

## WHAT TO EXPECT ON THE FREE RESPONSE QUESTIONS FOR MAY 3RD, 2006

### 1. Area and Volume Problem

- Calculate Area
- Calculate Volume
- Rotated around x-axis
- Rotated around y-axis
- Rotated around line  $x = k$
- Rotated around line  $y = k$
- Calculate Volume of Cross Section

#### Special note:

**This is typically the easiest (and most predictable) of the Free Response questions.**

**Your goal is to get a NINE on this one!**

### 2. Analyzing a Graph of a Derivative

- Graph could be given as  $f'(x)$  (**derivative**)
- Graph could be given as **velocity** [derivative of  $x(t)$ ]
- Graph could be given as **2nd Fundamental Theorem of Calculus**: {MOST LIKELY}

○ For example, graph of  $f(x)$  is given and  $g(x) = \int_c^x f(t) dt$

○ Thus,  $g'(x)$  would then equal  $f(x)$  so graph is REALLY  $g'(x)$

**Special note: Look at Particle Problem and Detective's Hat Problem (Piecewise Graph)**

### 3. Particle Problem

- If they don't give a graph of velocity, then expect a particle problem where velocity is given.
- If it's a calculator problem (likely), then graph velocity {be careful of endpoints}
- Use calc 1 (value) to calculate **velocity**
- Use calc 8 (derivative) to calculate **acceleration**
- Use calc 9 (integral) to calculate **change in position**.
  - Remember initial position!
- **Total Distance** traveled =  $\int_a^b |\text{velocity}| dt$
- Particle **changes position** when  $v(t)$  changes signs.
- **Speed** =  $|\text{velocity}|$

#### Special note:

**Concept of Absolute Max and Absolute Min could be tested on this problem. Remember the endpoints!**

### 4. Implicit Differentiation and/or Variable Separable

- Expect one problem where you will have to do **implicit differentiation** or **variable separable**
- Remember that a **horizontal** tangent line will have a slope of zero when the numerator of the derivative is 0.
- Remember that a **vertical** tangent line will have a slope of undefined when the denominator of the derivative is 0.

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### 5. Equation(s) given as rates of change

- Typically an equation will be given that is a rate of change. Keep in mind that it is a **derivative!**
- If it's a graphing calculator problem, graph the equation and keep in mind that it is a **derivative!**
- Use calc 1 (value) to calculate **rate of change**.
- Use calc 8 (derivative) to calculate if **rate of change is increasing (+) or decreasing (-)**
- Use calc 9 (integral) to calculate **total amount** over time.
  - Remember initial amount!
- You should notice that this problem is similar to number 3 above.

#### Special note:

**These problems include: Amusement Park, Sand, Mosquitoes, Traffic Flow, etc. in last two years.**

### 6. 2nd Derivative test

- Remember that a derivative sign chart is NOT acceptable for justifications.
- You must state, for example, "Relative Max at  $x = 5$  because  $f'(x)$  changes from positive to negative at  $x = 5$ ."
- Be prepared to use the **2nd Derivative test**.
- For example, "Relative Max at  $x = 5$  because  $f'(5) = 0$  and  $f'' > 0$ ."

### 7. Analyze a Table of Values

- It's a good idea to quickly graph the table of values.
- By giving a table of values, they can ask:
  - **Reimann Sum**
  - **Mean Value Theorem (Rolle's)**
  - **Average (Y) Value Theorem**
  - **Rate of Change** (slope = derivative)

**Special Note: Examples include 2003 #3 (Fuel Consumption) and 2003B #3 (Blood Vessel)**

### 8. Slope Fields

- **Variable Separable** would be included in this one.
- Relatively new topic (last two years). It's been on the exam both years!
- Look at the four questions from 2004 and 2005 to make sure you know how to do it.

### 9. Related Rates

- Surprisingly not given the last two years.
- I believe that we are due (overdue!) for a related rates problem.
- Make a table of values to keep things organized.