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$= -\frac{\pi}{6}$ or -0.523 or -0.524

1 : answer

(b) On $3 < t < 4.5$:

$a(t) = v'(t) = \frac{\pi}{3}\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}t\right) < 0$

Statement I is correct since $a(t) < 0$.

Statement II is correct since $v(t) < 0$ and $a(t) < 0$.

3 { 1 : I correct, with reason; 1 : II correct; 1 : reason for II }

(c) Distance $= \int_0^4 |v(t)|\,dt = 2.387$

OR

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$v(t) = 0$ when $t = 3$

$x(3) = \frac{6}{\pi} + 2 = 3.90986$

$|x(3) - x(0)| + |x(4) - x(3)| = \frac{15}{2\pi} = 2.387$

3 { 1 : { limits of 0 and 4 on an integral of $v(t)$ or $|v(t)|$ or uses $x(0)$ and $x(4)$ to compute distance }; 1 : handles change of direction at student's turning point; 1 : answer; 0/1 if incorrect turning point or no turning point }

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2 { 1 : integral; 1 : answer }

OR

2 { 1 : $x(t) = -\frac{3}{\pi}\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{3}t\right) + C$; 1 : answer; 0/1 if no constant of integration }

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(a) Average acceleration of rocket A is

$$\frac{v(80) - v(0)}{80 - 0} = \frac{49 - 5}{80} = \frac{11}{20} \text{ ft/sec}^2$$

1 : answer

(b) Since the velocity is positive, $\int_{10}^{70} v(t)\,dt$ represents the distance, in feet, traveled by rocket A from $t = 10$ seconds to $t = 70$ seconds.

A midpoint Riemann sum is
$20[v(20) + v(40) + v(60)]$
$= 20[22 + 35 + 44] = 2020$ ft

3 : { 1 : explanation; 1 : uses $v(20), v(40), v(60)$; 1 : value }

(c) Let $v_B(t)$ be the velocity of rocket B at time t.

$v_B(t) = \int \frac{3}{\sqrt{t+1}}\,dt = 6\sqrt{t+1} + C$

$2 = v_B(0) = 6 + C$

$v_B(t) = 6\sqrt{t+1} - 4$

$v_B(80) = 50 > 49 = v(80)$

Rocket B is traveling faster at time $t = 80$ seconds.

4 : { 1 : $6\sqrt{t+1}$; 1 : constant of integration; 1 : uses initial condition; 1 : finds $v_B(80)$, compares to $v(80)$, and draws a conclusion }

Units of ft/sec^2 in (a) and ft in (b)

1 : units in (a) and (b)