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**Chapter 10. Annotated Solutions to Past Free-Response Questions**

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**2010 AB**  
**AP Calculus Free-Response**  
**Solutions and Notes**

**Question AB-1** 

(a)  $\int_0^6 f(t) dt \approx 142.275.$

(b)  $f(8) - g(8) \approx 48.417 - 108 = -59.583 \text{ ft}^3/\text{hr}.$

(c) 
$$h(t) = \begin{cases} 0, & \text{for } 0 \leq t < 6 \\ 125(t-6), & \text{for } 6 \leq t < 7 \\ 125 + 108(t-7), & \text{for } 7 \leq t \leq 9 \end{cases}$$

(d)  $\int_0^9 f(t) dt - h(9) \approx 367.335 - (125 + 2 \cdot 108) = 26.335.$

 **Notes:**

1. Students should expect that Part A of the free-response section of the exam (the calculator part) will continue to involve questions with a real-world context.
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**Question AB-2**

- (a) The rate at which entries were being deposited (in hundreds of entries per hour) is, approximately,  $\frac{E(7) - E(5)}{7 - 5} = \frac{21 - 13}{2} = \frac{8}{2} = 4$ .
- (b) The approximation is  $\frac{1}{8} \left( 2 \cdot \frac{0+4}{2} + 3 \cdot \frac{4+13}{2} + 2 \cdot \frac{13+21}{2} + 1 \cdot \frac{21+23}{2} \right)$ .<sup>□1</sup> This represents the average number of hundreds of entries in the box over the 8 hours.
- (c)  $E(8) - \int_8^{12} P(t) dt \approx 23 - 16.000 = 7$  hundred entries.
- (d) The question asks for the maximum value of  $P(t)$ .  $P'(t) = 0$  at  $t = 9.1835$  and  $t = 10.816$ . The maximum value of  $P(t)$  must occur at one of these, or at the endpoints,  $t = 8$  or  $t = 12$ .<sup>□2</sup>  $P(9.1835) = 5.089$ ,  $P(10.816) = 2.911$ ,  $P(8) = 0$ , and  $P(12) = 8$ . The maximum is at  $t = 12$ .

**Notes:**

1. No need to evaluate. For the curious, the value is  $\frac{1}{8}(85.5) = 10.6875$ .
  2. The candidate test is the simplest way to find the maximum.
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**Question AB-3**

- (a) The number of people who arrived at the ride between
- $t = 0$
- and
- $t = 3$
- is

$$\int_0^3 r(t) dt = \frac{1000+1200}{2} \cdot 2 + \frac{1200+800}{2} \cdot 1 = 3200.$$

- (b) For
- $2 \leq t < 3$
- people arrive at the rate greater than 800 people/hour and are removed from the line at the constant rate of 800 people/hour. The rate of arrival is greater than the rate of removal, so the number of people in the line is increasing.

- (c) Let
- $P(t)$
- be the number of people in the line at time
- $t$
- . Then
- $P'(t) = r(t) - 800$
- .

$P'(t) > 0$  for  $0 < t < 3$ , and  $P'(t) < 0$  for  $3 < t < 8$ . Therefore,  $P(t)$  reaches its maximum at  $t = 3$ . The line is longest at  $t = 3$ ; at that time there are

$$700 + \int_0^3 r(t) dt - 3 \cdot 800 = 700 + 3200 - 2400 = 1500 \text{ people in the line.}$$

- (d)
- $700 + \int_0^t (r(u) - 800) du = 0$
- .

**Question AB-4**  $\square_1$ 

(a) 
$$\text{Area} = \int_0^9 6 - 2\sqrt{x} dx = \left( 6x - \frac{4}{3}x^{3/2} \right) \Big|_0^9 = 54 - \frac{4}{3} \cdot 27 = 18.$$

(b) 
$$\text{Volume} = \pi \int_0^9 \left( (7 - 2\sqrt{x})^2 - 1 \right) dx.$$

(c) 
$$\text{Volume} = \int_0^6 (x \cdot 3x) dy = \int_0^6 \left( \frac{3y^4}{16} \right) dy. \square_2$$

**Notes:**

- This is the second consecutive year that an area-volume problem has appeared in Part B, the closed calculator part, of the free response. Concern over calculator programs that can unfairly assist students in the solution of area-volume problems is one possible reason for this.
- Not  $\int_0^9 3(6 - 2\sqrt{x})^2 dx$ . The sections are perpendicular to the y-axis, not the  $x$ -axis.

**Question AB-5**

(a)  $g(x) = 5 + \int_0^x g'(t) dt$ , so  $g(3) = 5 + \int_0^3 g'(t) dt = 5 + \pi + \frac{3}{2}$   $\square^1$  and

$$g(-2) = 5 + \int_0^{-2} g'(t) dt = 5 - \pi. \square^2$$

(b)  $x = 0$ ,  $x = 2$ , and  $x = 3$ , because  $g'(x)$  changes from increasing to decreasing or vice-versa at these points.

(c) At a critical point,  $h'(x) = g'(x) - x = 0 \Rightarrow g'(x) = x$ . The line  $y = x$  intersects the semicircle where  $x > 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 = 2x^2 = 4 \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{2}$ . At that point,  $h'(x)$  changes sign from positive to negative, so  $h(x)$  has a relative maximum there.

The line  $y = x$  also intersects the graph of  $y = g'(x)$  at  $x = 3$ .  $h'(x)$  does not change sign at  $x = 3$ , so there is neither a minimum nor a maximum there.

 **$\square$  Notes:**

1. Use geometry to calculate the areas, not the Fundamental Theorem!
  2. The integral from 0 to  $-2$  is negative.
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**Question AB-6**

(a) At the point  $(1, 2)$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 8$ . An equation of the tangent line is  $y - 2 = 8(x - 1)$ .

(b) The approximation is  $y = 2 + 8 \cdot 0.1 = 2.8$ . Since  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} > 0$  on the open interval  $(1, 1.1)$ , the graph of  $f$  is concave up there, and the tangent line lies below the graph of  $y = f(x)$  for  $1 \leq x \leq 1.1$ . Thus the approximation is less than  $f(1.1)$ .

(c)  $\int \frac{1}{y^3} dy = \int x dx \Rightarrow -\frac{1}{2y^2} = \frac{1}{2}x^2 + C$ . Substituting  $(1, 2)$  we get  $-\frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{2} + C \Rightarrow C = -\frac{5}{8}$ . Solving for  $y$ ,  $\frac{1}{y^2} = -x^2 + \frac{5}{4} \Rightarrow y = \left(\frac{5}{4} - x^2\right)^{-1/2}$  or  $y = -\left(\frac{5}{4} - x^2\right)^{-1/2}$ .

Since  $y(1) = 2 > 0$ , the particular solution we are looking for is

$$y = \left(\frac{5}{4} - x^2\right)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{5}{4} - x^2}}.$$

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**Question BC-1**

See AB Question 1.

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**Question BC-2**

See AB Question 2.

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**Question BC-3**

(a)  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 2t - 4 \Rightarrow \left. \frac{dx}{dt} \right|_{t=3} = 2$ .  $\left. \frac{dy}{dt} \right|_{t=3} = (te^{t-3} - 1)\big|_{t=3} = 2$ . The speed at  $t = 3$  is  $\sqrt{2^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{8}$ .

(b) Total distance traveled  $= \int_0^4 \sqrt{(2t-4)^2 + (te^{t-3} - 1)^2} dt \approx 11.588$ .

(c) The tangent to the path is horizontal when  $\frac{dy}{dt} = 0$ . Solving gives  $t \approx 2.208$ . At that time,  $\frac{dx}{dt} > 0$ , so the particle is moving to the right.

(d)

(i)  $x(t) = 5 \Rightarrow t^2 - 4t + 8 = 5 \Rightarrow t = 1$  or  $t = 3$ .

(ii) The slope is  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} = \frac{te^{t-3} - 1}{2t - 4}$ . At  $t = 1$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1/e^2 - 1}{-2} = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{2e^2}$ .

At  $t = 3$ ,  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2}{2} = 1$ .

(iii)  $y(3) = y(2) + \int_2^3 (te^{t-3} - 1) dt = 3 + \frac{1}{e} + \int_2^3 (te^{t-3} - 1) dt \approx 4.000$ .  $\square_1, \square_2$

**Notes:**

- Alternatively, we could calculate  $y(1)$ .
- The integral can be evaluated precisely using integration by parts:

$$\int_2^3 (te^{t-3} - 1) dt = \int_2^3 te^{t-3} dt - 1 = \left[ te^{t-3} - \int_2^3 e^{t-3} dt \right]_2^3 - 1 = \left[ (t-1)e^{t-3} \right]_2^3 - 1 = 1 - \frac{1}{e}.$$

**Question BC-4**

See AB Question 4.

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**Question BC-5**

(a) The step in Euler's method is  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . At  $(1, 0)$ , the slope  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 1 - y = 1$ , so

$$y_{new} = 0 + 1 \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{2}. \text{ At } \left(\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}\right), \text{ the slope is } 1 - \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{3}{2}, \text{ so}$$

$$y_{new} = -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{3}{2} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{4} = -\frac{5}{4}.$$

(b) Since  $f$  is continuous,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1) = 0$ , so we can use l'Hôpital's Rule:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(x)}{x^3 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f'(x)}{3x^2} = \frac{1}{3}.$$

(c)  $\int \frac{1}{1-y} dy = \int dx \Rightarrow -\ln|1-y| = x + C$ . Using the initial condition, we get

$C = -1 \Rightarrow -\ln|1-y| = x - 1 \Rightarrow |1-y| = e^{1-x}$ . We are told that  $y = f(x) < 1$  for this solution, so  $|1-y| = 1-y \Rightarrow 1-y = e^{1-x} \Rightarrow y = 1 - e^{1-x}$ .

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**Question BC-6**

$$(a) \quad \cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \dots + (-1)^n \frac{x^{2n}}{(2n)!} + \dots$$

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

(b)  $f'(0) = 0$ .  $\frac{f''(0)}{2!} = \frac{1}{4!} \Rightarrow f''(0) > 0$ . Therefore, by the Second Derivative Test,  $f$  has a relative minimum at  $x = 0$ .

(c) Integrating the first three terms of the series for  $f$ , we get

$$P_5(x) = -\frac{1}{2!}x + \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 4!} - \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 6!} + C. \text{ Since } g(0) = 1, C = 1 \Rightarrow$$

$$P_5(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{2!}x + \frac{x^3}{3 \cdot 4!} - \frac{x^5}{5 \cdot 6!}.$$

(d)  $g(1) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4!} - \frac{1}{5 \cdot 6!} + \dots$  and  $P_3(1) = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4!}$ . The alternating series estimate error  $|g(1) - P_3(1)|$  does not exceed the absolute value of the first omitted term in the series, which is  $\frac{1}{5 \cdot 6!}$ . Therefore,  $|g(1) - P_3(1)| < \frac{1}{5 \cdot 6!} < \frac{1}{6!}$ .

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**2010 AB (Form B)**  
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**Solutions and Notes**

**Question AB-1 (Form B)**

- (a) Area =  $\int_0^2 (6 - 4\ln(3-x)) dx \approx 6.817$ .
- (b) Volume =  $\pi \int_0^2 \left( (8 - 4\ln(3-x))^2 - 2^2 \right) dx \approx 168.180$ .
- (c)  $\int_0^2 (6 - 4\ln(3-x))^2 dx \approx 26.267$ .
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**Question AB-2 (Form B)**

- (a) The graph of  $g$  has a horizontal tangent where  $g'(x) = 0$  :  $x = 0.163$  and  $x = 0.359$ .
- (b) The graph of  $g$  is concave down where  $g''(x) < 0$ . This happens on one subinterval,  $0.129 < x < 0.223$ .  $\square^1$
- (c)  $g(0.3) = g(1) + \int_1^{0.3} g'(x) dx \approx 1.546$ . The slope at  $x = 0.3$  is  $g'(0.3) \approx -0.472$ . An equation of the tangent line is  $y - 1.546 = -0.472(x - 0.3)$ .
- (d) Since  $g''(x) > 0$  for  $0.25 < x < 1$ , the graph of  $g$  is concave up there, so the tangent line at  $x = 0.3$  lies under the graph of  $g$ .

$\square$  **Notes:**

1. Since  $g''(x) < 0$  on  $(0.129, 0.223)$ , we could say the graph of  $g$  is concave down on the closed interval  $[0.129, 0.223]$ .
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**Question AB-3 (Form B)**

(a) The midpoint Riemann sum is  $4 \cdot (46 + 57 + 62) = 660$  cubic feet.

(b) The amount of water leaked  $= \int_0^{12} R(t) dt \approx 225.594$  cubic feet.

(c) Volume  $= 1000 + 660 - 225.594 = 1434.406 \approx 1434$  cubic feet.

(d) Let  $V(t)$  be the volume of water in the pool at time  $t$ . Then

$$V'(8) = P(8) - R(8) \approx 60 - 16.758 = 43.242 \text{ cubic feet per hour. } \square_1$$

$$V = \pi r^2 h = 144\pi h, \text{ so } V'(t) = 144\pi \frac{dh}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dh}{dt} = \frac{V'(t)}{144\pi}. \text{ Therefore,}$$

$$\left. \frac{dh}{dt} \right|_{t=8} \approx \frac{43.242}{144\pi} \approx 0.096 \text{ feet per hour. } \square_2$$

**Notes:**

1. Or leave the answer as a fraction with  $\pi$ .
  2. Don't forget the units.
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**Question AB-4 (Form B)**

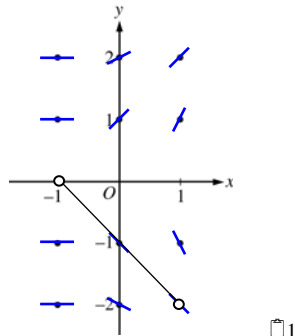
- (a) The squirrel changes direction at  $t = 9$  and at  $t = 15$ , because its velocity changes sign at each of these points in time.
- (b) The area of the trapezoid extending from  $t = 0$  to  $t = 9$  is  $\frac{9+5}{2} \cdot 20 = 140$ , so the squirrel moves 140 units towards  $B$  during that time. The area of the trapezoid from  $t = 9$  to  $t = 15$  is  $\frac{6+4}{2} \cdot 10 = 50$ , so the squirrel moves back 50 units towards  $A$  during that time. The area of the trapezoid from  $t = 15$  to  $t = 18$  is  $\frac{3+2}{2} \cdot 10 = 25$ , so the squirrel moves 25 units towards  $B$  during that time. Therefore, the distances from  $A$  are 140 at  $t = 9$ , 90 at  $t = 15$ , and 115 at  $t = 18$ . The maximum is 140 at  $t = 9$ .
- (c) Based on the calculations in Part (b), the total distance traveled by the squirrel is  $140 + 50 + 25 = 215$ .
- (d)  $a(t) = \frac{-10-20}{10-7} = -10$ ;  $v(t) = -10(t-9) = -10t + 90$ ;  $\square^1$   
 $x(t) = \int v(t)dt = -5t^2 + 90t + C$ . From Part (b),  $x(9) = 140 \Rightarrow \square^2$   
 $-5 \cdot 9^2 + 90 \cdot 9 + C = 140 \Rightarrow C = -265 \Rightarrow x(t) = -5t^2 + 90t - 265$ .

**Notes:**

- The graph of velocity on the interval  $7 < t < 10$  is a straight line. Its slope is equal to the acceleration. The equation of the line is written in the point-slope form for the point  $(9, 0)$ . We could use the point  $(7, 20)$  instead:  $v(t) = 20 - 10(t - 7)$ .
  - Be careful not to confuse  $v(9) = 0$  on the graph, which applies to the equation for the velocity, with  $x(9) = 140$ , which we use to find the equation for the distance.
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**Question AB-5 (Form B)**

(a)



(b)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -1$  when  $\frac{x+1}{y} = -1$ , that is,  $y = -x - 1$  and  $y \neq 0$ .

(c)  $\int y dy = \int (x+1) dx$ , so  $\frac{y^2}{2} = \frac{x^2}{2} + x + C$ .  $y(0) = -2 \Rightarrow C = 2 \Rightarrow$

$y^2 = x^2 + 2x + 4 \Rightarrow |y| = \sqrt{x^2 + 2x + 4}$ . Since the initial condition has  $y < 0$ , we choose  $y = -\sqrt{x^2 + 2x + 4}$ .

 **Notes:**

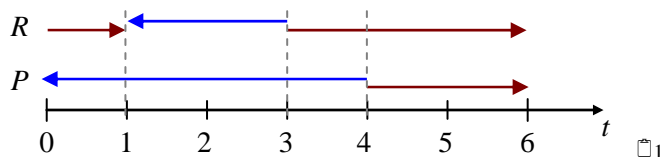
1. We are asked to sketch the solution on  $-1 < x < 1$ . Without this restriction, the domain of this solution would be  $(-1, \infty)$ . A particular solution to a differential equation is always defined on a connected interval. This differential equation is not defined when  $y = 0$ , so no solution can cross or touch the  $x$ -axis.
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**Question AB-6 (Form B)**

(a) Particle  $R$  moves to the right when  $r'(t) = 3t^2 - 12t + 9 > 0 \Rightarrow (t-3)(t-1) > 0 \Rightarrow 0 \leq t < 1$  and  $3 < t \leq 6$ .

(b) Particle  $P$  moves to the right when  $p'(t) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right) > 0 \Rightarrow \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}t\right) < 0 \Rightarrow \pi < \frac{\pi}{4}t < 2\pi \Rightarrow 4 < t \leq 6$ .



The particles travel in opposite directions for  $0 < t < 1$  and  $3 < t < 4$ .

(c) The acceleration is  $p''(3) = -\frac{\pi^2}{8} \cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\pi^2}{8} \cdot \left(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi^2\sqrt{2}}{16}$ . The velocity at  $t = 3$  is  $p'(3) = -\frac{\pi}{2} \sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{\pi\sqrt{2}}{4} < 0$ . Since the velocity and acceleration have opposite signs, the particle is slowing down.

(d) The distance between the particles is  $|p(t) - r(t)|$  and the average distance on the interval  $1 \leq t \leq 3$  is  $\frac{1}{3-1} \int_1^3 |p(t) - r(t)| dt$ .

 **Notes:**

1. A chart is not required but might be helpful.



# 2010 BC (Form B)

## AP Calculus Free-Response Solutions and Notes

### Question BC-1 (Form B)

See AB Question 1.

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### Question BC-2 (Form B)

(a) The tangent line is vertical when  $\frac{dx}{dt} = 0$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt} \neq 0$ .<sup>□1</sup> This occurs at  $t \approx 1.145$  and  $t \approx 1.253$ .

(b) Let the position of the particle be  $(x(t), y(t))$ . Then

$$x(1) = x(0) + \int_0^1 14 \cos(t^2) \sin(e^t) dt \approx -2 + 11.315 = 9.315 \text{ and}$$

$$y(1) = y(0) + \int_0^1 1 + 2 \sin(t^2) dt \approx 3 + 1.621 = 4.621. \text{ At } t = 1,$$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{t=1} = \left[ \frac{dy/dt}{dx/dt} \right]_{t=1} \approx \frac{2.6829}{3.1072} \approx 0.863. \text{ An equation for the tangent line is}$$

$$y - 4.621 = 0.863(x - 9.315).$$

(c) The speed is  $\sqrt{\left(\frac{dx}{dt}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{dy}{dt}\right)^2} \Big|_{t=1} = \sqrt{3.1072^2 + 2.6829^2} \approx 4.105$ .

(d) The acceleration vector is the derivative of the velocity vector. At  $t = 1$ , this is  $(-28.425, 2.161)$ .

#### □ Notes:

1. Enter the given functions  $\frac{dx}{dt}$  and  $\frac{dy}{dt}$  into your calculator and save them for the rest of the solution.
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**Question BC-3 (Form B)**

See AB Question 3.

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**Question BC-4 (Form B)**

See AB Question 4.

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**Question BC-5 (Form B)**

(a)  $g'(x) = \frac{4(1+4x^2) - 4x \cdot 8x}{(1+4x^2)^2} = \frac{4-16x^2}{(1+4x^2)^2}$ . For  $x > 0$ ,  $g'(x) = 0$  when  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ . For

$0 < x < \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $g'(x) > 0$  and  $g$  is increasing; for  $x > \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $g'(x) < 0$  and  $g$  is decreasing.

The absolute maximum value of  $g$  therefore occurs at  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ . It is

$$g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{2}{1+4 \cdot \frac{1}{4}} = 1. \quad g \text{ has no minimum on } (0, \infty).$$

(b) The area is given by the improper integral

$$\int_1^{\infty} \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{4x}{1+4x^2} \right) dx =$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \left( \ln x - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+4x^2) \right) \Big|_1^b \right) = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \left( \ln b - \frac{1}{2} \ln(1+4b^2) + \frac{1}{2} \ln 5 \right) =$$

$$\lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln \frac{b}{\sqrt{1+4b^2}} + \frac{1}{2} \ln 5 = \lim_{b \rightarrow \infty} \ln \frac{1}{\sqrt{\frac{1}{b} + 4}} + \frac{1}{2} \ln 5 = \ln \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \ln 5. \quad \square_1$$

**Notes:**

1. Leave it at this to save time and avoid mistakes.

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**Question BC-6 (Form B)**

(a) By the ratio test, the series converges when  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{(2x)^{n+1}}{(2x)^n} \right| < 1$ . Evaluating the limit

$$\text{gives } |2x| < 1 \text{ or } -\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}. \text{ At } x = -\frac{1}{2}, \text{ the series is } \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n (-1)^n}{n-1} = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n-1}.$$

This is the harmonic series, which diverges. At  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ , the series is  $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{n-1}$ . This

is an alternating series with terms decreasing by absolute value and approaching zero. Therefore, it converges by the Alternating Series Test. The interval of

convergence is  $-\frac{1}{2} < x \leq \frac{1}{2}$ .

(b)  $y' = f'(x) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n 2n(2x)^{n-1}}{n-1}$ , so  $xy' = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n n \cdot (2x)^n}{n-1}$  and

$$xy' - y = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(-1)^n n \cdot (2x)^n}{n-1} - \frac{(-1)^n (2x)^n}{n-1} \right). \text{ Factoring gives}$$

$$xy' - y = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{(-1)^n (2x)^n (n-1)}{n-1} \right) = \sum_{n=2}^{\infty} (-2x)^n. \text{ This is a geometric series with the}$$

first term  $4x^2$  and the common ratio  $-2x$ , so it converges to  $\frac{4x^2}{1+2x}$  when  $|2x| < 1$ ,

that is, for  $-\frac{1}{2} < x < \frac{1}{2}$ .