

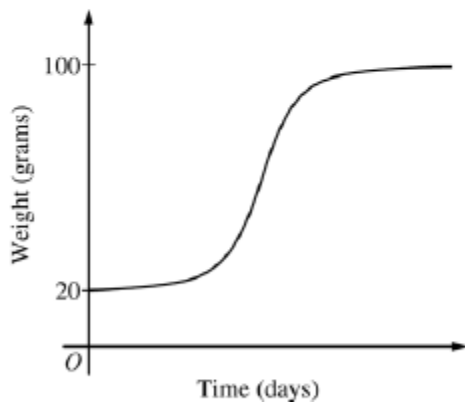
2012 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

5. The rate at which a baby bird gains weight is proportional to the difference between its adult weight and its current weight. At time  $t = 0$ , when the bird is first weighed, its weight is 20 grams. If  $B(t)$  is the weight of the bird, in grams, at time  $t$  days after it is first weighed, then

$$\frac{dB}{dt} = \frac{1}{5}(100 - B).$$

Let  $y = B(t)$  be the solution to the differential equation above with initial condition  $B(0) = 20$ .

- (a) Is the bird gaining weight faster when it weighs 40 grams or when it weighs 70 grams? Explain your reasoning.
- (b) Find  $\frac{d^2B}{dt^2}$  in terms of  $B$ . Use  $\frac{d^2B}{dt^2}$  to explain why the graph of  $B$  cannot resemble the following graph.



- (c) Use separation of variables to find  $y = B(t)$ , the particular solution to the differential equation with initial condition  $B(0) = 20$ .
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2011 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

5. At the beginning of 2010, a landfill contained 1400 tons of solid waste. The increasing function  $W$  models the total amount of solid waste stored at the landfill. Planners estimate that  $W$  will satisfy the differential equation  $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$  for the next 20 years.  $W$  is measured in tons, and  $t$  is measured in years from the start of 2010.
- (a) Use the line tangent to the graph of  $W$  at  $t = 0$  to approximate the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at the end of the first 3 months of 2010 (time  $t = \frac{1}{4}$ ).
- (b) Find  $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$  in terms of  $W$ . Use  $\frac{d^2W}{dt^2}$  to determine whether your answer in part (a) is an underestimate or an overestimate of the amount of solid waste that the landfill contains at time  $t = \frac{1}{4}$ .
- (c) Find the particular solution  $W = W(t)$  to the differential equation  $\frac{dW}{dt} = \frac{1}{25}(W - 300)$  with initial condition  $W(0) = 1400$ .
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2010 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

5. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$ . Let  $y = f(x)$  be the particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition  $f(1) = 0$ . For this particular solution,  $f(x) < 1$  for all values of  $x$ .
- (a) 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.
- (b) Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x)}{x^3 - 1}$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (c) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y$  with the initial condition  $f(1) = 0$ .
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2009 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

4. Consider the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 6x^2 - x^2y$ . Let  $y = f(x)$  be a particular solution to this differential equation with the initial condition  $f(-1) = 2$ .
- (a) Use Euler's method with two steps of equal size, starting at  $x = -1$ , to approximate  $f(0)$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (b) At the point  $(-1, 2)$ , the value of  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  is  $-12$ . Find the second-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = -1$ .
- (c) Find the particular solution  $y = f(x)$  to the given differential equation with the initial condition  $f(-1) = 2$ .
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