## Activity 1.1 – Aversge Rate of Change

- 1. (a) Above zero on (-2.5, 3) and (3, 5). Equal to or below zero on (-3, -2.5] and at x = 3.
  - (b) Rising on (-3, -1) and (3, 5). The average rate of change is positive.
  - (c) Falling on (-1, 3). The average rate of change is negative.
  - (d) A peak at x = -1 means that on December 31, the temperature was higher than that of surrounding days. A valley at x = 3 means that on January 4, the temperature was lower than that of surrounding days.
  - (e) The *x*-intercepts are at x = -2.5 and at x = 3. These are the inputs at which the temp. was zero. The *y*-intercept is is at y = 10. This means that the temp. on January 1 was 10°C.

(f) (i) 
$$\frac{f(3) - f(0)}{3 - 0} = \frac{0 - 10}{3} = -10/3;$$

Between January 1 and January 4, the daily high temperature decreased by about 3.3°C per day.

(ii) 
$$\frac{f(-1) - f(-2)}{(-1) - (-2)} = \frac{12 - 6}{1} = 6;$$

Between December 30 and December 31, the daily high temperature increased by 6°C per day.



2. (a) 
$$\frac{T(125) - T(25)}{125 - 25} = \frac{5.30 - 5.50}{125 - 25} = \frac{-0.2}{100} = -0.002$$
 °C per meter  
(b)  $\frac{\Delta T}{\Delta d} = \frac{T(125) - T(50)}{125 - 50} = \frac{5.30 - 5.20}{125 - 50} = \frac{0.1}{75} \approx 0.001$  °C per meter  
(c)  $\frac{T(200) - T(125)}{200 - 125} = \frac{6.00 - 5.30}{200 - 125} = \frac{0.70}{75} \approx 0.009$  °C per meter

(d) The correct answers are (iii) and (v).

## 3. (a) The shape of the graph is linear.

(b)	Interval	ΔD	$\Delta t$	$\Delta D/\Delta t$
	[1, 2.5]	105	1.5	70
	[0, 2]	140	2	70
	[0.5, 3]	175	2.5	70

(c) 70 mi/hr

(d) The vehicle had a constant velocity of 70 mi/hr.