

## 2018 AP<sup>®</sup> CALCULUS BC FREE-RESPONSE QUESTIONS

6. The Maclaurin series for  $\ln(1 + x)$  is given by

$$x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \cdots + (-1)^{n+1} \frac{x^n}{n} + \cdots$$

On its interval of convergence, this series converges to  $\ln(1 + x)$ . Let  $f$  be the function defined by

$$f(x) = x \ln\left(1 + \frac{x}{3}\right).$$

- (a) Write the first four nonzero terms and the general term of the Maclaurin series for  $f$ .
- (b) Determine the interval of convergence of the Maclaurin series for  $f$ . Show the work that leads to your answer.
- (c) Let  $P_4(x)$  be the fourth-degree Taylor polynomial for  $f$  about  $x = 0$ . Use the alternating series error bound to find an upper bound for  $|P_4(2) - f(2)|$ .
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