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**VCE Mathematical Methods  $\frac{3}{4}$**

**AOS 1 Revision [1.0]**

**Contour Check (Part 3)**



## Contour Checklist

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## Section A: [1.1 - 1.8] - Exam 1 Overall (VCAA Qs) (77 Marks)



### Question 178 (7 marks)

a. Consider the function  $p$ , where  $p: [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, p(x) = x^4 - x^3 - x^2 + x + 1$ .

i. Find the value of  $a$  when  $p^{-1}(a) = 2$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ . (2 marks)

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ii. Find the value of  $b$  when  $p(b) = 1$ , where  $b > 0$ . (2 marks)

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b. Find the rule and the domain of  $f^{-1}$ , the inverse of  $f$ , if  $f: \mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{x+3}{x-2}$ . (3 marks)

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**Question 179** (5 marks)

Let  $h: \left[-\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = \sqrt{2x+3} - 2$ .

- a. Find the value(s) of  $x$  such that  $[h(x)]^2 = 1$ . (2 marks)

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- b. Find the domain and the rule of the inverse function  $h^{-1}$ . (3 marks)

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**Question 180** (4 marks)


Let  $f(x) = -x^2 + x + 4$  and  $g(x) = x^2 - 2$ .

- a. Find  $g(f(3))$ . (2 marks)

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- b.** Express the rule for  $f(g(x))$  in the form  $ax^4 + bx^2 + c$ , where  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$  are non-zero integers. (2 marks)

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**Question 181** (3 marks)



Let  $h: R^+ \cup \{0\} \rightarrow R, h(x) = \frac{7}{x+2} - 3$ .

- a.** State the range of  $h$ .

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- b.** Find the rule for  $h^{-1}$ .

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**Question 182** (8 marks)

The rule for a function  $f$  is given by  $f(x) = \sqrt{2x+3} - 1$ , where  $f$  is defined on its maximal domain.

- a.** Find the domain and rule of the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ . (2 marks)

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- b.** Solve  $f(x) = f^{-1}(x)$ . (2 marks)

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c. Let  $g: D \rightarrow R, g(x) = \sqrt{2x + c} - 1$  where  $D$  is the maximal domain of  $g$  and  $c$  is a real number.

i. For what value(s) of  $c$ , does  $g(x) = g^{-1}(x)$  have no real solutions? (2 marks)

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ii. For what value(s) of  $c$ , does  $g(x) = g^{-1}(x)$  have exactly one real solution? (2 marks)

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**Question 183** (4 marks)

a. Let  $f: R \setminus \left\{\frac{1}{3}\right\} \rightarrow R, f(x) = \frac{1}{3x-1}$ .

Find the rule of  $f^{-1}$ .

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b. State the domain of  $f^{-1}$ .

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c. Let  $g$  be the function obtained by applying the transformation  $T$  to the function  $f$ , where:

$$T(x, y) = (x + c, y + d)$$

And  $c, d \in R$ .

Find the values of  $c$  and  $d$  given that,  $g = f^{-1}$ . (1 mark)

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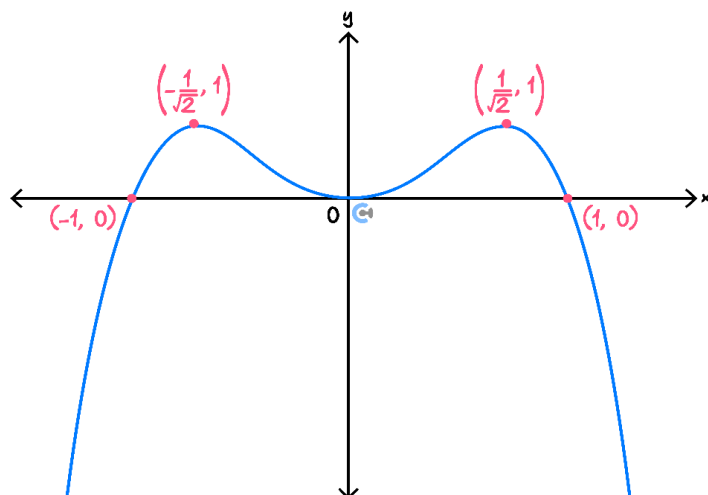
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**Question 184** (4 marks)

The function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x)$  is a polynomial function of degree 4. Part of the graph of  $f$  is shown below. The graph of  $f$  touches the  $x$ -axis at the origin.



- a. Find the rule of  $f$ . (1 mark)

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Let  $g$  be a function with the same rule as  $f$ .

Let  $h: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h(x) = \log_e(g(x)) - \log_e(x^3 + x^2)$ , where  $D$  is the maximal domain of  $h$ .

- b. State  $D$ . (1 mark)

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- c. State the range of  $h$ . (2 marks)

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**Question 185** (5 marks)

Let  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ .

**a.** State the range of  $f$ .

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**b.** Let  $g: (-\infty, c] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = x^2 + 4x + 3$ , where  $c < 0$ .

**i.** Find the largest possible value of  $c$  such that, the range of  $g$  is a subset of the domain of  $f$ .

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**ii.** For the value of  $c$  found in **part. b. i.**, state the range of  $f(g(x))$ .

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c. Let  $h: R \rightarrow R, h(x) = x^2 + 3$ .

State the range of  $f(h(x))$ .

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**Question 186** (4 marks)

Let  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \sqrt{x+1}$ .

**a.** State the range of  $f$ . (1 mark)

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**b.** Let  $g: (-\infty, c] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = x^2 + 4x + 3$ , where  $c < 0$ .

**i.** Find the largest possible value of  $c$  such that, the range of  $g$  is a subset of the domain of  $f$ . (2 marks)

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**ii.** For the value of  $c$  found in **part.b.i.**, state the range of  $f(g(x))$ . (1 mark)

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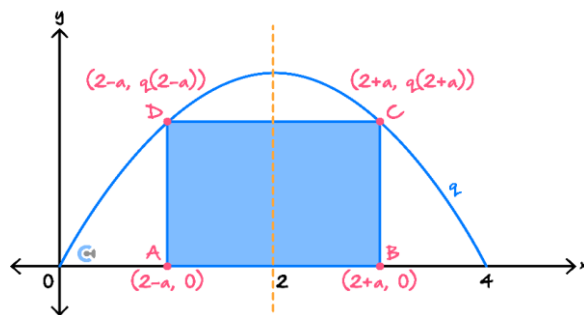
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**Question 187** (5 marks)

Let  $q: [0,4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, q(x) = x(4 - x)$ .

A rectangle  $ABCD$  is inscribed between the graph of the function  $q$  and the  $x$ -axis. Its vertices are  $a$  units, where  $a > 0$ , from the axis of symmetry,  $x = 2$ , as shown below.



- a. Find the value of  $a$  when the rectangle is a square. Give your answer in the form  $b + \sqrt{c}$ , where  $b$  is an integer and  $c$  is a positive integer.

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- b. Find the maximum area of the rectangle  $ABCD$ . Give your answer in the form  $\frac{m\sqrt{n}}{p}$ , where  $m, n$ , and  $p$  are positive integers.

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**Question 188** (5 marks)

Let  $P$  be a point on the straight line  $y = 2x - 4$  such that the length of  $OP$ , the line segment from the origin  $O$  to  $P$ , is a minimum.

- a.** Find the coordinates of  $P$ . (3 marks)

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- b.** Find the distance  $OP$ . Express your answer in the form  $\frac{a\sqrt{b}}{b}$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers. (2 marks)

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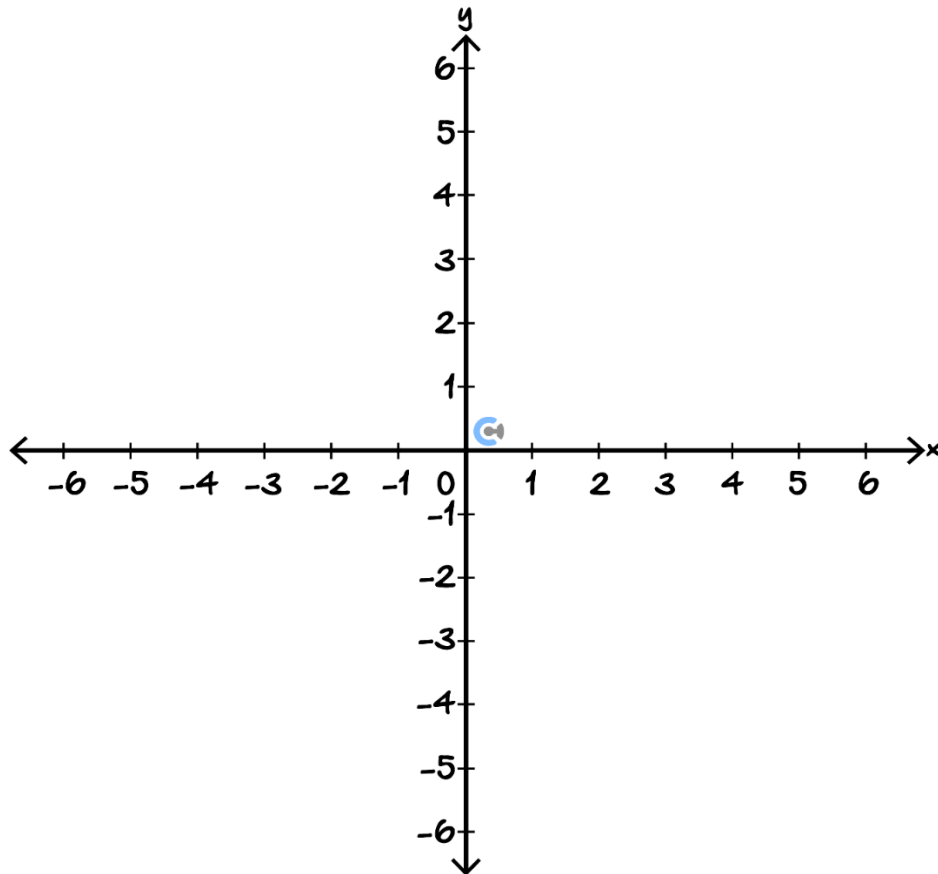
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**Question 189** (4 marks)

- a. Sketch the graph of  $y = 1 - \frac{2}{x-2}$  on the axes below. Label asymptotes with their equations and axis intercepts with their coordinates. (3 marks)



- b. Find the values of  $x$  for which  $1 - \frac{2}{x-2} \geq 3$ . (1 mark)

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**Question 190**

Consider the simultaneous linear equations:

$$kx - 3y = k + 3$$

$$4x + (k + 7)y = 1$$

Where  $k$  is a real constant.

- a. Find the value of  $k$  for which there are infinitely many solutions.

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- b. Find the values of  $k$  for which there is a unique solution.

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**Question 191** (4 marks)

Let  $f: [-3, 0] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = (x + 2)^2(x - 1)$ .

- a. Show that  $(x + 2)^2(x - 1) = x^3 + 3x^2 - 4$ .

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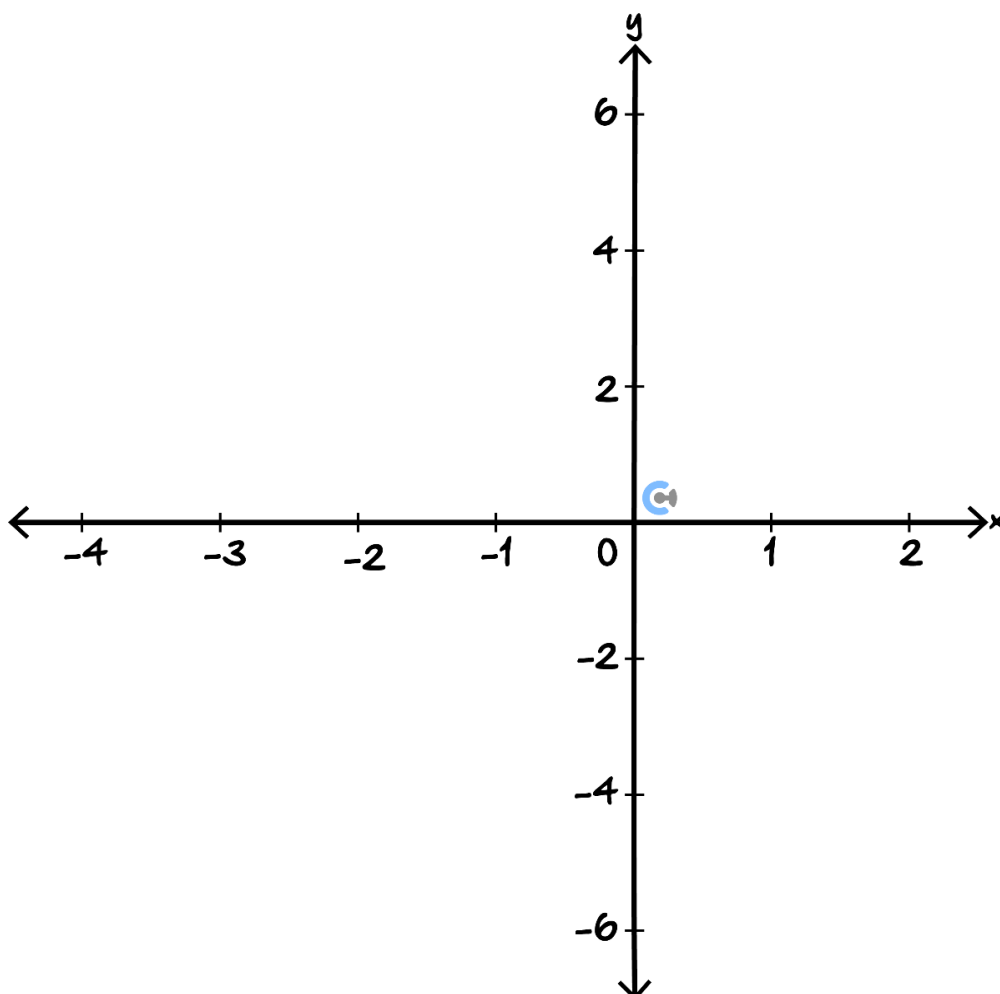


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- b. Sketch the graph of  $f$  on the axes below. Label the axis intercept and any stationary points with their coordinates.




**Question 192** (6 marks)

Let  $f: R \rightarrow R$ , where  $f(x) = 2x^3 + 1$ , and let  $g: R \rightarrow R$ , where  $g(x) = 4 - 2x$ .

**a.**

**i.** Find  $g(f(x))$ . (1 mark)

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**ii.** Find  $f(g(x))$  and express it in the form  $k - m(x - d)^3$ , where  $m, k$ , and  $d$  are integers. (2 marks)

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**b.** The transformation  $T: R^2 \rightarrow R^2$  with rule  $T(x, y) = (x + b, ay + c)$ , where  $a, b$ , and  $c$  are integers, maps the graph of  $y = g(f(x))$  onto the graph of  $y = f(g(x))$ .

Find the values of  $a, b$ , and  $c$ . (3 marks)

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**Question 193** (5 marks)

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 2e^x + 1$  and let  $g: (-2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \log_e(x + 2)$ .

**a.**

- i.** Find  $f(g(x))$  in the form  $ax + b$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ . (1 mark)

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- ii.** State the range of  $f(g(x))$ . (1 mark)

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- b.** Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2, T(x, y) = (x + c, y + d)$  and let the graph of the function  $h$  be the transformation of the graph of the function  $g$  under  $T$ .

If  $h = f^{-1}$ , then find the values of  $c$  and  $d$ . (3 marks)

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**Question 194** (4 marks)

a. Let  $f: R \setminus \left\{\frac{1}{3}\right\} \rightarrow R, f(x) = \frac{1}{3x-1}$ .

Find the rule of  $f^{-1}$ . (2 marks)

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b. State the domain of  $f^{-1}$ . (1 mark)

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c. Let  $g$  be the function obtained by applying the transformation  $T$  to the function  $f$ , where:

$$T(x, y) = (x + c, y + d)$$

and  $c, d \in R$ .

Find the values of  $c$  and  $d$  given that  $g = f^{-1}$ . (1 mark)

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## Section B: [1.1 - 1.8] - Exam 2 Overall (VCAA Qs) (179 Marks)

### Question 195 (1 mark)



Let  $h: (-1,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$ .

Which one of the following statements about  $h$  is **not** true?

- A.  $h(x)h(-x) = -h(x^2)$
- B.  $h(x) + h(-x) = 2h(x^2)$
- C.  $h(x) - h(0) = xh(x)$
- D.  $h(x) - h(-x) = 2xh(x^2)$
- E.  $(h(x))^2 = h(x^2)$

### Question 196 (1 mark)



The linear function  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 5 - x$  has range  $[-4,5)$ .

The domain  $D$  is:

- A.  $(0,9]$
- B.  $(0,1]$
- C.  $[5, -4)$
- D.  $[-9,0)$
- E.  $[1,9)$

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**Question 197** (1 mark)


Let  $f: R \rightarrow R, f(x) = 1 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)$ .

The period and range of this function are respectively:

- A. 4 and  $[-2, 2]$ .
- B. 4 and  $[-1, 3]$ .
- C. 1 and  $[-1, 3]$ .
- D.  $4\pi$  and  $[-1, 3]$ .
- E.  $4\pi$  and  $[-2, 2]$ .

**Question 198** (1 mark)


The function  $f$  has the property  $f(x) - f(y) = (y - x)f(xy)$  for all non-zero real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ .

Which one of the following is a possible rule for the function?

- A.  $f(x) = x^2$
- B.  $f(x) = x^2 + x^4$
- C.  $f(x) = x \log_e(x)$
- D.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
- E.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$

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**Question 199** (1 mark)


The linear function  $f: D \rightarrow R, f(x) = 4 - x$  has range  $[-2, 6]$ .

The domain  $D$  of the function is:

- A.  $[-2, 6)$
- B.  $(-2, 2]$
- C.  $R$
- D.  $(-2, 6]$
- E.  $[-6, 2]$

**Question 200** (1 mark)


Which one of the following functions satisfies the functional equation  $f(f(x)) = x$  for every real number  $x$ ?

- A.  $f(x) = 2x$
- B.  $f(x) = x^2$
- C.  $f(x) = 2\sqrt{x}$
- D.  $f(x) = x - 2$
- E.  $f(x) = 2 - x$

**Question 201** (1 mark)


If  $f: (-\infty, 1) \rightarrow R, f(x) = 2 \log_e(1 - x)$  and  $g: [-1, \infty) \rightarrow R, g(x) = 3\sqrt{x + 1}$ , then the maximal domain of the function  $f + g$  is:

- A.  $[-1, 1)$
- B.  $(1, \infty)$
- C.  $(-1, 1]$
- D.  $(-\infty, -1]$
- E.  $R$

**Question 202** (1 mark)


If the equation  $f(2x) - 2f(x) = 0$  is true for all real values of  $x$ , then the rule for  $f$  could be:

- A.  $\frac{x^2}{2}$
- B.  $\sqrt{2x}$
- C.  $2x$
- D.  $\log_e\left(\frac{|x|}{2}\right)$
- E.  $x - 2$

**Question 203** (1 mark)


The range of the function  $f: [-2, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 8$  is:

- A.  $\mathbb{R}$
- B.  $(-9, -5]$
- C.  $(-5, 0)$
- D.  $[-9, 0]$
- E.  $[-9, -5)$

**Question 204** (1 mark)


Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^2$ .

Which one of the following is **not** true?

- A.  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$
- B.  $f(xy) - f(-x) = 0$
- C.  $f(2x) = 4f(x)$
- D.  $f(x - y) = f(x) - f(y)$
- E.  $f(x + y) + f(x - y) = 2(f(x) + f(y))$



**Question 205** (1 mark)


The linear function  $f: D \rightarrow R, f(x) = 6 - 2x$  has range  $[-4, 12]$ .

The domain  $D$  is:

- A.  $[-3, 5]$
- B.  $[-5, 3]$
- C.  $R$
- D.  $[-14, 18]$
- E.  $[-18, 14]$

**Question 206** (1 mark)


The range of the function  $f: [-2, 7) \rightarrow R, f(x) = 5 - x$  is:

- A.  $(-2, 7]$
- B.  $[-2, 7)$
- C.  $(-2, \infty)$
- D.  $(-2, 7)$
- E.  $R$

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**Question 207** (1 mark)


The function  $f$  satisfies the functional equation  $f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{f(x)+f(y)}{2}$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are any non-zero real numbers.

A possible rule for the function is:

- A.  $f(x) = \log_e |x|$
- B.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
- C.  $f(x) = 2^x$
- D.  $f(x) = 2x$
- E.  $f(x) = \sin(2x)$

**Question 208** (1 mark)


If  $3f(x) = f(3x)$  for  $x > 0$ , then the rule for  $f$  could be:

- A.  $f(x) = 3x$
- B.  $f(x) = \sqrt{3x}$
- C.  $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{3}$
- D.  $f(x) = \log_e \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)$
- E.  $f(x) = x - 3$

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**Question 209** (1 mark)


The range of the function  $f: \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2}\right] \rightarrow R, f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x + 4$  is:

A.  $(4 - \sqrt{2}, 4 + \sqrt{2})$

B.  $\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2}\right)$

C.  $(4 - \sqrt{2}, 4 + \sqrt{2}]$

D.  $\left[\frac{-2}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2}\right]$

E.  $[4 - \sqrt{2}, 4 + \sqrt{2}]$

**Question 210** (1 mark)


A function  $f$  satisfies the relation  $f(x^2) = f(x) + f(x + 2)$ .

A possible rule for  $f$  is:

A.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x + 2}$

B.  $f(x) = x + 2$

C.  $f(x) = \log_{10}(x - 1)$

D.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 1)$

E.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$

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**Question 211** (1 mark)


The function  $f$  and its inverse,  $f^{-1}$ , are one-to-one for all values of  $x$ .

If  $f(1) = 5$ ,  $f(3) = 7$ , and  $f(8) = 10$ , then  $f^{-1}(7)$  and  $f^{-1}(5)$  respectively are equal to:

- A. 5 and 7.
- B. 3 and 1.
- C. 7 and 5.
- D. 8 and 5.
- E. 5 and 8.

**Question 212** (1 mark)


The function  $f$  with rule  $f(x) = 2 \log_e(16 - x)$  has a maximal domain given by:

- A.  $x \in (16, \infty)$
- B.  $x \in (-\infty, 4)$
- C.  $x \in (4, \infty)$
- D.  $x \in (-4, 4)$
- E.  $x \in (-\infty, 16)$

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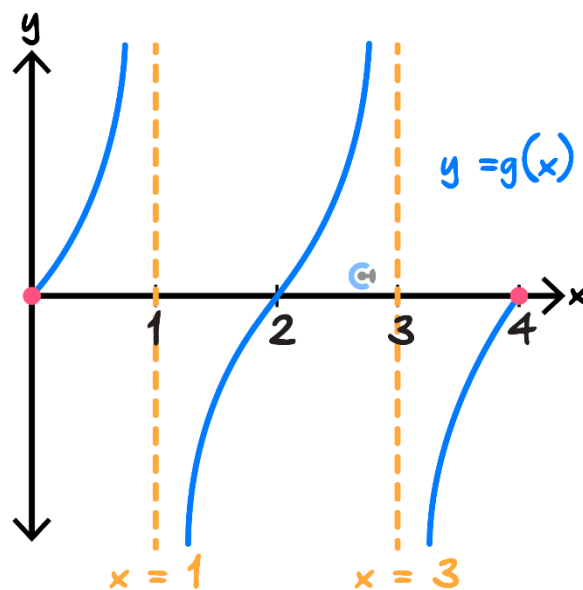
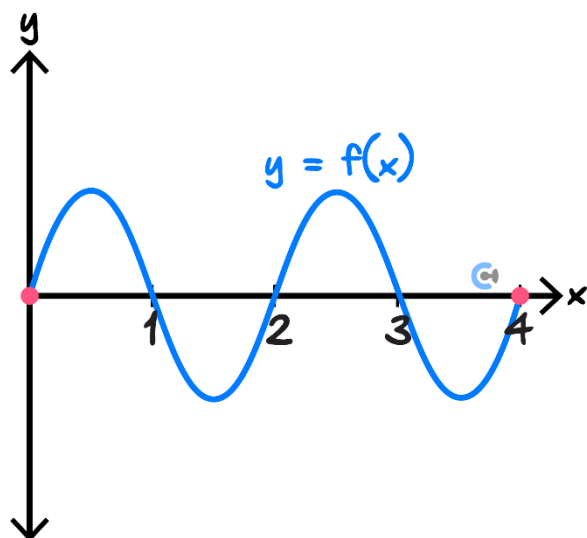

The range of the function with rule  $y = \sqrt{4 - x^2} + \log_e(x + 2)$  is contained within the interval:

- A.  $[-4, 2.8]$
- B.  $(-\infty, 2.8]$
- C.  $(-4, 2.9)$
- D.  $(-\infty, 2.9)$
- E.  $[-4, 2.9)$



**Question 214** (1 mark)

Consider the graphs of two circular functions,  $f$  and  $g$ , shown on the axes below.



On the interval  $x \in [0, 4]$ , the number of  $x$ -intercepts for the graph of the product function  $h = f \times g$  is:

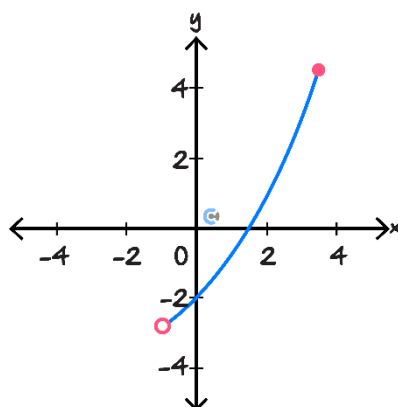
- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6
- E. 7

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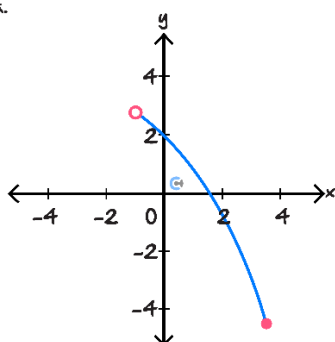
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The graph of  $y = f(x)$  is shown below.

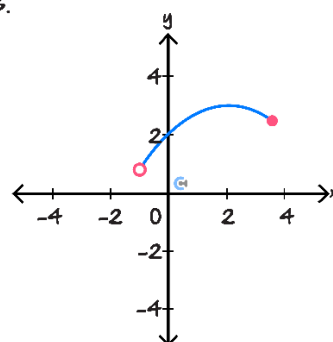


The corresponding graph of the inverse of  $f$ ,  $y = f^{-1}(x)$ , is best represented by:

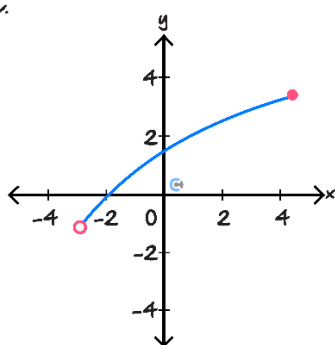
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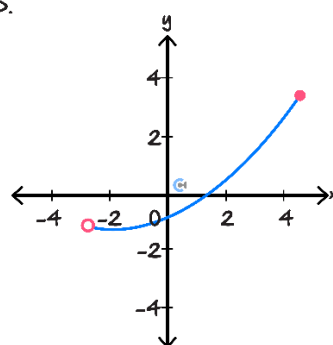
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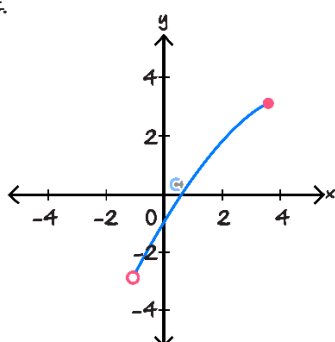
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**Question 216** (1 mark)


If  $3f(x) = f(3x)$  for  $x > 0$ , then the rule for  $f$  could be:

- A.  $f(x) = 3x$
- B.  $f(x) = \sqrt{3x}$
- C.  $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{3}$
- D.  $f(x) = \log_e \left( \frac{x}{3} \right)$
- E.  $f(x) = x - 3$

**Question 217** (1 mark)


The function  $f: D \rightarrow R, f(x) = \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{9x^2}{2} + 9x$  will have an inverse function for:

- A.  $D = R$
- B.  $D = (-3, 1)$
- C.  $D = (1, \infty)$
- D.  $D = (-\infty, 0)$
- E.  $D = (0, \infty)$

**Question 218** (1 mark)


A cubic polynomial function  $f: R \rightarrow R$  has roots at  $x = 1$  and  $x = 3$  only and its graph has a  $y$ -intercept at  $y = 3$ . Which one of the following statements **must** be true about the function  $g$ , where  $g(x) = \sqrt{f(x)}$ ?

- A. The function  $g$  has a local maximum at  $x = 2$ .
- B.  $g(2) = 1$ .
- C. The domain of  $g$  does not include the interval  $(1, 3)$ .
- D. The domain of  $g$  includes the interval  $(1, 3)$ .
- E. The domain of  $g$  does not include the interval  $(3, \infty)$ .

**Question 219** (1 mark)


The graph of the function  $f: D \rightarrow R, f(x) = \frac{2x-3}{4+x}$ , where  $D$  is the maximal domain, has asymptotes:

A.  $x = -4, y = 2$

B.  $x = \frac{3}{2}, y = -4$

C.  $x = -4, y = \frac{3}{2}$

D.  $x = \frac{3}{2}, y = 2$

E.  $x = 2, y = 1$

**Question 220** (1 mark)


The function  $f: D \rightarrow R, f(x) = 5x^3 + 10x^2 + 1$  will have an inverse function for:

A.  $D = R$

B.  $D = (-2, \infty)$

C.  $D = \left(-\infty, \frac{1}{2}\right]$

D.  $D = (-\infty, -1]$

E.  $D = [0, \infty)$

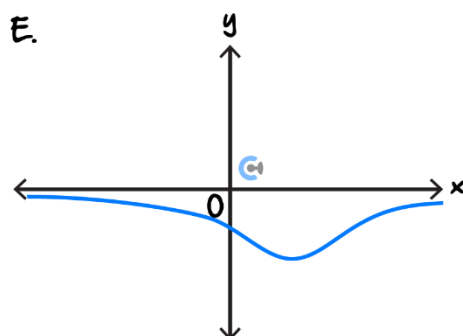
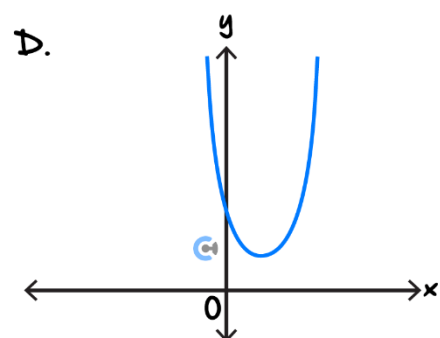
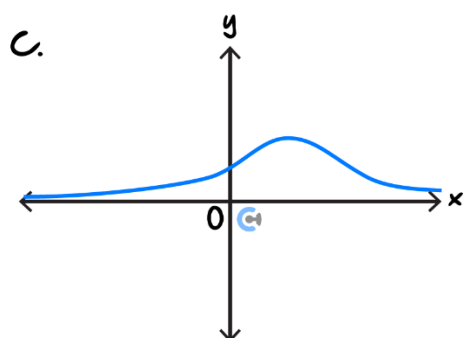
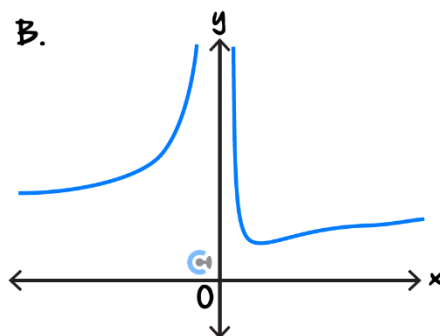
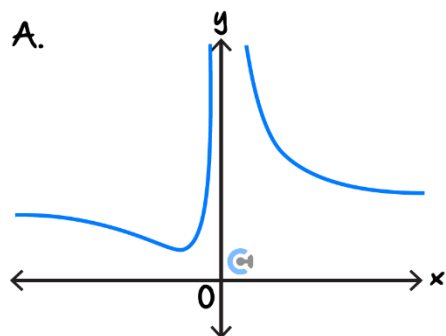
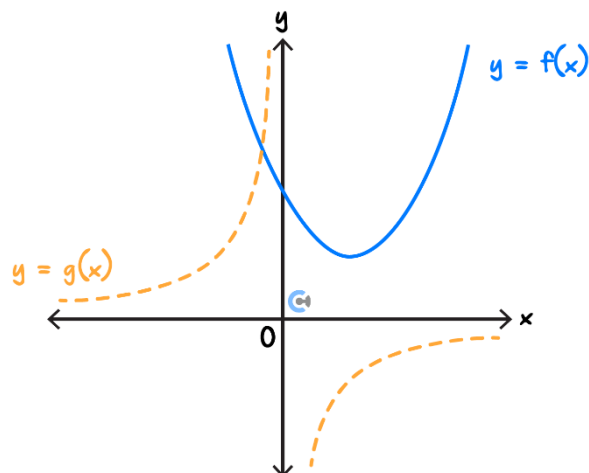
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**Question 221** (1 mark)

Part of the graphs of  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  are shown below.



**Question 222** (1 mark)


The range of the function  $f: \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2}\right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x + 4$  is:

A.  $(4 - \sqrt{2}, 4 + \sqrt{2})$

B.  $\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2}\right)$

C.  $(4 - \sqrt{2}, 4 + \sqrt{2}]$

D.  $\left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2}\right]$

E.  $[4 - \sqrt{2}, 4 + \sqrt{2}]$

**Question 223** (1 mark)


The function  $f$  has the property  $f(2x) = (f(x))^2 - 2$  for all real numbers  $x$ .

A possible rule for the function  $f(x)$  is:

A.  $\frac{1}{x^2+4}$

B.  $\cos(x)$

C.  $2 \log_e(x^2 + 1)$

D.  $e^x + e^{-x}$

E.  $x^2$

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**Question 224** (1 mark)


Which one of the following is the inverse function of the function  $f: (-\infty, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3-x}} + 1$ ?

- A.  $f^{-1}: (-\infty, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{4}{(x-1)^2} + 3$
- B.  $f^{-1}: (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{4}{(x-3)^2} + 1$
- C.  $f^{-1}: (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{4}{(x-1)^2} + 3$
- D.  $f^{-1}: (1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{4}{x^2} + 3$
- E.  $f^{-1}: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f^{-1}(x) = -\frac{4}{(x-1)^2} + 3$

**Question 225** (1 mark)


Let  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{3x-5}{2-x}$ , where  $D$  is the maximal domain of  $f$ .

Which of the following are the equations of the asymptotes of the graph of  $f$ ?

- A.  $x = 2$  and  $y = \frac{5}{3}$ .
- B.  $x = 2$  and  $y = -3$ .
- C.  $x = -2$  and  $y = 3$ .
- D.  $x = -3$  and  $y = 2$ .
- E.  $x = 2$  and  $y = 3$ .

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**Question 226** (1 mark)


A function  $f$  satisfies the relation  $f(x^2) = f(x) + f(x + 2)$ .

A possible rule for  $f$  is:

A.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$

B.  $f(x) = x + 2$

C.  $f(x) = \log_{10}(x - 1)$

D.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 1)$

E.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$

**Question 227** (1 mark)


Consider the function  $f: [2, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^4 + 2(a - 4)x^2 - 8ax + 1$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ .

The maximal set of values of  $a$  for which the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  exists is:

A.  $(-9, \infty)$

B.  $(-\infty, 1)$

C.  $[-9, 1]$

D.  $[-8, \infty)$

E.  $(-\infty, -8]$

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Question 228 (1 mark)



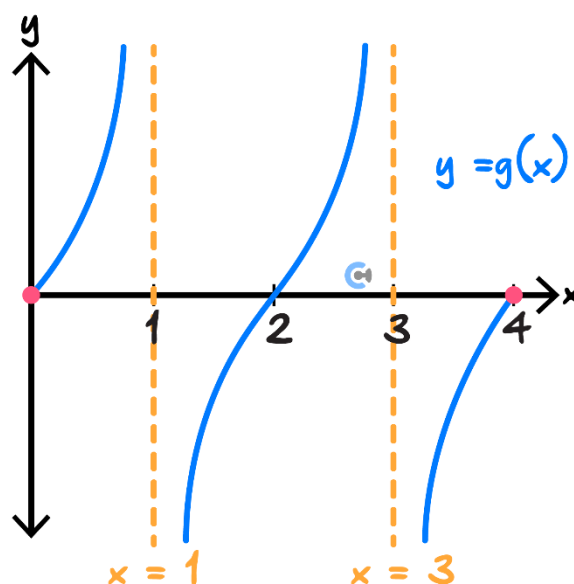
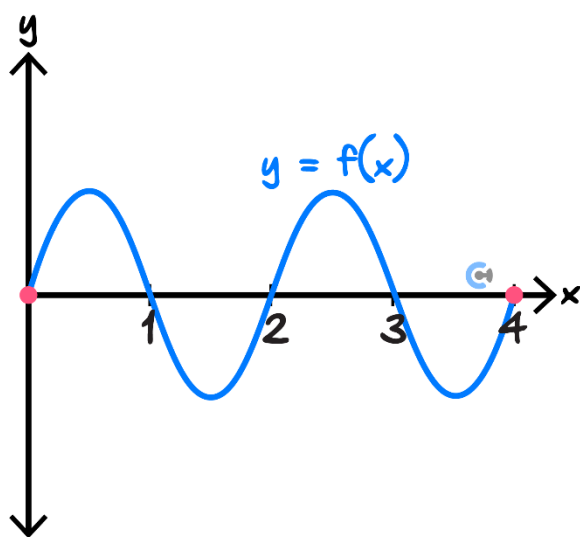
The range of the function with rule  $y = \sqrt{4 - x^2} + \log_e(x + 2)$  is contained within the interval:

- A.  $[-4, 2.8]$
- B.  $(-\infty, 2.8]$
- C.  $(-4, 2.9)$
- D.  $(-\infty, 2.9)$
- E.  $[-4, 2.9)$

Question 229 (1 mark)



Consider the graphs of two circular functions,  $f$  and  $g$ , shown on the axes below.



On the interval  $x \in [0, 4]$ , the number of  $x$ -intercepts for the graph of the product function  $h = f \times g$  is:

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6
- E. 7

**Question 230** (1 mark)


If  $3f(x) = f(3x)$  for  $x > 0$ , then the rule for  $f$  could be:

- A.  $f(x) = 3x$
- B.  $f(x) = \sqrt{3x}$
- C.  $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{3}$
- D.  $f(x) = \log_e \left( \frac{x}{3} \right)$
- E.  $f(x) = x - 3$

**Question 231** (1 mark)


The range of the function  $f: \left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2} \right] \rightarrow R, f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x + 4$  is:

- A.  $(4 - \sqrt{2}, 4 + \sqrt{2})$
- B.  $\left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2} \right)$
- C.  $[4 - \sqrt{2}, 4 + \sqrt{2}]$
- D.  $\left( \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sqrt{2} \right]$
- E.  $[4 - \sqrt{2}, 4 + \sqrt{2}]$

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**Question 232** (1 mark)


A function  $f$  satisfies the relation  $f(x^2) = f(x) + f(x + 2)$ .

A possible rule for  $f$  is:

A.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$

B.  $f(x) = x + 2$

C.  $f(x) = \log_{10}(x - 1)$

D.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - 1)$

E.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$

**Question 233** (1 mark)


Consider the following four functional relations:

$$f(x) = f(-x) \quad -f(x) = f(-x) \quad f(x) = -f(x) \quad (f(x))^2 = f(x^2)$$

The number of these functional relations that are satisfied by the function  $f: R \rightarrow R, f(x) = x$  is:

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

E. 4

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**Question 234** (1 mark)


Let  $g(x) = x + 2$  and  $f(x) = x^2 - 4$ .

If  $h$  is the composite function given by  $h : [-5, -1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h(x) = f(g(x))$ , then the range of  $h$  is:

- A.  $(-3, 5]$
- B.  $[-3, 5)$
- C.  $(-3, 5)$
- D.  $(-4, 5]$
- E.  $[-4, 5]$

**Question 235** (1 mark)


Consider the functions  $f(x) = \sqrt{x+2}$  and  $g(x) = \sqrt{1-2x}$ , defined over their maximal domains.

The maximal domain of the function  $h = f + g$  is:

- A.  $(-2, \frac{1}{2})$
- B.  $[-2, \infty)$
- C.  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$
- D.  $[-2, \frac{1}{2}]$
- E.  $[-2, 1]$

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**Question 236** (1 mark)


Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions such that  $f(-1) = 4$ ,  $f(2) = 5$ ,  $g(-1) = 2$ ,  $g(2) = 7$ , and  $g(4) = 6$ .

The value of  $g(f(-1))$  is:

- A. 2
- B. 4
- C. 5
- D. 6
- E. 7

**Question 237** (1 mark)


The graph of the function  $f: D \rightarrow R$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{3x+2}{5-x}$ , where  $D$  is the maximal domain has asymptotes:

- A.  $x = -5, y = \frac{3}{2}$
- B.  $x = -3, y = 5$
- C.  $x = \frac{2}{3}, y = -3$
- D.  $x = 5, y = 3$
- E.  $x = 5, y = -3$

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**Question 238** (1 mark)

Let  $a \in (0, \infty)$  and  $b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Consider the function  $h: [-a, 0) \cup (0, a] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = \frac{a}{x} + b$ .

The range of  $h$  is:

- A.  $[b - a, b + 1]$
- B.  $(b - a, b + 1)$
- C.  $(-\infty, b - 1) \cup (b + 1, \infty)$
- D.  $(-\infty, b - 1] \cup [b + 1, \infty)$
- E.  $[b - 1, \infty)$


**Question 239** (1 mark)

Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \cos(ax)$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$ , be a function with the property:

$$f(x) = f(x + h), \text{ for all } h \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Let  $g: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \log_2(f(x))$  be a function where the range of  $g$  is  $[-1, 0]$ .

A possible interval for  $D$  is:

- A.  $\left[\frac{1}{4}, \frac{5}{12}\right]$
- B.  $\left[1, \frac{7}{6}\right]$
- C.  $\left[\frac{5}{3}, 2\right]$
- D.  $\left[-\frac{1}{3}, 0\right]$
- E.  $\left[-\frac{1}{12}, \frac{1}{4}\right]$

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**Question 240** (1 mark)

The graph of the function  $f$  passes through the point  $(-2, 7)$ .

If  $h(x) = f\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) + 5$ , then the graph of the function  $h$  must pass through the point:

- A.  $(-1, -12)$
- B.  $(-1, 19)$
- C.  $(-4, 12)$
- D.  $(-4, -14)$
- E.  $(3, 3.5)$


**Question 241** (1 mark)

The maximal domain of the function  $f$  is  $R \setminus \{1\}$ .

A possible rule for  $f$  is:

- A.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 5}{x - 1}$
- B.  $f(x) = \frac{x + 4}{x - 5}$
- C.  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 + x + 4}{x^2 + 1}$
- D.  $f(x) = \frac{5 - x^2}{1 + x}$
- E.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x - 1}$

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**Question 242** (1 mark)


Consider the function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive real numbers.

The range of  $f$  is:

- A.  $\left[\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}\right)$
- B.  $\left(\frac{1}{a}, \frac{1}{b}\right]$
- C.  $\left[\frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{a}\right)$
- D.  $\left(\frac{1}{b}, \frac{1}{a}\right]$
- E.  $[a, b)$

**Question 243** (1 mark)


Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions such that,  $f(x) = 2x$  and  $g(x + 2) = 3x + 1$ .

The function  $f(g(x))$  is:

- A.  $6x - 5$
- B.  $6x + 1$
- C.  $6x^2 + 1$
- D.  $6x - 10$
- E.  $6x + 2$

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**Question 244** (1 mark)


The function  $f$  has the property  $f(x + f(x)) = f(2x)$  for all non-zero real numbers  $x$ .

Which one of the following is a possible rule for the function?

A.  $f(x) = 1 - x$

B.  $f(x) = x - 1$

C.  $f(x) = x$

D.  $f(x) = \frac{x}{2}$

E.  $f(x) = \frac{1-x}{2}$

**Question 245** (1 mark)


Let  $f$  and  $g$  be functions such that,  $f(2) = 5, f(3) = 4, g(2) = 5, g(3) = 2$ , and  $g(4) = 1$ .

The value of  $f(g(3))$  is:

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

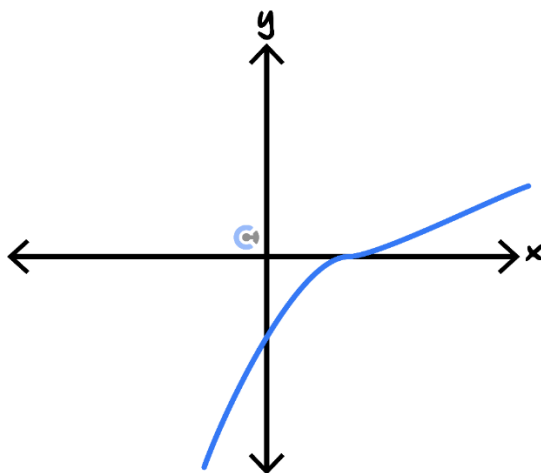
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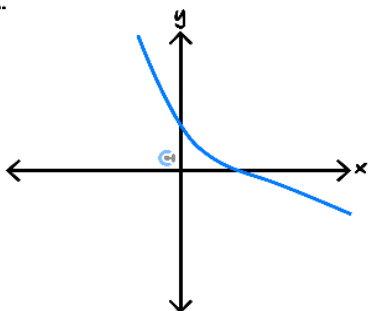
Question 246 (1 mark)

Part of the graph of the function  $f$  is shown below. The same scale has been used on both axes.

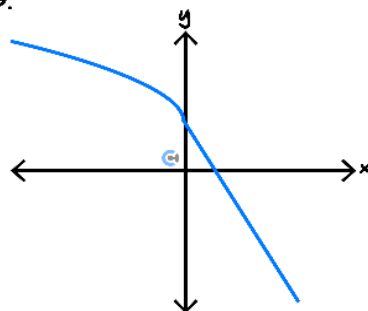


The corresponding part of the graph of the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  is best represented by:

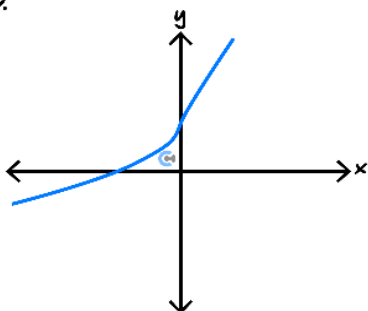
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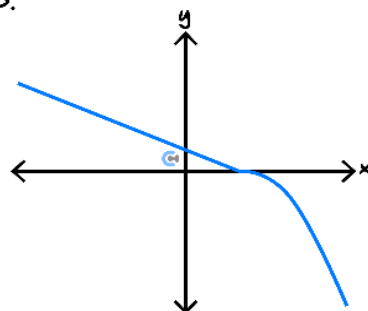
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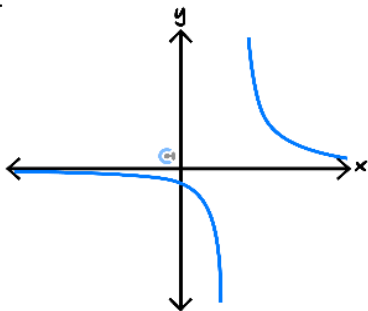
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**Question 247** (1 mark)


Let  $h: (-1,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, h(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$ .

Which one of the following statements about  $h$  is **not** true?

- A.  $h(x)h(-x) = -h(x^2)$
- B.  $h(x) + h(-x) = 2h(x^2)$
- C.  $h(x) - h(0) = xh(x)$
- D.  $h(x) - h(-x) = 2xh(x^2)$
- E.  $(h(x))^2 = h(x^2)$

**Question 248** (1 mark)


The linear function  $f: D \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = 5 - x$  has range  $[-4,5)$ .

The domain  $D$  is:

- A.  $(0,9]$
- B.  $(0,1]$
- C.  $[5,-4)$
- D.  $[-9,0)$
- E.  $[1,9)$

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**Question 249** (1 mark)


Which one of the following is the inverse function of  $g: [3, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g(x) = \sqrt{2x - 6}$ ?

A.  $g^{-1}: [3, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g^{-1}(x) = \frac{x^2+6}{2}$

B.  $g^{-1}: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g^{-1}(x) = (2x - 6)^2$

C.  $g^{-1}: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g^{-1}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x}{2}} + 6$

D.  $g^{-1}: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g^{-1}(x) = \frac{x^2+6}{2}$

E.  $g^{-1}: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, g^{-1}(x) = \frac{x^2+6}{2}$

**Question 250** (1 mark)


The function  $f$  has the property  $f(x) - f(y) = (y - x)f(xy)$  for all non-zero real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ .

Which one of the following is a possible rule for the function?

A.  $f(x) = x^2$

B.  $f(x) = x^2 + x^4$

C.  $f(x) = x \log_e(x)$

D.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$

E.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$

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**Question 251** (1 mark)


The function  $f$  has the property  $f(x + f(x)) = f(2x)$  for all non-zero real numbers  $x$ .

Which one of the following is a possible rule for the function?

A.  $f(x) = 1 - x$

B.  $f(x) = x - 1$

C.  $f(x) = x$

D.  $f(x) = \frac{x}{2}$

E.  $f(x) = \frac{1-x}{2}$

**Question 252** (1 mark)


Let  $h: (-1,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $h(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$ .

Which one of the following statements about  $h$  is **not** true?

A.  $h(x)h(-x) = -h(x^2)$

B.  $h(x) + h(-x) = 2h(x^2)$

C.  $h(x) - h(0) = xh(x)$

D.  $h(x) - h(-x) = 2xh(x^2)$

E.  $(h(x))^2 = h(x^2)$

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**Question 253** (1 mark)


The linear function  $f: D \rightarrow R, f(x) = 5 - x$  has a range  $[-4, 5)$ .

The domain  $D$  is:

- A.  $(0, 9]$
- B.  $(0, 1]$
- C.  $[5, -4)$
- D.  $[-9, 0)$
- E.  $[1, 9)$

**Question 254** (1 mark)


Let  $f: R \rightarrow R, f(x) = 1 - 2 \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right)$ .

The period and range of this function are respectively:

- A. 4 and  $[-2, 2]$
- B. 4 and  $[-1, 3]$
- C. 1 and  $[-1, 3]$
- D.  $4\pi$  and  $[-1, 3]$
- E.  $4\pi$  and  $[-2, 2]$

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**Question 255** (1 mark)


The function  $f$  has the property  $f(x) - f(y) = (y - x)f(xy)$  for all non-zero real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ .

Which one of the following is a possible rule for the function?

- A.  $f(x) = x^2$
- B.  $f(x) = x^2 + x^4$
- C.  $f(x) = x \log_e(x)$
- D.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
- E.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$

**Question 256** (1 mark)


If the equation  $f(2x) - 2f(x) = 0$  is true for all real values of  $x$ , then the rule for  $f$  could be:

- A.  $\frac{x^2}{2}$
- B.  $\sqrt{2x}$
- C.  $2x$
- D.  $\log_e\left(\frac{|x|}{2}\right)$
- E.  $x - 2$

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**Question 257** (1 mark)


The range of the function  $f: [-2, 3) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 8$  is:

- A.  $\mathbb{R}$
- B.  $(-9, -5]$
- C.  $(-5, 0)$
- D.  $[-9, 0]$
- E.  $[-9, -5)$

**Question 258** (1 mark)


Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x^2$ .

Which one of the following is **not** true?

- A.  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$
- B.  $f(x) - f(-x) = 0$
- C.  $f(2x) = 4f(x)$
- D.  $f(x - y) = f(x) - f(y)$
- E.  $f(x + y) + f(x - y) = 2(f(x) + f(y))$

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**Question 259** (1 mark)


The linear function  $f: D \rightarrow R, f(x) = 6 - 2x$  has a range  $[-4, 12]$ .

The domain  $D$  is:

- A.  $[-3, 5]$
- B.  $[-5, 3]$
- C.  $R$
- D.  $[-14, 18]$
- E.  $[-18, 14]$

**Question 260** (1 mark)


The range of the function  $f: [-2, 7) \rightarrow R, f(x) = 5 - x$  is:

- A.  $(-2, 7]$
- B.  $[-2, 7)$
- C.  $(-2, \infty)$
- D.  $(-2, 7)$
- E.  $R$

**Question 261** (1 mark)


The function  $f$  satisfies the functional equation  $f\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right) = \frac{f(x)+f(y)}{2}$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are any non-zero real numbers. A possible rule for the function is:

- A.  $f(xy) = \log_e |x|$
- B.  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
- C.  $f(x) = 2^x$
- D.  $f(x) = 2x$
- E.  $f(x) = \sin(2x)$


**Question 262** (1 mark)

*Inspired from VCAA Mathematics Exam 2007*

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/mathematics/2007mmCAS2.pdf>

Let  $g(x) = x^2 + 2x - 3$  and  $f(x) = e^{2x+3}$ .

Then  $f(g(x))$  is given by:

A.  $e^{4x+6} + 2e^{2x+3} - 3$

B.  $2x^2 + 4x - 6$

C.  $e^{2x^2+4x+9}$

D.  $e^{2x^2+4x-3}$

E.  $e^{2x^2+4x-6}$


**Question 263** (1 mark)

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The function  $f$  satisfies the functional equation  $f(f(x)) = x$  for the maximal domain of  $f$ .

The rule for the function is:

A.  $f(x) = x + 1$

B.  $f(x) = x - 1$

C.  $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{x+1}$

D.  $f(x) = \log_e(x)$

E.  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x-1}$

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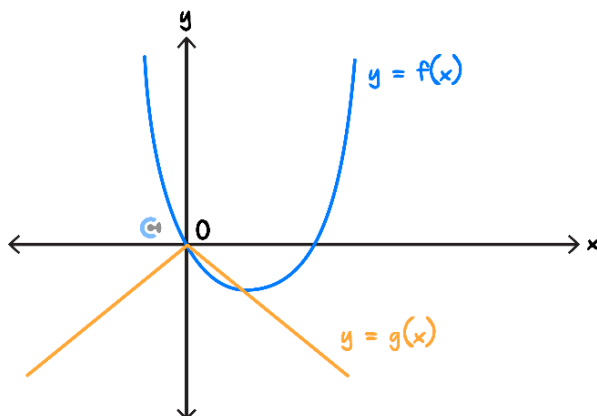


**Question 264** (1 mark)

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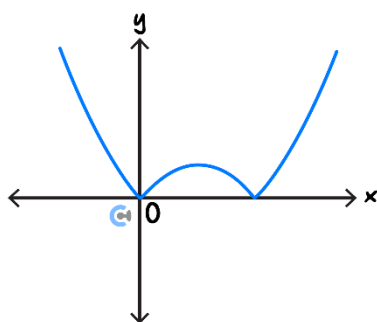
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The graphs of  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  are as shown.

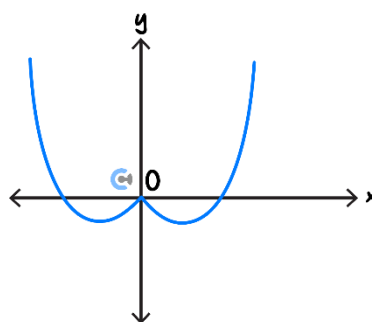


The graph of  $y = f(g(x))$  is best represented by:

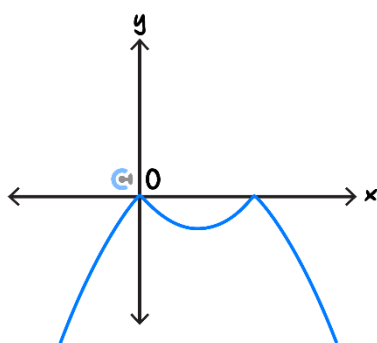
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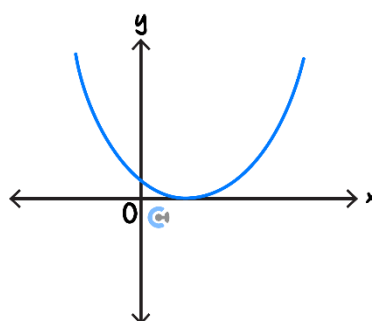
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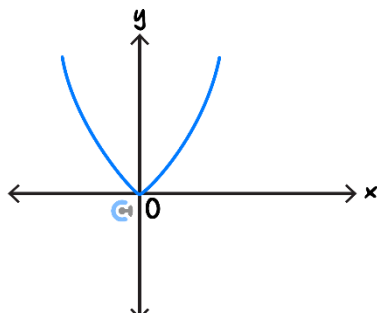
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**Question 265** (1 mark)


*Inspired from VCAA Mathematics Exam 2022*

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Let  $g: R \rightarrow R, g(x) = 3x + a$ , where  $a$  is a real constant.

Given that  $g(g(2)) = 10$ , the value of  $a$  is:

- A.  $-1$
- B.  $-2$
- C.  $-3$
- D.  $-4$
- E.  $-5$

**Question 266** (1 mark)


*Inspired from VCAA Mathematics Exam 2019*

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/mathematics/2019/NHT/2019MM2-nht-w.pdf>

Let  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow R, f(x) = x^2 + 1$ .

The equation  $f(f(x)) = \frac{185}{16}$  has real solution(s):

- A.  $x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{13}}{4}$
- B.  $x = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{4}$
- C.  $x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}$
- D.  $x = \frac{3}{2}$
- E.  $x = \pm \frac{3}{2}$

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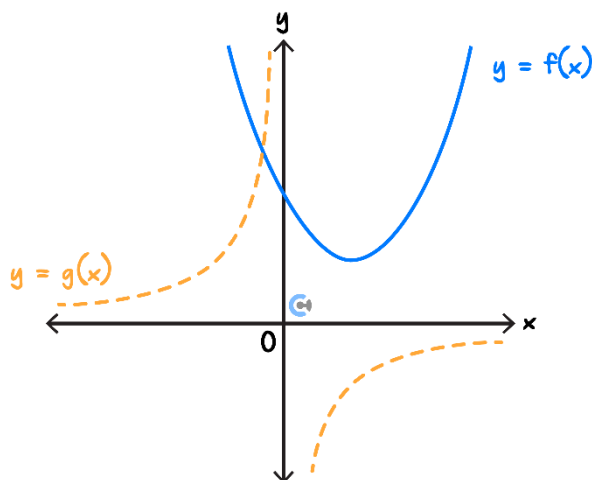


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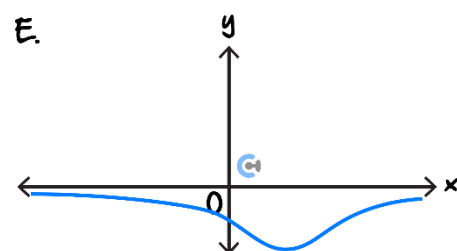
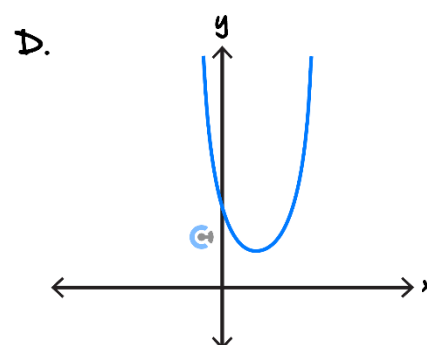
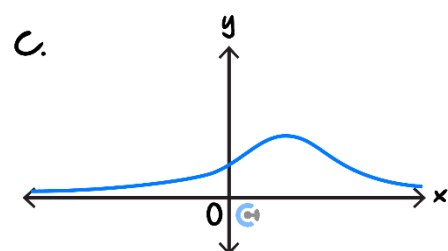
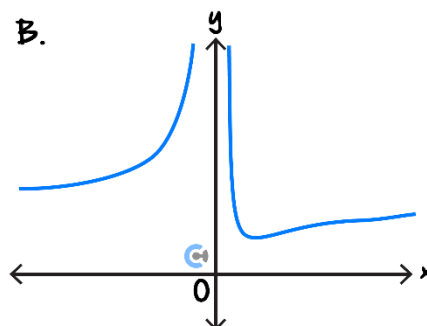
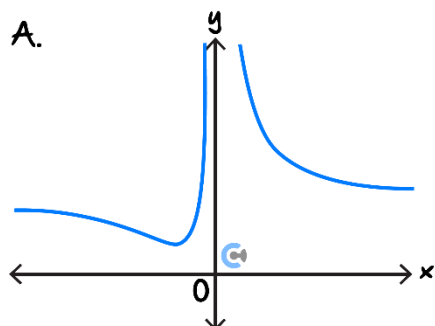
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Parts of the graphs of  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$  are as shown.



The corresponding part of the graph of  $y = g(f(x))$  is best represented by:



**Question 268** (1 mark)


Inspired from VCAA Mathematics Exam 2018

<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/mathematics/2018/nht/2018MM2-nht-w.pdf>

Let  $f: R^+ \rightarrow R, f(x) = -\log_e(x)$  and  $g: R \rightarrow R, g(x) = x^2 + 1$ .

The domain and range of  $f(g(x))$  are respectively:

- A.  $R$  and  $R^+ \cup \{0\}$
- B.  $R$  and  $R^-$
- C.  $[1, \infty)$  and  $R^+ \cup \{0\}$
- D.  $R^+$  and  $R^+ \cup \{0\}$
- E.  $R$  and  $R^- \cup \{0\}$

**Question 269** (1 mark)


The midpoint of the line segment that joins  $(1, -5)$  to  $(d, 2)$  is:

- A.  $\left(\frac{d+1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}\right)$
- B.  $\left(\frac{1-d}{2}, -\frac{7}{2}\right)$
- C.  $\left(\frac{d-4}{2}, 0\right)$
- D.  $\left(0, \frac{1-d}{3}\right)$
- E.  $\left(\frac{5+d}{2}, 2\right)$

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**Question 270** (1 mark)


The midpoint of the line segment joining  $(0, -5)$  to  $(d, 0)$  is:

- A.  $\left(\frac{d}{2}, -\frac{5}{2}\right)$
- B.  $(0, 0)$
- C.  $\left(\frac{d-5}{2}, 0\right)$
- D.  $\left(0, \frac{5-d}{2}\right)$
- E.  $\left(\frac{5+d}{2}, 0\right)$

**Question 271** (1 mark)


The gradient of a line **perpendicular** to the line which passes through  $(-2, 0)$  and  $(0, -4)$  is:

- A.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- B.  $-2$
- C.  $-\frac{1}{2}$
- D.  $4$
- E.  $2$

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**Question 272** (1 mark)


The coordinates of the point on a curve with the equation  $y = \sqrt{x}$  that are closest to the point  $(4, 0)$  are:

- A.  $(0, 0)$
- B.  $(3, \sqrt{3})$
- C.  $\left(\frac{7}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{14}}{2}\right)$
- D.  $\left(\frac{7}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{15}}{2}\right)$
- E.  $(4, 2)$

**Question 273** (1 mark)


The set of values of  $p$  for which  $x^3 - px + 2 = 0$  has three distinct, real solutions is:

- A.  $(3, \infty)$
- B.  $(-\infty, -3)$
- C.  $(-3, 3)$
- D.  $(-\infty, 3]$
- E.  $[3, \infty)$

**Question 274** (1 mark)


The simultaneous linear equations  $2y + (m - 1)x = 2$  and  $my + 3x = k$  have infinitely many solutions for:

- A.  $m = 3$  and  $k = -2$
- B.  $m = 3$  and  $k = 2$
- C.  $m = 3$  and  $k = 4$
- D.  $m = -2$  and  $k = -2$
- E.  $m = -2$  and  $k = 3$

**Question 275** (1 mark)


The gradient of a line perpendicular to the line that passes through  $(3, 0)$  and  $(0, -6)$  is:

- A.  $-\frac{1}{2}$
- B.  $-2$
- C.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- D.  $4$
- E.  $2$

**Question 276** (1 mark)


The simultaneous linear equations  $mx + 7y = 12$  and  $7x + my = m$  have a unique solution only for:

- A.  $m = 7$  or  $m = -7$
- B.  $m = 12$  or  $m = 3$
- C.  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-7, 7\}$
- D.  $m = 4$  or  $m = 3$
- E.  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{12, 1\}$

**Question 277** (1 mark)

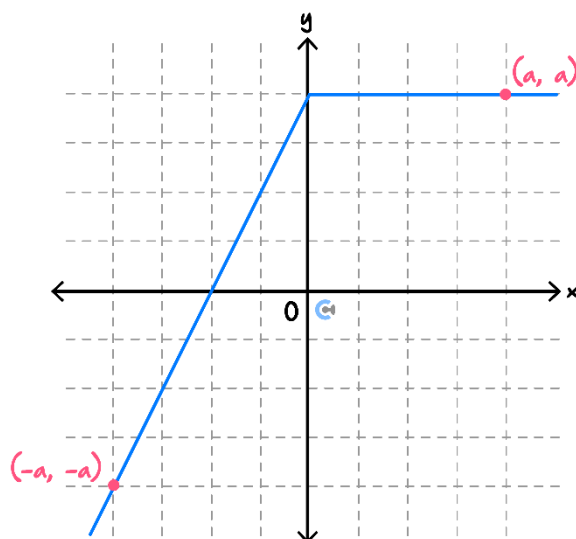

The graph of  $y = kx - 2$  will not intersect or touch the graph of  $y = x^2 + 3x$  when:

- A.  $3 - 2\sqrt{2} < k < 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$
- B.  $\{k: k < 3 - 2\sqrt{2}\} \cup \{k: k > 3 + 2\sqrt{2}\}$
- C.  $-5 < k < 11$
- D.  $3 - 2\sqrt{2} \leq k \leq 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$
- E.  $k \in \mathbb{R}^+$

Question 278 (1 mark)



Part of the graph of a function  $f$  is shown below.



Which one of the following is the average value of the function  $f$  over the interval  $[-a, a]$ ?

- A. 0
- B.  $\frac{3a}{4}$
- C.  $\frac{3a}{8}$
- D.  $\frac{a}{2}$
- E.  $\frac{a}{4}$

Question 279 (1 mark)



The simultaneous linear equations  $ax - 3y = 5$  and  $3x - ay = 8 - a$  have **no solution** for:

- A.  $a = 3$
- B.  $a = -3$
- C. both  $a = 3$  and  $a = -3$
- D.  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$
- E.  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus [-3, 3]$

**Question 280** (1 mark)


Let  $p(x) = x^3 - 2ax^2 + x - 1$ , where  $a \in R$ . When  $p$  is divided by  $x + 2$ , the remainder is 5.

The value of  $a$  is:

- A. 2
- B.  $-\frac{7}{4}$
- C.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- D.  $-\frac{3}{2}$
- E. -2

**Question 281** (1 mark)


If  $x + a$  is a factor of  $8x^3 - 14x^2 - a^2x$ , where  $a \in R \setminus \{0\}$ , then the value of  $a$  is:

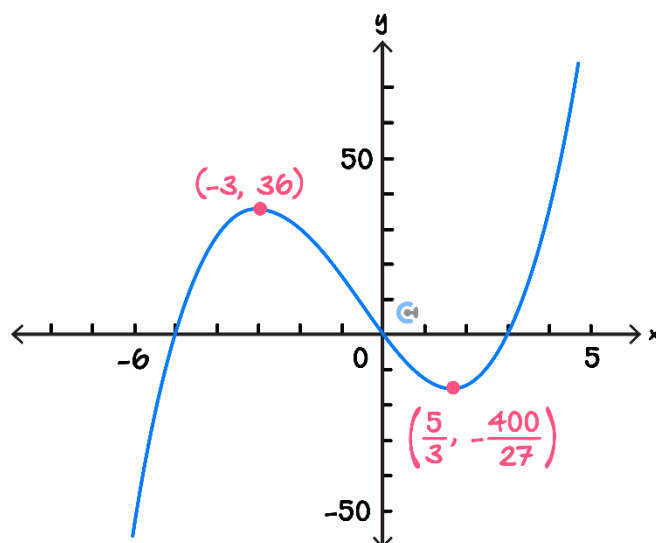
- A. 7
- B. 4
- C. 1
- D. -2
- E. -1

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**Question 282** (1 mark)



Part of the graph of a cubic polynomial function  $f$  and the coordinates of its stationary points are shown below.



$f'(x) < 0$  for the interval:

- A.  $(0, 3)$
- B.  $(-\infty, -5) \cup (0, 3)$
- C.  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (\frac{5}{3}, \infty)$
- D.  $(-3, \frac{5}{3})$
- E.  $(\frac{-400}{27}, 36)$

**Question 283** (1 mark)



The equation  $(p - 1)x^2 + 4x = 5 - p$  has no real roots when:

- A.  $p^2 - 6p + 6 < 0$
- B.  $p^2 - 6p + 1 > 0$
- C.  $p^2 - 6p - 6 < 0$
- D.  $p^2 - 6p + 1 < 0$
- E.  $p^2 - 6p + 6 > 0$



**Question 284** (1 mark)


The simultaneous linear equations  $(m - 1)x + 5y = 7$  and  $3x + (m - 3)y = 0.7m$  have infinitely many solutions for:

- A.  $m \in R \setminus \{0, -2\}$
- B.  $m \in R \setminus \{0\}$
- C.  $m \in R \setminus \{6\}$
- D.  $m = 6$
- E.  $m = -2$

**Question 285** (1 mark)


The simultaneous linear equations,

$$kx - 3y = 0$$

$$5x - (k + 2)y = 0$$

Where  $k$  is a real constant, have a unique solution provided.

- A.  $k \in \{-5, 3\}$
- B.  $k \in R \setminus \{-5, 3\}$
- C.  $k \in \{-3, 5\}$
- D.  $k \in R \setminus \{-3, 5\}$
- E.  $k \in R \setminus \{0\}$

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**Question 286** (1 mark)


The simultaneous linear equations,

$$ax + 3y = 0$$

$$2x + (a + 1)y = 0$$

Where  $a$  is a real constant, have infinitely many solutions for:

- A.  $a \in \mathbb{R}$
- B.  $a \in \{-3, 2\}$
- C.  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-3, 2\}$
- D.  $a \in \{-2, 3\}$
- E.  $a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-2, 3\}$

**Question 287** (1 mark)


The simultaneous linear equations,

$$mx + 12y = 24$$

$$3x + my = m$$

Have a unique solution only for:

- A.  $m = 6$  or  $m = -6$
- B.  $m = 12$  or  $m = 3$
- C.  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-6, 6\}$
- D.  $m = 2$  or  $m = 1$
- E.  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-12, -3\}$

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**Question 288** (1 mark)


The graph of  $y = kx - 3$  intersects the graph of  $y = x^2 + 8x$  at two distinct points for:

- A.  $k = 11$
- B.  $k > 8 + 2\sqrt{3}$  or  $k < 8 - 2\sqrt{3}$
- C.  $5 \leq k \leq 6$
- D.  $8 - 2\sqrt{3} \leq k \leq 8 + 2\sqrt{3}$
- E.  $k = 5$

**Question 289** (1 mark)


The solution set of the equation  $e^{4x} - 5e^{2x} + 4 = 0$  over  $R$  is:

- A.  $\{1, 4\}$
- B.  $\{-4, -1\}$
- C.  $\{-2, -1, 1, 2\}$
- D.  $\{-\log_e(2), 0, \log_e(2)\}$
- E.  $\{0, \log_e(2)\}$

**Question 290** (1 mark)


The simultaneous linear equations  $(m - 2)x + 3y = 6$  and  $2x + (m - 3)y = m - 1$  have **no solution** for:

- A.  $m \in R \setminus \{0, 5\}$
- B.  $m \in R \setminus \{0\}$
- C.  $m \in R \setminus \{6\}$
- D.  $m = 5$
- E.  $m = 0$

**Question 291** (1 mark)



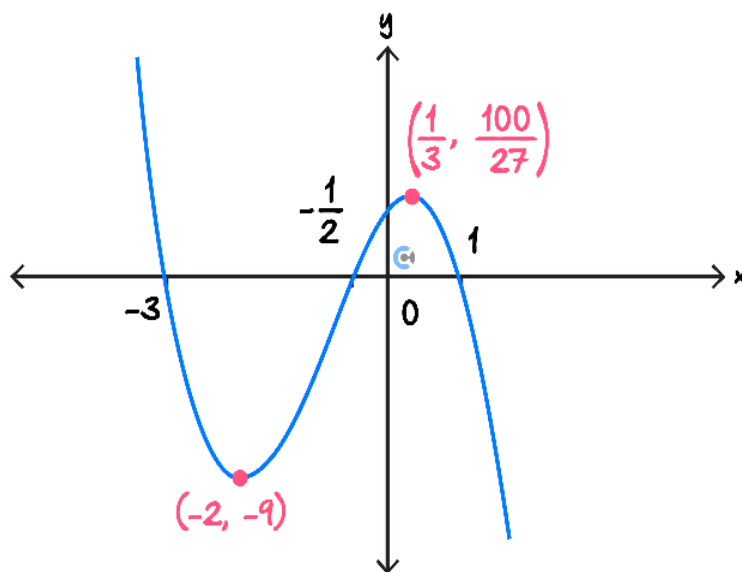
The set of values of  $k$  for which  $x^2 + 2x - k = 0$  has two real solutions is:

- A.  $\{-1, 1\}$
- B.  $(-1, \infty)$
- C.  $(-\infty, -1)$
- D.  $\{-1\}$
- E.  $[-1, \infty)$

**Question 292** (1 mark)



Part of the graph  $y = f(x)$  of the polynomial function  $f$  is shown below.



$f'(x) < 0$  for

- A.  $x \in (-2, 0) \cup \left(\frac{1}{3}, \infty\right)$
- B.  $x \in \left(-9, \frac{100}{27}\right)$
- C.  $x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup \left(\frac{1}{3}, \infty\right)$
- D.  $x \in \left(-2, \frac{1}{3}\right)$
- E.  $x \in (-\infty, -2] \cup (1, \infty)$

**Question 293** (1 mark)



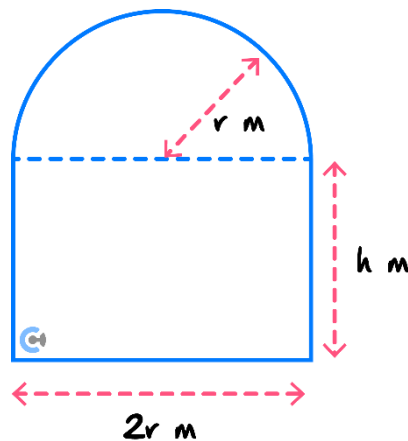
The line with equation  $y = mx + 1$  and the curve with equation  $y = 3x^2 + 2x + 4$  intersect at two distinct points. The values of  $m$  are:

- A.  $-4 < m < 8$
- B.  $m < -4$
- C.  $m > 8$
- D.  $m < -4$  or  $m > 8$
- E.  $m = -4$  or  $m = 8$

**Question 294** (1 mark)



The diagram below shows a glass window consisting of a rectangle of height  $h$  metres and width  $2r$  metres, and a semicircle of radius  $r$  metres. The perimeter of the window is  $8$  m.



An expression for the area of the glass window,  $A$ , in terms of  $r$  is:

- A.  $A = 8r - 2r^2 - \frac{3\pi r^2}{2}$
- B.  $A = 8r - 2r^2 + \frac{\pi r^2}{2}$
- C.  $A = 8r - 4r^2 - \frac{3\pi r^2}{2}$
- D.  $A = 8r - 4r^2 - \frac{\pi r^2}{2}$
- E.  $A = 8r - 2r^2 - \frac{\pi r^2}{2}$

**Question 295** (1 mark)


The simultaneous linear equations  $2y + (m - 1)x = 2$  and  $my + 3x = k$  have infinitely many solutions for:

- A.  $m = 3$  and  $k = -2$
- B.  $m = 3$  and  $k = 2$
- C.  $m = 3$  and  $k = 4$
- D.  $m = -2$  and  $k = -2$
- E.  $m = -2$  and  $k = 3$

**Question 296** (1 mark)


The simultaneous linear equations  $mx + 7y = 12$  and  $7x + my = m$  have a unique solution only for:

- A.  $m = 7$  and  $m = -7$
- B.  $m = 12$  and  $m = 3$
- C.  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-7, 7\}$
- D.  $m = 4$  and  $m = 3$
- E.  $m \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{12, 1\}$

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**Question 297** (1 mark)

Let  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow R, f(x) = x^2 + 1$ .

The equation  $f(f(x)) = \frac{185}{16}$  has real solution(s):

**A.**  $x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{13}}{4}$

**B.**  $x = \frac{\sqrt{13}}{4}$

**C.**  $x = \pm \frac{\sqrt{13}}{2}$

**D.**  $x = \frac{3}{2}$

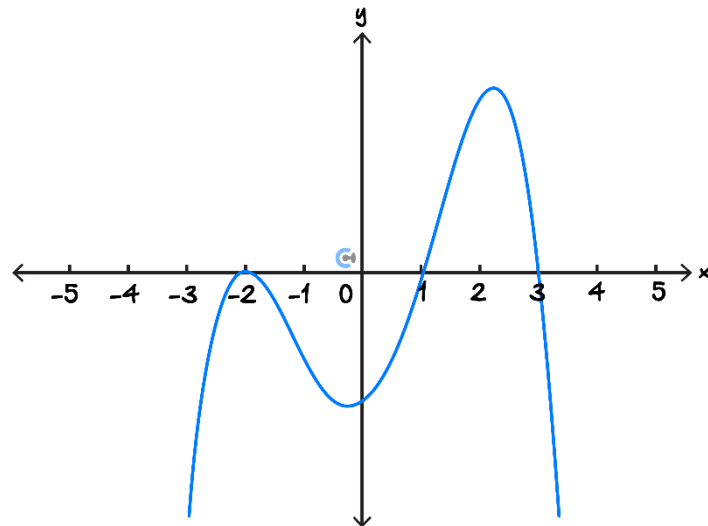
**E.**  $x = \pm \frac{3}{2}$

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**Question 298** (1 mark)

The diagram below shows part of the graph of a polynomial function.



A possible rule for this function is:

- A.  $y = (x + 2)(x - 1)(x - 3)$
- B.  $y = (x + 2)^2(x - 1)(x - 3)$
- C.  $y = (x + 2)^2(x - 1)(3 - x)$
- D.  $y = -(x - 2)^2(x - 1)(3 - x)$
- E.  $y = -(x + 2)(x - 1)(x - 3)$

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**Question 299** (1 mark)


A set of three numbers that could be the solutions of  $x^3 + ax^2 + 16x + 84 = 0$  is:

- A.  $\{3, 4, 7\}$
- B.  $\{-4, -3, 7\}$
- C.  $\{-2, -1, 21\}$
- D.  $\{-2, 6, 7\}$
- E.  $\{2, 6, 7\}$

**Question 300** (1 mark)


The transformation  $T: R^2 \rightarrow R^2$  maps the graph of  $y = x^3 - x$  onto the graph of  $y = 2(x - 1)^3 - 2(x - 1) + 4$ . The transformation  $T$  could be given by:

- A.  $T(x, y) = (x + 1, 2y + 4)$
- B.  $T(x, y) = \left(x + 1, \frac{1}{2}y + 4\right)$
- C.  $T(x, y) = (2x + 1, y + 2)$
- D.  $T(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{2}x + 1, y + 2\right)$
- E.  $T(x, y) = (x + 1, 2y + 2)$

**Question 301** (1 mark)


The transformation  $T: R^2 \rightarrow R^2$ , which maps the graph of  $y = -\sqrt{2x + 1} - 3$  onto the graph of  $y = \sqrt{x}$ , has rules:

- A.  $T(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{2}x - 1, -y - 3\right)$
- B.  $T(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{2}x - 1, -y + 3\right)$
- C.  $T(x, y) = \left(\frac{1}{2}x + 1, -y - 3\right)$
- D.  $T(x, y) = (2x + 1, -y - 3)$
- E.  $T(x, y) = (2x - 1, -y + 3)$

**Question 302** (1 mark)



The point  $(a, b)$  is transformed by:

$$T(x, y) = \left( \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}, -2y - 2 \right)$$

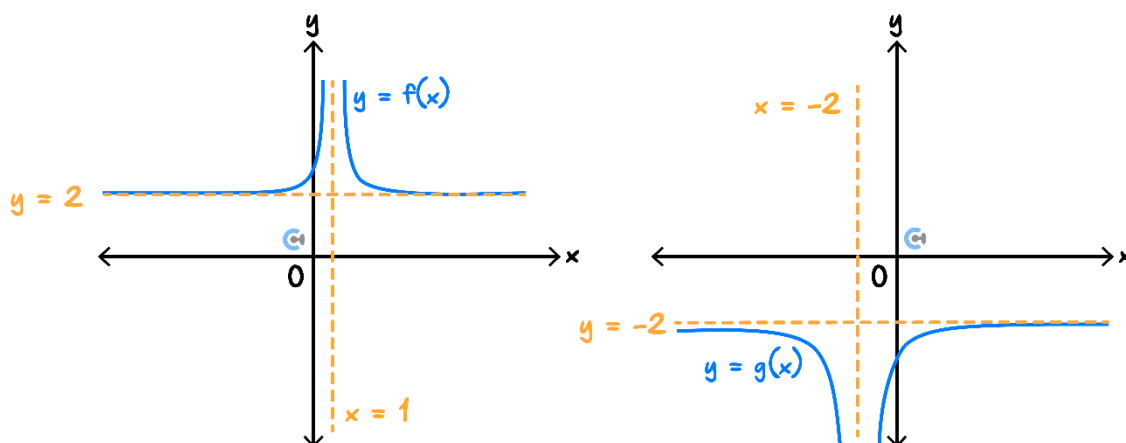
If the image of  $(a, b)$  is  $(0, 0)$ , then  $(a, b)$  is:

- A.  $(1, 1)$
- B.  $(-1, 1)$
- C.  $(-1, 0)$
- D.  $(0, 1)$
- E.  $(1, -1)$

**Question 303** (1 mark)



Consider the graphs of  $f$  and  $g$  below, which have the same scale.



If  $T$  transforms the graph of  $f$  onto the graph of  $g$ , then:

- A.  $T(x, y) = (x - 3, y - 4)$
- B.  $T(x, y) = (-x - 3, y - 4)$
- C.  $T(x, y) = (x - 3, -y)$
- D.  $T(x, y) = (-2x, -y)$
- E.  $T(x, y) = (-x, -2y)$

**Question 304** (1 mark)


The graph of the function  $f: [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ , where  $f(x) = 4x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ , is reflected in the  $x$ -axis and then translated five units to the right and six units vertically down.

Which one of the following is the rule of the transformed graph?

- A.  $y = 4(x - 5)^{\frac{1}{3}} + 6$
- B.  $y = -4(x + 5)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 6$
- C.  $y = -4(x + 5)^{\frac{1}{3}} + 6$
- D.  $y = -4(x - 5)^{\frac{1}{3}} - 6$
- E.  $y = 4(x - 5)^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1$

**Question 305** (1 mark)


The point  $A(3, 2)$  lies on the graph of the function  $f$ . A transformation maps the graph of  $f$  to the graph of  $g$  where  $g(x) = \frac{1}{2}f(x - 1)$ . The same transformation maps the point  $A$  to the point  $P$ .

The coordinates of the point  $P$  are:

- A.  $(2, 1)$
- B.  $(2, 4)$
- C.  $(4, 1)$
- D.  $(4, 2)$
- E.  $(4, 4)$

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**Question 306** (1 mark)

The graph of a function  $f$  is obtained from the graph of the function  $g$  with rule  $g(x) = \sqrt{2x - 5}$  by a reflection in the  $x$ -axis followed by a dilation from the  $y$ -axis by a factor of  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Which one of the following is the rule for the function  $f$ ?

- A.  $f(x) = \sqrt{5 - 4x}$
- B.  $f(x) = -\sqrt{x - 5}$
- C.  $f(x) = \sqrt{x + 5}$
- D.  $f(x) = -\sqrt{4x - 5}$
- E.  $f(x) = -\sqrt{4x - 10}$

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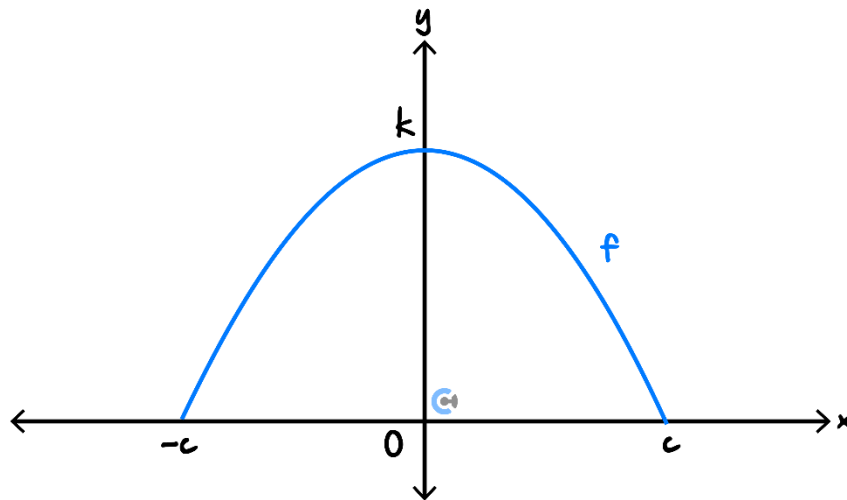


**Question 307** (10 marks)

The parabolic arch of a tunnel is modelled by the function  $f: [-c, c] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = ax^2 + b$ , where  $a < 0, b \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $c > 0$ .

Let  $x$  be the horizontal distance, in metres, from the origin and let  $y$  be the vertical distance, in metres, above the base of the arch.

The graph of  $f$  is shown below, where the coordinates of the  $y$ -intercept are  $(0, k)$  and the coordinates of the  $x$ -intercepts are  $(-c, 0)$  and  $(c, 0)$ .



- a. Express  $a$  and  $b$  in terms of  $c$  and  $k$ . (2 marks)

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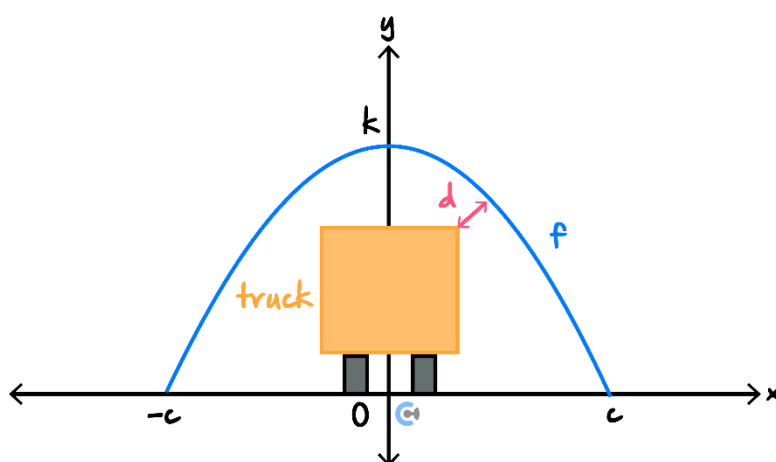
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A particular tunnel has an arch modelled by  $f$ . It has a height of  $6\text{ m}$  at the centre and a width of  $8\text{ m}$  at the base.

- b.
- Find the rule for this arch. (1 mark)
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- A truck that has a height of  $3.7\text{ m}$  and a width of  $2.7\text{ m}$  will fit through the arch with the function  $f$  found in **part b. i.**



Assuming that the truck drives directly through the middle of the arch, let  $d$  be the minimum distance between the arch and the top corner of the truck.

Find  $d$  and the value of  $x$  for which this occurs, correct to three decimal places. (3 marks)

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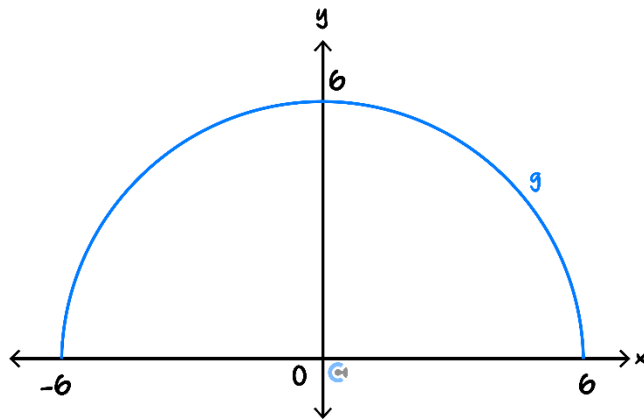
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A different tunnel has a semicircular arch. This arch can be modelled by the function  $g: [-6, 6] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{r^2 - x^2}$ , where  $r > 0$ .

The graph of  $g$  is shown below.



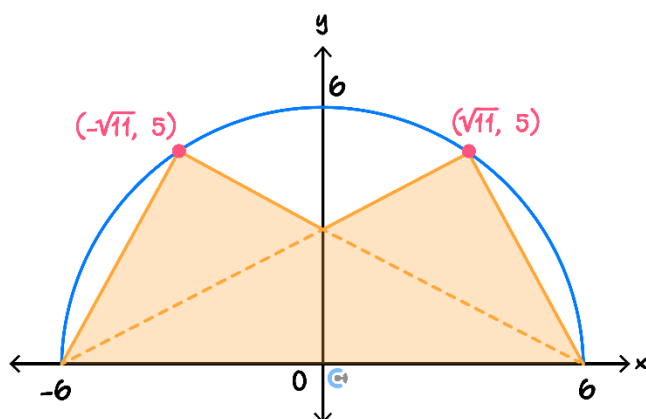
c. State the value of  $r$ . (1 mark)

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- d. Two lights have been placed on the arch to light the entrance of the tunnel. The positions of the lights are  $(-\sqrt{11}, 5)$  and  $(\sqrt{11}, 5)$ . The area that is lit by these lights is shaded in the diagram below.



Determine the proportion of the cross-section of the tunnel entrance that is lit by the lights. Give your answer as a percentage, correct to the nearest integer. (3 marks)

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**Question 308** (3 marks)

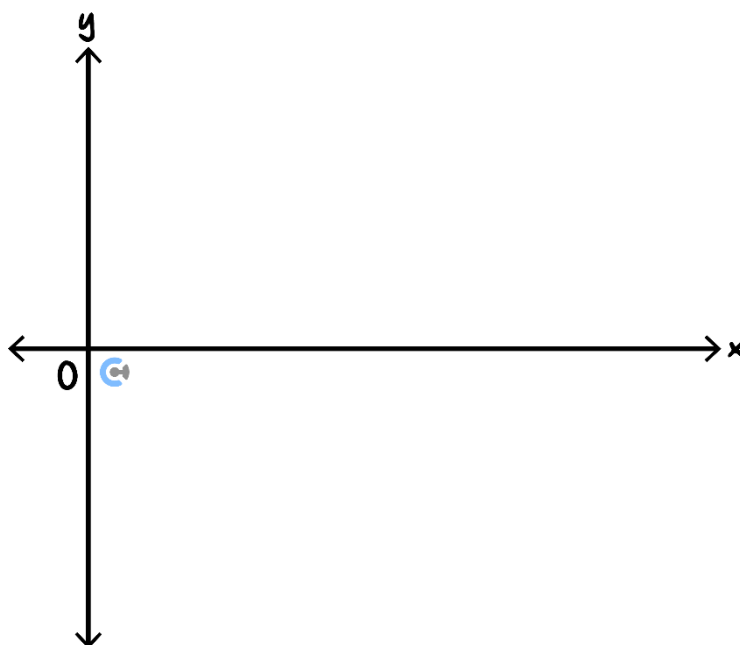
A well-designed computer screen display aims to make it quick and easy for a user to do tasks such as clicking on a screen button. Fitts' Law models the way in which the time taken to move to and click on a screen button depends on the distance the mouse is moved and the width of the screen button.

According to Fitts' Law, for a fixed distance travelled by the mouse, the time taken, in seconds, is given by  $a - b \log_e(x)$ ,  $0 \leq x \leq 5$ , where  $x$  cm is the button width and  $a$  and  $b$  are positive constants for a particular user.

**a.** Minnie discovers that, for her,  $a = 1.1$  and  $b = 0.5$ .

**i.** Let  $f(0, 5] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ ,  $f(x) = 1.1 - 0.5 \log_e(x)$ .

Sketch the graph of  $y = f(x)$  on the axes below. Label any asymptote with its equation and any end-point with its exact coordinates. (3 marks)



**ii.** Explain why  $f^{-1}$ , the inverse function of  $f$ , exists.

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iii. Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ , the rule for  $f^{-1}$ .

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iv. State the domain of  $f^{-1}$ .

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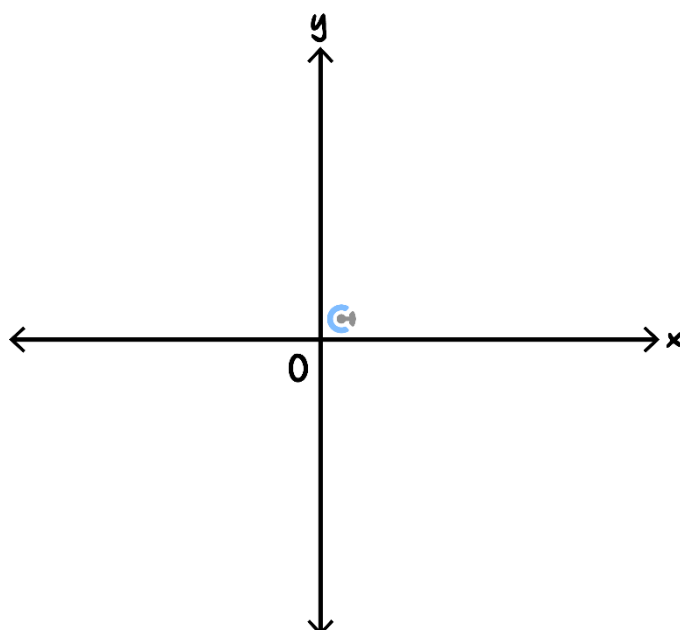
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v. Sketch the graph of  $y = f^{-1}(x)$  on the axes below. Label any asymptote with its equation and any end-point with its exact coordinates.



- b. Mickey decides to find the values of  $a$  and  $b$  for his use. He finds that when  $x$  is 1, his time is 0.5 seconds, and when  $x$  is 1.5, his time is 0.3 seconds.

Find the exact values of  $a$  and  $b$  for Mickey.

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- c. Show that, when the button width is halved, the time taken by Minnie (for whom  $a = 1.1$  and  $b = 0.5$ ) is increased by  $\log_2 \sqrt{2}$  seconds.

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**Question 309** (12 marks)

Sally is using graph sketching software to design the landscape of the four hills shown in Figure 1 below.

She starts by using the square root functions  $h$ ,  $h_1$ , and  $h_2$  to model the shapes of three of the four hills, as shown in Figure 2 below.

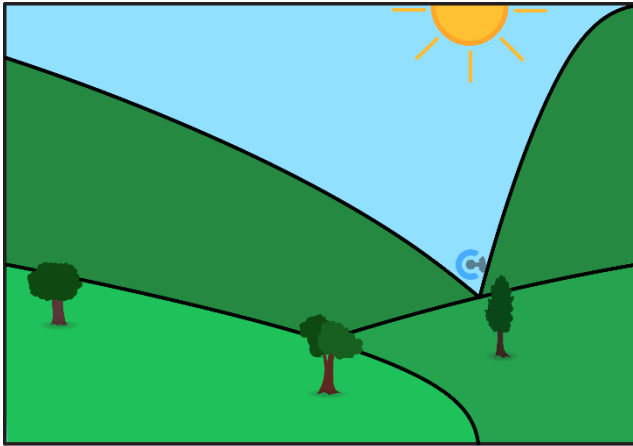


Figure 1

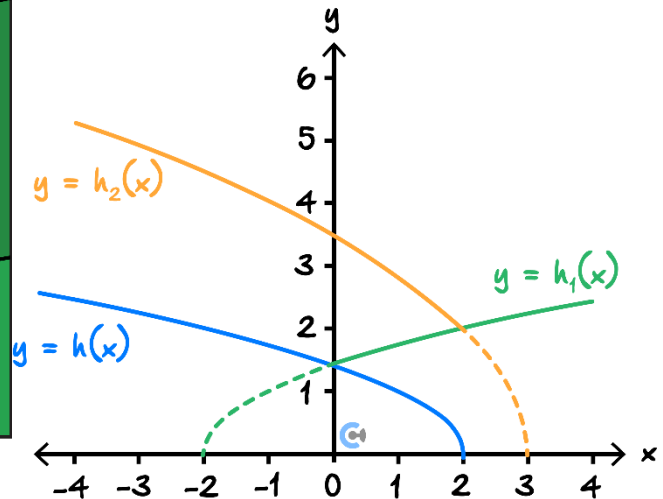


Figure 2

The rule for the function  $h$  is  $h(x) = \sqrt{2-x}$ .

a.

- i. State the maximal domain for  $h$ . (1 mark)

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- ii. The rule for the function  $h_1$  is obtained by reflecting the graph of  $h$  in the vertical axis.

State the rule for the function  $h_1$ . (1 mark)

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**b.** The rule for the function  $h_2$  is  $h_2(x) = 2\sqrt{3-x}$ .

**i.** Write a sequence of two transformations that map the graph of  $h$  onto the graph of  $h_2$ . (1 mark)

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**ii.** Let  $T_1(x, y) = (ax + c, by + d)$  be a transformation that maps the graph of  $h$  onto the graph of  $h_2$ .

Find **one** set of possible values for  $a$ ,  $b$ ,  $c$  and  $d$ . (2 marks)

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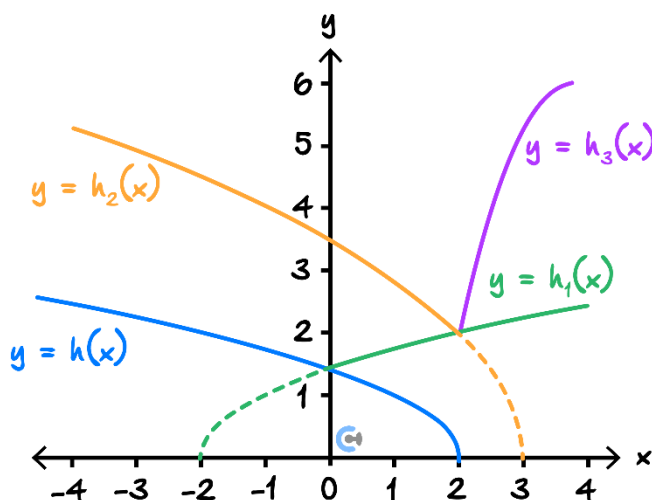
**iii.** Find the value of  $x$  for which the slope of the hill defined by the function  $h$  is equal to the slope of the hill defined by the function  $h_2$ . (1 mark)

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Sally decides to use a quadratic function,  $h_3$ , to model the shape of the fourth hill in her landscape.



- c. Find the rule for  $h_3$ , a quadratic function with a stationary point at  $(4, 6)$  and which passes through  $(2, 2)$ . (2 marks)

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Sally believes the function  $h_3$  is closely related to the inverse of  $h$ .

- d. Find the domain and the rule for the function  $h^{-1}$ , the inverse of  $h(x) = \sqrt{2 - x}$ . (2 marks)

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e. Consider the transformation  $T_2(x, y) = (y + 4, x + 4)$ .

Does the transformation above map the function  $h$  onto the function  $h_3$ ? Give a reason to justify your answer. (2 marks)

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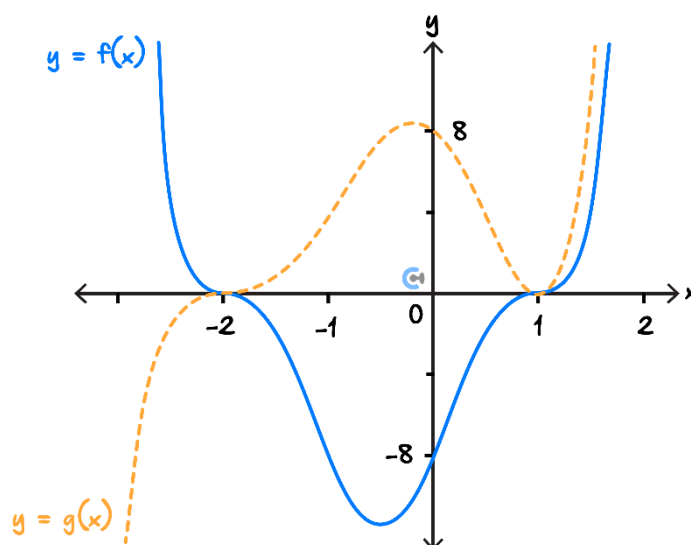


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**Question 310** (9 marks)



Parts of the graphs of  $f(x) = (x - 1)^3(x + 2)^3$  and  $g(x) = (x - 1)^2(x + 2)^3$  are shown on the axes below.



The two graphs intersect at three points,  $(-2, 0)$ ,  $(1, 0)$  and  $(c, d)$ . The point  $(c, d)$  is not shown in the diagram above.

a. Find the values of  $c$  and  $d$ . (2 marks)

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- b.** Find the values of  $x$  such that  $f(x) > g(x)$ . (1 mark)

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- c.** State the values of  $x$  for which:

- i.**  $f'(x) > 0$ . (1 mark)

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- ii.**  $g'(x) > 0$ . (1 mark)

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- d.** Show that  $f(1 + m) = f(-2 - m)$  for all  $m$ . (1 mark)

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- e.** Find the values of  $h$  such that  $g(x + h) = 0$  has exactly one negative solution. (2 marks)

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- f. Find the values of  $k$  such that  $f(x) + k = 0$  has no solutions. (1 mark)

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**Question 311** (8 marks)



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[https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/mathematics/2019/NHT/mm2nht\\_examrep19.pdf](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/mathematics/2019/NHT/mm2nht_examrep19.pdf)

Let  $f: R \rightarrow R, f(x) = e^{\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)}$  and  $g: R^+ \rightarrow R, g(x) = 2 \log_e(x)$ .

- a. Find  $g^{-1}(x)$ . (1 mark)

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- b. Find the coordinates of point  $A$ , where the tangent to the graph of  $f$  at  $A$  is parallel to the graph of  $y = x$ . (2 marks)

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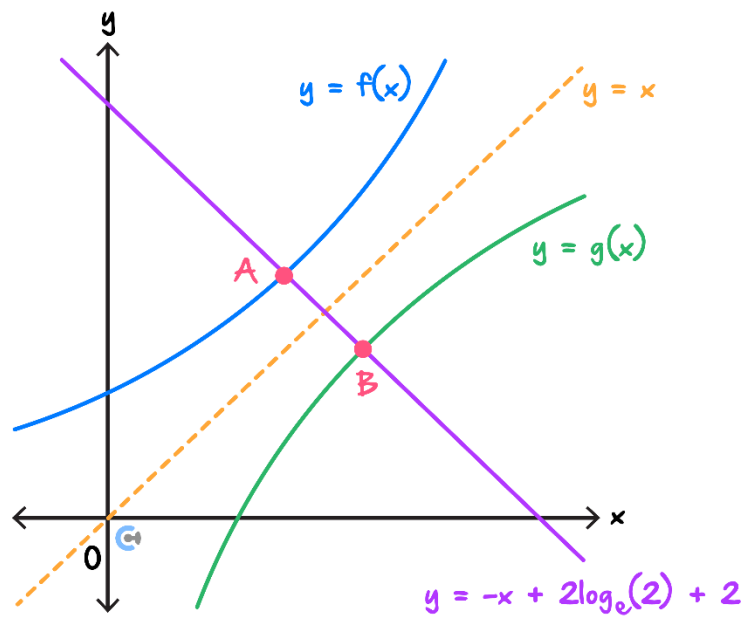
- c. Show that the equation of the line that is perpendicular to the graph of  $y = x$  and goes through point  $A$  is  $y = -x + 2 \log_e(2) + 2$ . (1 mark)

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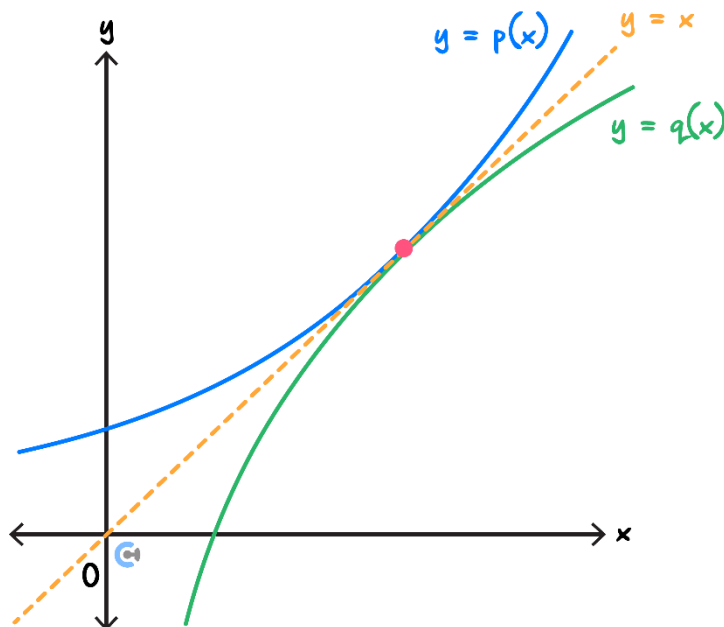
Let  $B$  be the point of intersection of the graphs of  $g$  and  $y = -x + 2 \log_e(2) + 2$ , as shown in the diagram below.



- d. Determine the coordinates of point  $B$ . (1 mark)

Let  $p: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, p(x) = e^{kx}$  and  $q: \mathbb{R}^+ \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, q(x) = \frac{1}{k} \log_e(x)$ .

- e. The graphs of  $p$ ,  $q$  and  $y = x$  are shown in the diagram below. The graphs of  $p$  and  $q$  touch but do not cross.



Find the value of  $k$ . (2 marks)

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- f. Find the value of  $k$ ,  $k > 0$ , for which the tangent to the graph of  $p$  at its  $y$ -intercept and the tangent to the graph of  $q$  at its  $x$ -intercept are parallel. (1 mark)

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**Question 312** (16 marks)

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<https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/mathematics/2023/NHT/2023mathsmethods2-NHT-report.docx>

Let  $g: R \rightarrow R, g(x) = (x + 2)^2 - 1$ .

- a.** Express the rule for  $g$  in the form  $g(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ , where  $a, b, c \in R$ . (1 mark)

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- b.** The function  $g$  can also be written in the form  $g(x) = (x - p)(x - q)$ , where  $p, q \in Z$ . Give the values of  $p$  and  $q$ . (1 mark)

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- c.** Find the value of  $k$  for which the graph of  $y = g(x) + k$  passes through the origin. (2 marks)

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- d.** Using algebra, find the value(s) of  $d$  such that the graph of  $y = g(x - d)$  will pass through the origin. (2 marks)

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- e.** Describe the transformation from the graph of  $y = g(x)$  to the graph of  $y = g(3x)$ . (1 mark)

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Let  $h: R \rightarrow R, h(x) = mx + n$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are real numbers.

- f. Find the value of  $m$ , such that the graph of the sum function  $y = g(x) + h(x)$  has a turning point on the  $y$ -axis. (2 marks)

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- g. Find  $n$  in terms of  $m$ , such that the graph of the sum function  $y = g(x) + h(x)$  has a turning point on the  $x$ -axis. (2 marks)

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- h. Find **two** pairs of values for  $m$  and  $n$ , such that the graph of the product function  $y = g(x)h(x)$  has exactly two  $x$ -intercepts. (3 marks)

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- i. Find the coordinates of the turning point of the graph of  $y = g(h(x))$ , giving your answer in terms of  $m$  and  $n$ . (2 marks)

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**Question 313** (9 marks)


*Inspired from VCAA Mathematics Exam 2018*

[https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/mathematics/2018/nht/mathsmethods2nht\\_examrep18.pdf](https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Documents/exams/mathematics/2018/nht/mathsmethods2nht_examrep18.pdf)

Let  $f: R \rightarrow R, f(x) = x^4 - 4x - 8$ .

- a. Given  $f(x) = (x - 2)(x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c)$ , find  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ . (1 mark)

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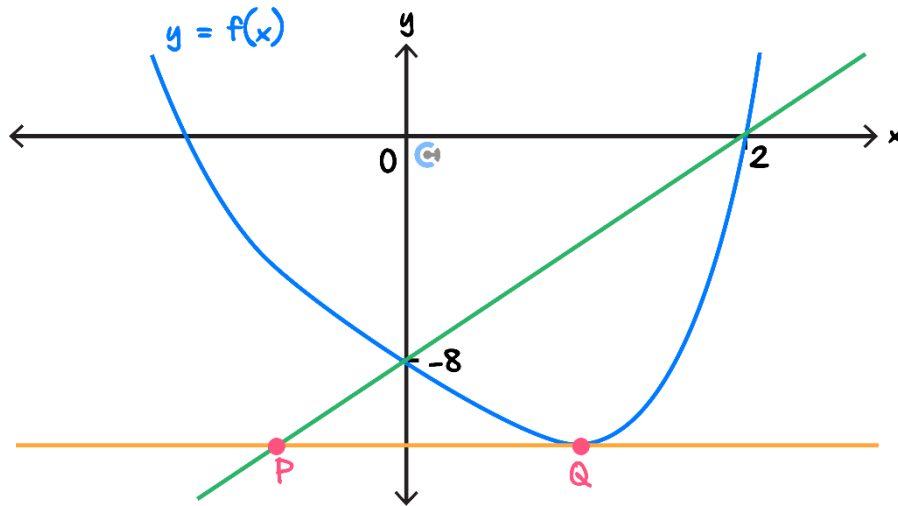
- b. Find two consecutive integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that a solution to  $f(x) = 0$  is in the interval  $(m, n)$ , where  $m < n < 0$ . (2 marks)

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The diagram below shows part of the graph of  $f$  and a straight line drawn through the points  $(0, -8)$  and  $(2, 0)$ . A second straight line is drawn parallel to the horizontal axis and it touches the graph off at the point  $Q$ . The two straight lines intersect at the point  $P$ .



c.

- i. Find the equation of the line through  $(0, -8)$  and  $(2, 0)$ . (1 mark)

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- ii. State the equation of the line through the points  $P$  and  $Q$ . (1 mark)

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- iii. State the coordinates of the points  $P$  and  $Q$ . (2 marks)

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**d.** A transformation  $T: R^2 \rightarrow R^2$ ,  $T(x, y) = (x + d, y)$  is applied to the graph of  $f$ .

**i.** Find the value of  $d$  for which  $P$  is the image of  $Q$ . (1 mark)

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**ii.** Let  $(m', 0)$  and  $(n', 0)$  be the images of  $(m, 0)$  and  $(1, 0)$  respectively, under the transformation  $T$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are defined in **part b**.

Find the values of  $m'$  and  $n'$ . (1 mark)

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