Distance-Time Graphing Questions

1. a) How is average speed different from instantaneous speed?

b) When would they be the same?

2. What interpretation can be made about a moving car if the line on a distance–time graph for the car has the following characteristics?

a) a high or steep slope

b) a low or less steep slope

c) a zero slope

3. A car and a truck travel along the same highway with the car moving faster than the truck.

a) How do their distances travelled compare after the same length of time?

b) How do their times compare after travelling the same distance?

Table 1: Travel from toll booth	
on Confederation Bridge	
Time (min)	Distance (km)
0.0	0.0
2.0	2.4
4.0	4.8
6.0	7.2
8.0	9.6
10.0	12.0
12.0	14.4

4. A car leaves Borden-Carleton, PEI, on its way across the Confederation Bridge into New Brunswick. The distances and times from the toll booth in PEI are recorded in Table 1. They include a short stretch of road beyond the end of the 12.9-km bridge.

a) Plot a distance-time graph. Draw a line of best fit.

b) Using your graph, find the distance travelled after 5.0 min.

c) Using your graph, find the time required to cross the bridge.

d) Was the speed constant during the car's trip across the

Confederation Bridge? How do you know?

e) Calculate the slope of the graph. What does this slope represent?

f) What was the speed of the car in km/h?