

Multiple Choice: Write the CAPITAL letter corresponding to the correct answer on the line provided.

1. Given the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^a + k}{x^b + m}$ , a linear oblique asymptote will occur when: C  
 A)  $a \geq b$       B)  $b > a$       C)  $a - b = 1$       D)  $a - b = 2$       E) none of the above

2. Which of the following statements is **true** if  $f(x)$  is the reciprocal of a quadratic with x intercepts at  $x = \pm 4$  and a vertex of  $(0, 8)$ ? A

- A)  $f(x)$  has two vertical asymptotes      B)  $\frac{1}{f(x)}$  has a local maximum at  $(0, \frac{1}{8})$   
 C)  $\frac{1}{f(x)}$  has a local minimum at  $(0, \frac{-1}{8})$       D)  $\frac{1}{f(x)} > 0$  when  $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$

3. Given  $f(x) = \frac{(6-2x)}{(x^2-4)(x-3)}$  which of the following is **true**? B

$$= \frac{-2(x-3)}{(x^2-4)(x-3)} = \frac{-2}{x^2-4}$$

- A)  $f(x)$  crosses at least one of its asymptotes      B)  $f(x)$  has a hole at  $(3, \frac{-2}{5})$   
 C)  $f(x)$  has a horizontal asymptote at  $y = -2$       D)  $f(x)$  has 3 vertical asymptotes

4. Which of the following functions has an asymptote that passes through the origin? D

- A)  $f(x) = \frac{x(x-4)(x-9)}{(x-8)(x-3)^2}$       B)  $f(x) = \frac{(x^2-4)(2x-9)}{(x)(2x-3)}, x \neq -1$   
 C)  $f(x) = \frac{(x-6)(x+4)}{x^3-8}$       D) Both B and C

5. Which of the following function(s) cross at least one of their asymptotes? C

- A)  $f(x) = \frac{(x+1)(x+5)(2x-9)}{2x^2-7x-9} = \frac{(x+1)(x+5)(2x-9)}{(2x+1)(x-9)}$       B)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2+16}$   
 C)  $f(x) = \frac{x(x-4)(x-9)}{x^3-14x^2+57x-72}$       D) All of the above

6. Complete the table below given the following function  $f(x) = \frac{-x(x-3)(x-4)}{(2x-8)(x+2)(x+5)} = \frac{-x(x-3)(x-4)}{2(x-4)(x+2)(x+5)}$

x-intercept(s), if any.	0 and 3
y-intercept, if any.	0
Equation of vertical asymptote(s), if any.	$x = -2$ and $x = -5$
Equation of horizontal or oblique asymptote, if any.	$y = -\frac{1}{2}$

7. Determine the equation of the oblique asymptote given  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + 9x - 12}{x+4}$

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -4 & 2 & 9 & -12 & \\ & & -8 & -4 & \\ \hline & 2 & 1 & -16 & \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = 2x + 1 - \frac{16}{x+4}$$

$$\therefore \text{O.A is } y = 2x + 1$$

8. Create the equation of a function  $g(x)$  with the following properties:

B) x-intercept of  $\frac{1}{4}$ , y-intercept of  $-\frac{1}{2}$ , vertical asymptote of  $x = -\frac{2}{3}$  and horizontal asymptote of  $y = \frac{4}{3}$ .

$$\begin{aligned} g(x) &= \frac{\frac{4}{3}(x - \frac{1}{4})}{b(x + \frac{2}{3})} \\ &= \frac{4(x - \frac{1}{4})}{3(x + \frac{2}{3})} \\ &= \frac{4x - 1}{3x + 2} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\frac{4}{3}(0 - \frac{1}{4})}{b(0 + \frac{2}{3})} &= -\frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{-\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}b} &= -\frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{3} &= -\frac{1}{3}b \\ 1 &= b \end{aligned}$$

9. For the function,  $g(x) = \frac{mx-3}{4-nx}$ , find the values of  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $g(x)$  has a vertical asymptote when  $x = 6$  and a horizontal asymptote at  $y = -3$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{V.A at } x=6: 4-n(6) &= 0 \\ 4 &= 6n \\ \frac{2}{3} &= n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{H.A at } y=-3: \frac{m}{-n} &= -3 \\ \frac{m}{-\frac{2}{3}} &= -3 \\ m &= 2 \end{aligned}$$

10. Sketch the graph of  $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 4}{x^2 + x - 20}$

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2(x-1) - 4(x-1)}{(x+5)(x-4)} = \frac{(x+2)(x-2)(x-1)}{(x+5)(x-4)}$$

$$\text{x-inter: } -2, 2, 1 \quad \text{y-inter: } -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{V.A: } x = -5 \Rightarrow \text{As } x \rightarrow -5^-, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow -5^+, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

$$x = 4 \Rightarrow \text{As } x \rightarrow 4^-, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow 4^+, f(x) \rightarrow \infty$$

O.A:

$$\begin{array}{r} x-2 \\ x^2+x-20 \overline{) x^3-x^2-4x+4} \\ \underline{-(x^3+x^2-20x)} \phantom{+4} \\ -2x^2+16x+4 \\ \underline{-(2x^2+2x-40)} \\ 18x-36 \end{array}$$

$$f(x) = x-2 + \frac{18x-36}{x^2+x-20}$$

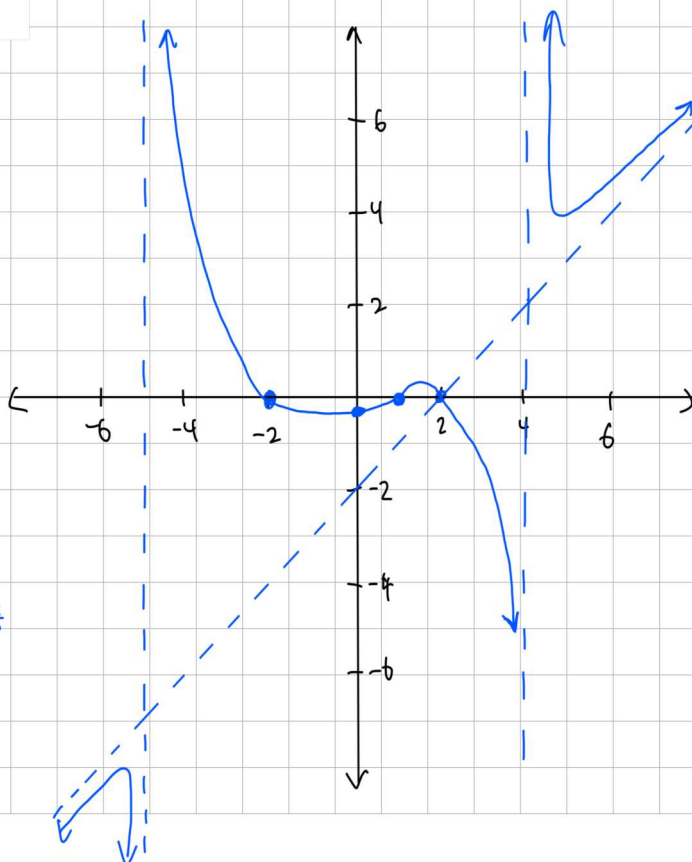
$$\text{Sub } x=100: \frac{1800-36}{10000+100-20} > 0 \text{ (above)}$$

$$\text{Sub } x=-100: \frac{-1900-36}{10000-100-20} < 0 \text{ (below)}$$

$$\therefore \text{As } x \rightarrow \infty, f(x) \rightarrow x-2 \text{ (above)}$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow -\infty, f(x) \rightarrow x-2 \text{ (below)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{cross-over: } x-2 &= x-2 + \frac{18x-36}{x^2+x-20} \\ 0 &= \frac{18x-36}{x^2+x-20} \\ 0 &= 18x-36 \\ 2 &= x \\ \text{Sub } x=2: y &= 2-2=0 \\ \therefore \text{Cross-over at } (2,0) \end{aligned}$$



11. Determine any points of intersection for the function  $f(x) = -x^2 - 5x - 6$  and its reciprocal function. Leave answer(s) in exact form where necessary.

P.O.I. at  $y=1$  and  $y=-1$

Sub.  $y=1$ :  $1 = -x^2 - 5x - 6$

$$0 = -x^2 - 5x - 7$$

$$0 = x^2 + 5x + 7$$

No roots

Sub.  $y=-1$ :  $-1 = -x^2 - 5x - 6$

$$0 = -x^2 - 5x - 5$$

$$0 = x^2 + 5x + 5$$

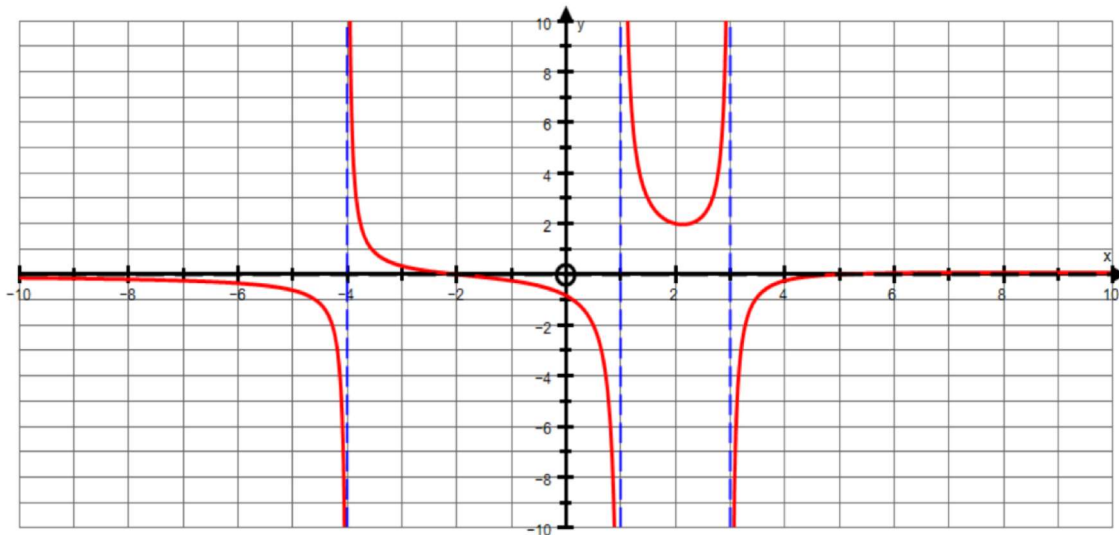
$$x = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{25 - 4(1)(5)}}{2} = \frac{-5 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$\therefore$  P.O.I are  $\left(\frac{-5+\sqrt{5}}{2}, -1\right)$  and  $\left(\frac{-5-\sqrt{5}}{2}, -1\right)$

12. Given the graph of the rational function  $f(x)$  below solve  $\frac{4x^2 - 20x}{f(x)} \geq 0$

Please note two things regarding  $f(x)$ :

- The y intercept is  $\left(0, -\frac{5}{6}\right)$
- $f(x)$  crosses its horizontal asymptote at  $x = -2$  and  $x = 5$
- The degree of the numerator of  $f(x)$  is 2 and the degree of the denominator of  $f(x)$  is 3.



$$f(x) = \frac{k(x+2)(x-5)}{(x+4)(x-1)(x-3)}$$

Sub.  $\left(0, -\frac{5}{6}\right)$ :  $-\frac{5}{6} = \frac{k(2)(-5)}{(4)(-1)(-3)}$

$$-\frac{5}{6} = \frac{-10k}{12}$$

$$-60 = -60k$$

$$1 = k$$

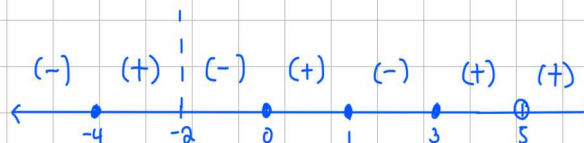
$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{(x+2)(x-5)}{(x+4)(x-1)(x-3)}$$

$$\frac{4x^2 - 20x}{\frac{(x+2)(x-5)}{(x+4)(x-1)(x-3)}} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{4x(x-5)(x+4)(x-1)(x-3)}{(x+2)(x-5)} \geq 0$$

Hole at  $x=5$  V.A:  $x=-2$

x-inter:  $0, -4, 1, 3$



$$\therefore x \in [-4, -2) \cup [0, 1] \cup [3, 5) \cup (5, \infty)$$

13. Solve

$$a) \frac{x^3 + 7x^2 + 12x}{x^2 + 9x + 20} \geq \frac{x+1}{x^2 - 3x - 4} - \frac{2x+5}{2x^2 - 3x - 20}$$

$$\frac{x(x+4)(x+3)}{(x+5)(x+4)} - \frac{x+1}{(x-4)(x+1)} + \frac{2x+5}{(2x+5)(x-4)} \geq 0$$

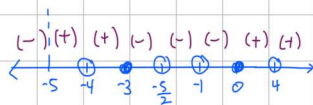
$$\frac{x(x+3)}{x+5} - \frac{1}{x-4} + \frac{1}{x-4} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x(x+3)}{x+5} \geq 0$$

Hole @  $x = -\frac{5}{2}$ ,  $x = -4$ ,  $x = -1$  and  $x = 4$

Roots: 0 and -3

V.A at  $x = -5$



$$\therefore x \in [-5, -4] \cup [-3, -\frac{5}{2}] \cup [0, 4) \cup (4, \infty)$$

$$b) \frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 46x - 125}{(x^2 + 5x - 6)(x+3)} \geq \frac{-1}{(x+6)(x+3)}$$

$$\frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 46x - 125}{(x+6)(x-1)(x+3)} + \frac{1}{(x+6)(x+3)} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 46x - 125 + (x-1)}{(x+6)(x-1)(x+3)} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 45x - 126}{(x+6)(x-1)(x+3)} \geq 0$$

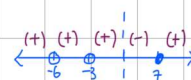
$$\frac{(x+3)(x^2 - x - 42)}{(x+6)(x-1)(x+3)} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{(x-7)(x-6)}{(x+6)(x-1)(x+3)} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{x-7}{x-1} \geq 0$$

Hole @  $x = -3$  and  $x = -6$

Root: 7 V.A:  $x = 1$



$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -6) \cup (-6, -3) \cup (-3, 1) \cup [7, \infty)$$

14. Determine the perimeter of the quadrilateral, rounded to the nearest tenth of a unit, created by the intersections of  $h(x)$  and its reciprocal graph  $f(x)$ . Given:  $h(x) = -2(x+4)(x-6)$  and

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{-2x^2 + 4x + 48}$$

P.O.1 when  $y=1$  and  $y=-1$

$$\text{Sub. } y=1: 1 = -2x^2 + 4x + 48$$

$$0 = -2x^2 + 4x + 47$$

$$0 = 2x^2 - 4x - 47$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(2)(-47)}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{392}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm 14\sqrt{2}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm 7\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$= 5.95 \text{ or } -3.95$$

$$\text{Sub. } y=-1: -1 = -2x^2 + 4x + 48$$

$$0 = -2x^2 + 4x + 49$$

$$0 = 2x^2 - 4x - 49$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 4(2)(-49)}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{408}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{102}}{4}$$

$$= \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{102}}{2}$$

$$= 6.05 \text{ or } -4.05$$

Points on quadrilateral: A(-3.95, 1), B(5.95, 1), C(-4.05, -1), D(6.05, -1)

$$AB = \sqrt{(5.95 + 3.95)^2 + (1 - 1)^2} = 9.9$$

$$BD = \sqrt{(5.95 - 6.05)^2 + (1 + 1)^2} = 2$$

$$CD = \sqrt{(6.05 + 4.05)^2 + (-1 + 1)^2} = 10.1$$

$$CA = \sqrt{(-4.05 + 3.95)^2 + (-1 - 1)^2} = 2$$

$$\therefore P = 9.9 + 2 + 10.1 + 2 = 24 \text{ units}$$



15. Describe what is known about the equation of a rational function with vertical asymptotes at  $x = 5$  and  $x = -3$  and a horizontal asymptote of  $y = 0$ .

It's a rational function with a numerator that is degree 0 or 1 and a denominator of degree 2.

$$f(x) = \frac{k}{(x-5)(x+3)} \quad \text{OR} \quad f(x) = \frac{k(x-a)}{(x-5)(x+3)}$$

16. The concentration of a toxic chemical in a spring-fed lake is given by the equation  $C(x) = \frac{60x}{x^2 + 3x + 6}$ , where  $C$  is given in grams per litre and  $x$  is the time in days. Find the instantaneous rate of change at 4 days.

$$C(4.001) = \frac{60(4.001)}{(4.001)^2 + 3(4.001) + 6}$$

$$= 7.05830459$$

$$C(4) = \frac{60(4)}{(4)^2 + 3(4) + 6} = 7.05823529$$

$$\text{I.R.O.C} = \frac{C(4.001) - C(4)}{0.001}$$

$$= \frac{7.05830459 - 7.05823529}{0.001}$$

$$= -0.52 \text{ grams in litre/day}$$

17. Sketch the graph of  $y = \frac{x^3 - 6x^2 + 32}{x^3 - x^2 - 4x + 4}$ .

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrr} -2 & 1 & -6 & 0 & 32 \\ & & -2 & 16 & -32 \\ \hline & 1 & -8 & 16 & 0 \end{array}$$

$$y = \frac{(x+2)(x^2 - 8x + 16)}{x^2(x-1) - 4(x-1)}$$

$$= \frac{(x+2)(x-4)^2}{(x-2)(x+2)(x-1)}$$

$$= \frac{(x-4)^2}{(x-2)(x-1)}$$

$$\text{Hole @ } (-2, f(-2)) = (-2, 3)$$

$$\text{Roots: } 4 \quad y\text{-intercept: } 8$$

$$\text{V.A: } x=2 \text{ and } x=1$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow 2^-, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow 2^+, f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow 1^-, f(x) \rightarrow +\infty$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow 1^+, f(x) \rightarrow -\infty$$

$$\text{H.A: } y=1$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow \infty, y \rightarrow 1 \text{ (below)}$$

$$\text{As } x \rightarrow -\infty, y \rightarrow 1 \text{ (above)}$$

$$f(100) = \frac{9216}{1702} < 1$$

$$f(-100) = \frac{10816}{10302} > 1$$

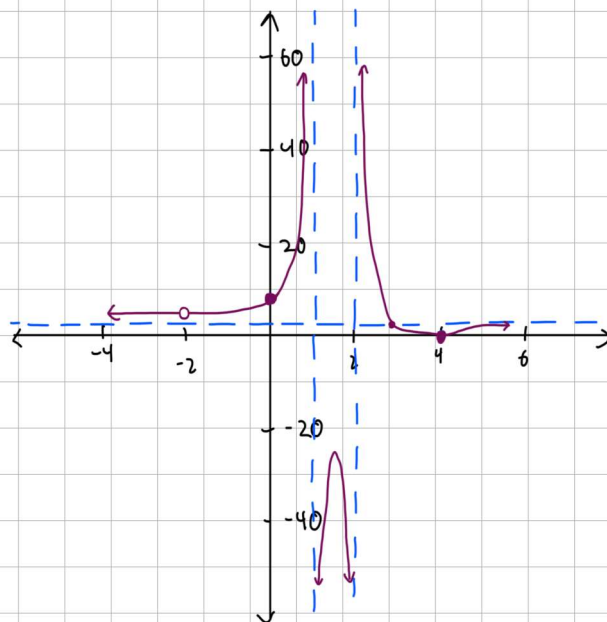
$$\text{Crossovers: } 1 = \frac{(x-4)^2}{(x-2)(x-1)}$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 2 = x^2 - 8x + 16$$

$$5x = 14$$

$$x = 14/5$$

$$\text{cross-overs @ } (14/5, 1)$$



18. Use the information below to sketch the function.

- There is a horizontal asymptote at  $f(x) = -2$ .
- The Domain of the function is  $D: \{x \neq -3, x \neq 4, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$  V.A:  $x = -3$
- The range of the function is  $R: \{y > -8, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$
- $f(0) = \frac{28}{81}$
- There is a hole at  $(4, \frac{9}{40})$
- One of the factors of the numerator is  $(x^2 + 5x - 6) = (x+6)(x-1)$  Roots:  $-6, 1$
- $f(x) > 0$  when  $-6 < x < -3$ ,  $-3 < x < 1$ ,  $1 < x < 4$ ,  $4 < x < 7$
- $f(7) = 0$  Root:  $7$

