

**AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS AB/CALCULUS BC  
2018 SCORING GUIDELINES**

**Question 4**

(a)  $H'(6) \approx \frac{H(7) - H(5)}{7 - 5} = \frac{11 - 6}{2} = \frac{5}{2}$

$H'(6)$  is the rate at which the height of the tree is changing, in meters per year, at time  $t = 6$  years.

(b)  $\frac{H(5) - H(3)}{5 - 3} = \frac{6 - 2}{2} = 2$

Because  $H$  is differentiable on  $3 \leq t \leq 5$ ,  $H$  is continuous on  $3 \leq t \leq 5$ .

By the Mean Value Theorem, there exists a value  $c$ ,  $3 < c < 5$ , such that  $H'(c) = 2$ .

(c) The average height of the tree over the time interval  $2 \leq t \leq 10$  is given by  $\frac{1}{10 - 2} \int_2^{10} H(t) dt$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{8} \int_2^{10} H(t) dt &\approx \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1.5 + 2}{2} \cdot 1 + \frac{2 + 6}{2} \cdot 2 + \frac{6 + 11}{2} \cdot 2 + \frac{11 + 15}{2} \cdot 3 \right) \\ &= \frac{1}{8} (65.75) = \frac{263}{32} \end{aligned}$$

The average height of the tree over the time interval  $2 \leq t \leq 10$  is  $\frac{263}{32}$  meters.

(d)  $G(x) = 50 \Rightarrow x = 1$

$$\frac{d}{dt}(G(x)) = \frac{d}{dx}(G(x)) \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{(1+x)100 - 100x \cdot 1}{(1+x)^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{100}{(1+x)^2} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt}$$

$$\left. \frac{d}{dt}(G(x)) \right|_{x=1} = \frac{100}{(1+1)^2} \cdot 0.03 = \frac{3}{4}$$

According to the model, the rate of change of the height of the tree with respect to time when the tree is 50 meters tall is  $\frac{3}{4}$  meter per year.

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{estimate} \\ 1 : \text{interpretation with units} \end{cases}$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \frac{H(5) - H(3)}{5 - 3} \\ 1 : \text{conclusion using Mean Value Theorem} \end{cases}$

2 :  $\begin{cases} 1 : \text{trapezoidal sum} \\ 1 : \text{approximation} \end{cases}$

3 :  $\begin{cases} 2 : \frac{d}{dt}(G(x)) \\ 1 : \text{answer} \end{cases}$

Note: max 1/3 [1-0] if no chain rule