

## A. P. Calculus Exam Tips

- **Bring PENCILS** - cross out big mistakes don't erase, takes too long
- **Multiple Choice** – do not leave any answers blank
- **"Justify Answer"** - explain and/or show how you got your answer for full credit
- **Free-Response** - must set up in proper mathematical notation - not just Graphing Calculator notation. e.g. (integral was here) not just  $\int \sin^2(3x) dx$  from 0 to  $\pi$ . If not required to "justify answer", you may set up in proper notation and THEN enter into Graphing Calculator. All final answers must be correct to 3 decimal places
- **Free-Response-** even if you don't think a particular step is right, you can get later points if you use your answer correctly for another part. **TRY IT! Every point counts!**
- **Use time wisely!** It is not uncommon to not finish all questions. Don't spend more than about 2-3 minutes on any MC question the first time through, or about 15 minutes on a FR question
- **Get a good night's rest** the night before the exam. It won't help you to stay up half the night studying and fall asleep during the exam or be so tired that you can't think straight!
- **Stay calm and keep a cool head.** If you get flustered stop and take a few deep breaths and move on. **YOU KNOW THIS STUFF!**
- **Good luck and HAVE FUN!**
- **Take an extra graphing calculator or batteries.** May take a max of two graphing calculators to the exam.