Advanced Placement Calculus

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Convince me that you understand the concept!

No Calculators! Each section is worth 20 points.

Hint: Draw properly labeled, useful figures. Be very clear in your reasoning and answer with a concise, meaningful sentence which indicates that you understand all the concepts involved. Finally, don't waste time justifying mathematics which are incomplete and rambling. Do the job requested and move on.

Chapter 6 Applications Exam

A cable of a suspension bridge hangs in the shape of a parabola (which is the graph of a second-degree polynomial). Consider a cable that joins two points at (0, 2) and (2, 1), and passes through the point (1, 0).

- A) Let $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ be the "second-degree polynomial". Obviously, f(0) = 2 means c = 2. Solve for the values of *a* and *b*.
- B) Let $\boldsymbol{\ell}$ be the line joining (0, 2) and (2, 1). Write the equation of $\boldsymbol{\ell}$.
- C) Find the point on the cable whose vertical distance from $\boldsymbol{\mathcal{I}}$ is the greatest.
- II In a certain community a certain epidemic spreads in such a way that x months after the start of the epidemic, p percent of the population is infected where, $p = \frac{30x^2}{(1+x^2)^2}$. In how many months will the most people be infected and what percent of the population is this?
- A horse breeder plans to set aside a rectangular region of one square kilometer for horses and wishes to build a wooden fence to enclose the region. since one side will run along a well-traveled highway, the breeder decides to make the side more attractive, using wood that costs 3 times as much per meter as the wood for the other sides. What dimensions will minimize the cost of the fence?
- **IV** A right triangle is formed in the first quadrant by the positive *x*-axis, the positive *y*-axis and a line which passes through the point (2, 5). Of all possible right triangles, what is the slope of the line which makes up the hypotenuse of the triangle which contains the least area?

The figure consists of a rectangle labeled *ABCD* which has a fixed area k, an isosceles triangle with base *AB* and height six times the base, the square with side *DC* and the isosceles right triangle with hypotenuse *AD*. Determine the maximum or minimum possible area of the entire figure relative to the area of the rectangle. Identify whether the area found is a maximum or minimum. (Justify, of course.)

Extra Credit ------ 5 pts ------

Jake, Jasper, and Jed went on a picnic. Jake brought two sandwiches and Jasper brought 3 sandwiches, but Jed forgot to bring any sandwiches. The three shared the food equally and Jed paid Jake and Jasper a total of five dollars for the sandwiches that they all shared. How much money did Jake get? How much money did Jasper get? Explain.



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