Closed book and notes. No calculators. Show all work (for partial credit). Your work must justify your answers.

(1) Find the equation of the line through (1,3) that is perpendicular to the straight line 2x + 7y = 9.

(2) Simplify completely (combine all exponents with the same base and use positive exponents only): $(2x^3 - 3x^2)(x^{-3} + x^{-2})$

(3) Find the domain of $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-2}}{x^2-9}$, expressing your answer in <u>interval notation</u>.

(4) Find all real numbers x satisfying $|5x + 9| \le 4$.