

This key should allow you to understand why you choose the option you did (beyond just getting a question right or wrong). More instructions on how to use this key can be found [here](#).

If you have a suggestion to make the keys better, please fill out the short survey [here](#).

*Note: This key is auto-generated and may contain issues and/or errors. The keys are reviewed after each exam to ensure grading is done accurately. If there are issues (like duplicate options), they are noted in the offline gradebook. The keys are a work-in-progress to give students as many resources to improve as possible.*

1. To estimate the one-sided limit of the function below as  $x$  approaches 6 from the right, which of the following sets of numbers should you use?

$$\frac{\frac{6}{x} - 1}{x - 6}$$

The solution is  $\{6.1000, 6.0100, 6.0010, 6.0001\}$ , which is option A.

- A.  $\{6.1000, 6.0100, 6.0010, 6.0001\}$

This is correct!

- B.  $\{5.9000, 5.9900, 5.9990, 5.9999\}$

These values would estimate the limit of 6 on the left.

- C.  $\{5.9000, 5.9900, 6.0100, 6.1000\}$

These values would estimate the limit at the point and not a one-sided limit.

- D.  $\{6.0000, 5.9000, 5.9900, 5.9990\}$

If we get  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , the value 6 doesn't help us estimate the limit.

- E.  $\{6.0000, 6.1000, 6.0100, 6.0010\}$

If we get  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , the value 6 doesn't help us estimate the limit.

**General Comment: General Comments:** To evaluate a one-sided limit, we want to put numbers close to the limit. We can't use the limit value itself if it results in  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

2. Based on the information below, which of the following statements is always true?

*As  $x$  approaches  $\infty$ ,  $f(x)$  approaches 19.245.*

The solution is  $f(x)$  is close to or exactly 19.245 when  $x$  is large enough., which is option C.

- A.  $f(x)$  is undefined when  $x$  is large enough.

- B.  $x$  is undefined when  $f(x)$  is large enough.

- C.  $f(x)$  is close to or exactly 19.245 when  $x$  is large enough.

- D.  $f(x)$  is close to or exactly  $\infty$  when  $x$  is large enough.

- E. None of the above are always true.

**General Comment:** The limit tells you what happens as the  $x$ -values approach  $\infty$ . It says **absolutely nothing** about what is happening exactly at  $f(\infty)$ !

3. To estimate the one-sided limit of the function below as  $x$  approaches 3 from the left, which of the following sets of numbers should you use?

$$\frac{\frac{3}{x} - 1}{x - 3}$$

The solution is  $\{2.9000, 2.9900, 2.9990, 2.9999\}$ , which is option A.

- A.  $\{2.9000, 2.9900, 2.9990, 2.9999\}$

This is correct!

- B.  $\{2.9000, 2.9900, 3.0100, 3.1000\}$

These values would estimate the limit at the point and not a one-sided limit.

- C.  $\{3.0000, 2.9000, 2.9900, 2.9990\}$

If we get  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , the value 3 doesn't help us estimate the limit.

- D.  $\{3.0000, 3.1000, 3.0100, 3.0010\}$

If we get  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , the value 3 doesn't help us estimate the limit.

- E.  $\{3.1000, 3.0100, 3.0010, 3.0001\}$

These values would estimate the limit of 3 on the right.

**General Comment: General Comments:** To evaluate a one-sided limit, we want to put numbers close to the limit. We can't use the limit value itself if it results in  $\frac{0}{0}$  or  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$

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4. Evaluate the limit below, if possible.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8} \frac{\sqrt{8x - 48} - 4}{4x - 32}$$

The solution is None of the above, which is option E.

- A. 0.125

You likely memorized how to solve the similar homework problem and used the same formula here.

- B.  $\infty$

You likely believed that since the denominator is equal to 0, the limit is infinity.

- C. 0.707

You likely tried to use a shortcut to find the limit of a function that only works for when the numerator/denominator are polynomials.

- D. 0.031

You likely learned L'Hospital's Rule in a previous course, but misapplied it here.

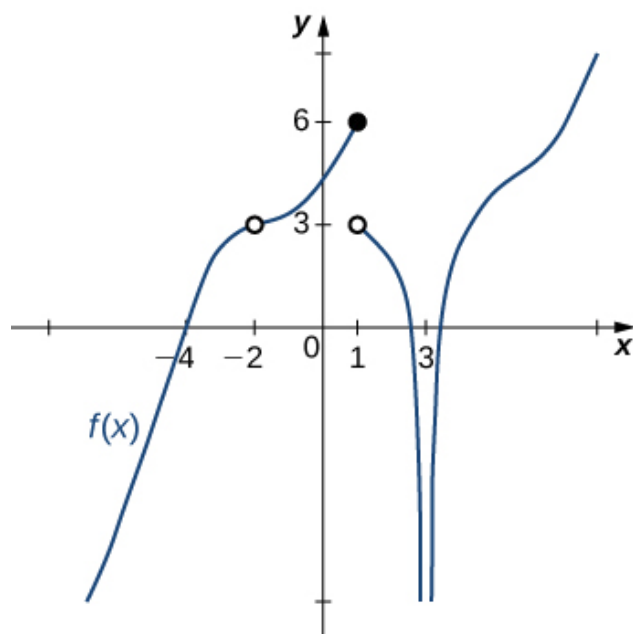
- E. None of the above

\* This is the correct option as the limit is 0.250.

**General Comment: General comments:** It is difficult to imagine the graph of this function, so you need to test values close to  $x = 8$ .

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5. For the graph below, find the value(s)  $a$  that makes the statement true:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  does not exist.



The solution is 1, which is option B.

A. 3

B. 1

C. -2

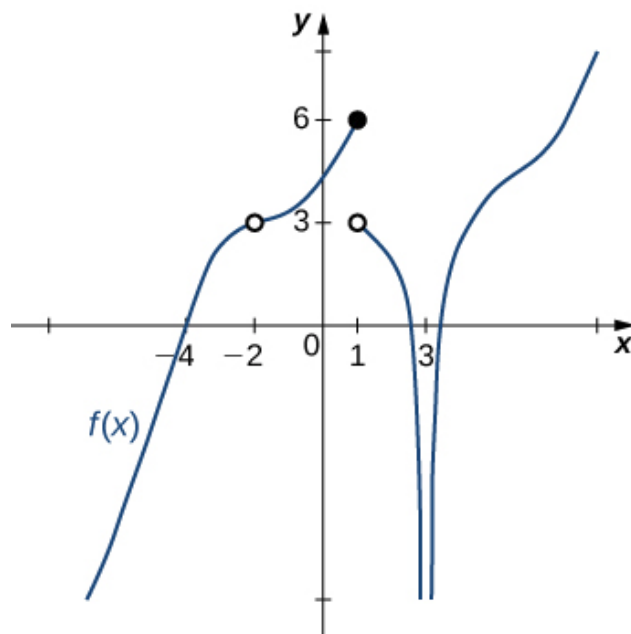
D. Multiple  $a$  make the statement true.

E. No  $a$  make the statement true.

**General Comment: General Comments:** Remember that the limit does not exist if the left-hand and right-hand limits do not match.

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6. For the graph below, find the value(s)  $a$  that makes the statement true:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  does not exist.



The solution is 1, which is option A.

- A. 1
- B. 3
- C. -2
- D. Multiple  $a$  make the statement true.
- E. No  $a$  make the statement true.

**General Comment: General Comments:** Remember that the limit does not exist if the left-hand and right-hand limits do not match.

7. Based on the information below, which of the following statements is always true?

*As  $x$  approaches  $\infty$ ,  $f(x)$  approaches 14.925.*

The solution is  $f(x)$  is close to or exactly 14.925 when  $x$  is large enough., which is option C.

- A.  $f(x)$  is close to or exactly  $\infty$  when  $x$  is large enough.
- B.  $x$  is undefined when  $f(x)$  is large enough.
- C.  $f(x)$  is close to or exactly 14.925 when  $x$  is large enough.
- D.  $f(x)$  is undefined when  $x$  is large enough.
- E. None of the above are always true.

**General Comment:** The limit tells you what happens as the  $x$ -values approach  $\infty$ . It says **absolutely nothing** about what is happening exactly at  $f(\infty)$ !

8. Evaluate the limit below, if possible.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{6x - 29} - 5}{2x - 18}$$

The solution is None of the above, which is option E.

A. 1.225

You likely tried to use a shortcut to find the limit of a function that only works for when the numerator/denominator are polynomials.

B. 0.050

You likely learned L'Hospital's Rule in a previous course, but misapplied it here.

C. 0.100

You likely memorized how to solve the similar homework problem and used the same formula here.

D.  $\infty$

You likely believed that since the denominator is equal to 0, the limit is infinity.

E. None of the above

\* This is the correct option as the limit is 0.300.

**General Comment: General comments:** It is difficult to imagine the graph of this function, so you need to test values close to  $x = 9$ .

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9. Evaluate the one-sided limit of the function  $f(x)$  below, if possible.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 8^-} \frac{9}{(x-8)^4} + 7$$

The solution is  $\infty$ , which is option A.

A.  $\infty$

B.  $-\infty$

C.  $f(8)$

D. The limit does not exist

E. None of the above

**General Comment: General comments:** You should be able to graph the rational function displayed. If not, go back to Module 7 to learn about the general shape of rational functions.

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10. Evaluate the one-sided limit of the function  $f(x)$  below, if possible.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} \frac{1}{(x-5)^8} + 7$$

The solution is  $\infty$ , which is option C.

A.  $f(5)$

B.  $-\infty$

C.  $\infty$

D. The limit does not exist

E. None of the above

**General Comment: General comments:** You should be able to graph the rational function displayed. If not, go back to Module 7 to learn about the general shape of rational functions.

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