify your answer.



- 5. The graphs of the functions f and g are shown in the figure for $0 \le x \le 3$. It is known that $g(x) = \frac{12}{3+x}$ for $x \ge 0$. The twice-differentiable function f, which is not explicitly given, satisfies f(3) = 2 and $\int_0^3 f(x) \, dx = 10$.
 - (a) Find the area of the shaded region enclosed by the graphs of f and g.
 - (b) Evaluate the improper integral $\int_0^\infty (g(x))^2 dx$, or show that the integral diverges.
 - (c) Let h be the function defined by $h(x) = x \cdot f'(x)$. Find the value of $\int_0^3 h(x) \ dx$.

- 6. The function f has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. It is known that f(0) = 2, f'(0) = 3, $f''(x) = -f(x^2)$, and $f'''(x) = -2x \cdot f'(x^2)$.
 - (a) Find $f^{(4)}(x)$, the fourth derivative of f with respect to x. Write the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about x = 0. Show the work that leads to your answer.
 - (b) The fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for f about x = 0 is used to approximate f(0.1). Given that $\left| f^{(5)}(x) \right| \le 15$ for $0 \le x \le 0.5$, use the Lagrange error bound to show that this approximation is within $\frac{1}{10^5}$ of the exact value of f(0.1).
 - (c) Let g be the function such that g(0) = 4 and $g'(x) = e^x f(x)$. Write the second-degree Taylor polynomial for g about x = 0.

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