

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](#).

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*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. Choose the interval below that  $f$  composed with  $g$  at  $x = 1$  is in.

$$f(x) = 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x \text{ and } g(x) = 4x^3 - 1x^2 - 2x$$

The solution is 3.0

A.  $(f \circ g)(1) \in [84, 88]$

Distractor 3: Corresponds to being slightly off from the solution.

B.  $(f \circ g)(1) \in [89, 98]$

Distractor 1: Corresponds to reversing the composition.

C.  $(f \circ g)(1) \in [7, 16]$

Distractor 2: Corresponds to being slightly off from the solution.

D.  $(f \circ g)(1) \in [-4, 6]$

\* This is the correct solution

E. It is not possible to compose the two functions.

**General Comment:** General Comments:  $f$  composed with  $g$  at  $x$  means  $f(g(x))$ . The order matters!

2. Find the inverse of the function below. Then, evaluate the inverse at  $x = 8$  and choose the interval that  $f^{-1}(8)$  belongs to.

$$f(x) = e^{x-3} - 3$$

The solution is  $f^{-1}(8) = 5.398$

A.  $f^{-1}(8) \in [-2.81, -0.67]$

This solution corresponds to distractor 2.

B.  $f^{-1}(8) \in [4.56, 6.64]$

This is the solution.

C.  $f^{-1}(8) \in [-1.34, -0.52]$

This solution corresponds to distractor 1.

D.  $f^{-1}(8) \in [-2.81, -0.67]$

This solution corresponds to distractor 4.

E.  $f^{-1}(8) \in [-1.34, -0.52]$

This solution corresponds to distractor 3.

**General Comment:** Natural log and exponential functions always have an inverse. Once you switch the  $x$  and  $y$ , use the conversion  $e^y = x \leftrightarrow y = \ln(x)$ .

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3. Multiply the following functions, then choose the domain of the resulting function from the list below.

$$f(x) = \sqrt{-5x + 17} \text{ and } g(x) = 8x^2 + 9x + 3$$

The solution is The domain is all Real numbers less than or equal to  $x = 3.4$ .

- A. The domain is all Real numbers greater than or equal to  $x = a$ , where  $a \in [-9, 3]$
- B. The domain is all Real numbers except  $x = a$ , where  $a \in [1, 7]$
- C. The domain is all Real numbers less than or equal to  $x = a$ , where  $a \in [0, 7]$
- D. The domain is all Real numbers except  $x = a$  and  $x = b$ , where  $a \in [-6, -1]$  and  $b \in [2, 6]$
- E. The domain is all Real numbers.

**General Comment:** General Comments: The new domain is the intersection of the previous domains.

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4. Determine whether the function below is 1-1.

$$f(x) = 18x^2 + 105x - 375$$

The solution is no

- A. Yes, the function is 1-1.  
Corresponds to believing the function passes the Horizontal Line test.
- B. No, because the domain of the function is not  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .  
Corresponds to believing 1-1 means the domain is all Real numbers.
- C. No, because the range of the function is not  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .  
Corresponds to believing 1-1 means the range is all Real numbers.
- D. No, because there is an  $x$ -value that goes to 2 different  $y$ -values.  
Corresponds to the Vertical Line test, which checks if an expression is a function.
- E. No, because there is a  $y$ -value that goes to 2 different  $x$ -values.  
\* This is the solution.

**General Comment: General Comments:** There are only two valid options: The function is 1-1 OR No because there is a  $y$ -value that goes to 2 different  $x$ -values.

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0. Find the inverse of the function below (if it exists). Then, evaluate the inverse at  $x = 15$  and choose the interval the  $f^{-1}(15)$  belongs to.

$$f(x) = \sqrt[3]{5x + 2}$$

The solution is 674.6

- A.  $f^{-1}(15) \in [674.16, 674.66]$   
\* This is the correct solution.
- B.  $f^{-1}(15) \in [-675.16, -674.53]$   
This solution corresponds to distractor 2.

C.  $f^{-1}(15) \in [-675.99, -675.21]$

This solution corresponds to distractor 3.

D.  $f^{-1}(15) \in [675.36, 675.4]$

Distractor 1: This corresponds to

E. The function is not invertible for all Real numbers.

This solution corresponds to distractor 4.

**General Comment:** General Comments: Be sure you check that the function is 1-1 before trying to find the inverse!

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