

FRQ #6 (NO Calculator) – Infinite Series

AP[®] Calculus BC 2021 Free-Response Questions

6. The function g has derivatives of all orders for all real numbers. The Maclaurin series for g is given by

$$g(x) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n x^n}{2e^n + 3} \text{ on its interval of convergence.}$$

- (a) State the conditions necessary to use the integral test to determine convergence of the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n}$.

Use the integral test to show that $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n}$ converges.

- (b) Use the limit comparison test with the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n}$ to show that the series $g(1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2e^n + 3}$

converges absolutely.

- (c) Determine the radius of convergence of the Maclaurin series for g .

- (d) The first two terms of the series $g(1) = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^n}{2e^n + 3}$ are used to approximate $g(1)$. Use the alternating

series error bound to determine an upper bound on the error of the approximation.