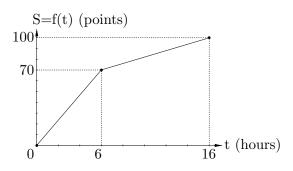
**3.** [9 points] Let t be the number of hours you spent studying for a midterm, which is worth 100 points. Let S be your score in the midterm, and let G be the letter grade you get. The graph of the function f so that S = f(t) is drawn below.



Also, the function h so that G = h(S) is given by the table below.

S	0 - 35	36 - 50	51 - 74	75 - 86	87 - 100
G = h(S)	Е	D	С	В	А

For example, if you get a score between 0 and 35, you get an E grade.

**a**. [5 points] Find a formula for the function f written as a piecewise defined function.

## Solution:

The slope of the line between (0,0) and (6,70) is  $\frac{70}{6}$ . Thus, when  $0 \le t \le 6$ ,  $f(t) = \frac{70}{6}t$ . Also, the slope of the line between (6,70) and (16,100) is  $\frac{100-70}{16-6} = 3$ , so the equation of this line is of the form S = 3t + c. Plug in the point (6,70) to solve for c = 52. Thus, when  $6 \le t \le 16$ , f(t) = 3t + 52. Putting this together, we obtain

$$f(t) = \begin{cases} \frac{70}{6}t & \text{if } 0 \le t \le 6\\ 3t + 52 & \text{if } 6 \le t \le 16 \end{cases}$$

**b.** [2 points] What is the minimum amount of time you need to spend studying to get an A in the midterm? Include units and your answer must be exact or accurate up to 2 decimal places.

Solution: The minimum score needed to get an A is 87. Using the equation for f, solve 3t + 52 = 87, to obtain  $t = \frac{35}{3} = 11.66$  hours. Answer: 11.66 hours.

c. [2 points] Give a practical interpretation of the statement h(f(6)) = C. Use complete sentences in your answer.

Solution: After studying for 6 hours, I will get the letter grade C for the midterm.