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

$$f'(x) = -(x^2 + 2)^{-2} \cdot 2x,$$

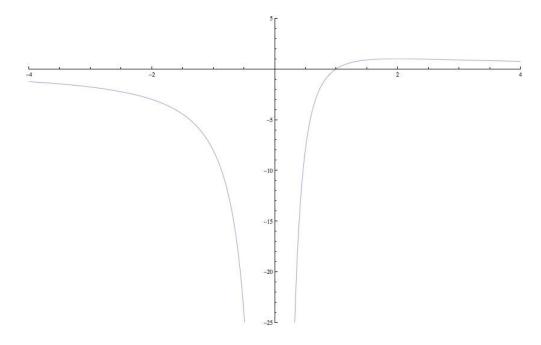
$$f''(x) = -(x^2 + 2)^{-2} \cdot 2 + 2x(2(x^2 + 2)^{-3} \cdot 2x) = \frac{2}{(x^2 + 2)^2} + \frac{8x^2}{(x^2 + 2)^3} = \frac{2(3x^2 - 2)}{(x^2 + 2)^3}.$$

Setting f''(x) = 0 yields $3x^2 - 2 = 0 \implies x^2 = 2/3 \implies x = \pm \sqrt{2/3}$. Note that setting the denominator of f'' equal to zero results in the nonreal solutions $x = \pm \sqrt{-2}$.

Sign test:

Thus, the function f is concave up on $(-\infty, -\sqrt{2/3})$ and $(\sqrt{2/3}, \infty)$, and concave down on $(-\sqrt{2/3}, \sqrt{2/3})$.

2. One possible graph is for the function $f(x) = (4x - 4)/x^2$. Note that labels are required for full credit, as specified in the problem statement. Thus, the following is simply a sketch of the shape of the curve, but not a complete solution to this problem.



3. $f(t) = 20t - 40\sqrt{t} + 50 = 20t - 40t^{1/2} + 50, 0 \le t \le 4.$

$$f'(t) = 20 - 40\left(\frac{1}{2}t^{-1/2}\right) = 20 - \frac{20}{\sqrt{t}} = 20\left[\frac{\sqrt{t} - 1}{\sqrt{t}}\right].$$

Setting f'(t) = 0 yields $\sqrt{t} - 1 = 0 \implies \sqrt{t} = 1 \implies t = 1$. Note that setting the denominator of f' equal to zero results in the solution t = 0, which is already accounted for as one endpoint of the domain of f.

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} f(0) = 20(0) - 40\sqrt{0} + 50 = 50 \\ f(1) = 20(1) - 40\sqrt{1} + 50 = 30 \\ f(4) = 20(4) - 40\sqrt{4} + 50 = 50 \end{array} \right\} \implies \text{ The absolute minimum rate of 30mph occurs at 7 a.m. } (t=1).$$

4.

$$\frac{200}{1+3e^{-0.3t}} = 100 \implies 200 = 100(1+3e^{-0.3t})$$

$$\implies 200 = 100+300e^{-0.3t}$$

$$\implies \frac{200-100}{300} = e^{-0.3t}$$

$$\implies -0.3t = \ln(1/3)$$

$$\implies t = -\ln(1/3)/0.3 \approx 3.6620.$$

5. $f(x) = e^{-x^2}$.

$$f'(x) = -2xe^{-x^2},$$

$$f''(x) = -2e^{-x^2} + (-2x)(-2xe^{-x^2}) = 2e^{-x^2}[-1 + 2x^2].$$

Setting f''(x) = 0 yields $-1 + 2x^2 = 0 \implies x^2 = 1/2 \implies x = \pm 1/\sqrt{2}$. Thus, the only positive number that could be an inflection point is $x = 1/\sqrt{2} \approx 0.7071$. With test points x = 0 and x = 1, it is easy to see that f'' changes sign as we move across $x = 1/\sqrt{2}$. Furthermore, $f(1/\sqrt{2}) = e^{-1/2}$ and $f'(1/\sqrt{2}) = (-2/\sqrt{2})e^{-1/2}$ are defined, so $x = 1/\sqrt{2}$ is indeed the positive inflection point of f.

The slope of the tangent line at this point is given by the derivative, i.e. $m = f'(1/\sqrt{2}) = (-2/\sqrt{2})e^{-1/2}$. Then, using the point $(x_1, y_1) = (1/\sqrt{2}, e^{-1/2})$, we obtain the equation for the tangent line as follows.

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \implies y - e^{-1/2} = (-2/\sqrt{2})e^{-1/2}(x - 1/\sqrt{2}) \implies y = (-2/\sqrt{2})e^{-1/2}x + 2e^{-1/2}$$

6.
$$f(x) = \ln \sqrt{x^2 - 4} = \ln(x^2 - 4)^{1/2} = (1/2) \ln(x^2 - 4) \implies f'(x) = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \left(\frac{2x}{x^2 - 4}\right) = \frac{x}{x^2 - 4}$$

7. General formula: $Q(t) = Q_0 e^{-kt}$, where t is in seconds. Half-life is t = 60, so

$$1/2 = e^{-60k} \implies k = \ln(1/2)/(-60).$$

Now that we have found k, we need to find Q_0 such that Q(120) = 5 (i.e. the quantity remaining after t = 120 seconds is 5 mg).

$$5 = Q_0 e^{\frac{\ln(1/2)}{60} \cdot 120} \implies 5 = Q_0 e^{2\ln(1/2)} \implies 5 = Q_0 e^{\ln(1/2)^2} \implies 5 = Q_0 (1/4) \implies Q_0 = 5 \cdot 4 = 20.$$

Thus, 20 mg should be selected in order to ensure that 5 mg remain after 2 minutes.

Bonus (i). Using the $a = e^{\ln a}$ trick, and the chain rule for exponential functions, we obtain

$$f(x) = x^{\ln x} = e^{\ln(x^{\ln x})} = e^{\ln x \cdot \ln x} = e^{(\ln x)^2}$$
$$f'(x) = e^{(\ln x)^2} \left(2\ln x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \right) = x^{\ln x} \left(\frac{2\ln x}{x} \right) = 2\ln x \cdot x^{\ln x - 1}$$

Bonus (ii). $N(t) = \frac{400}{1+39e^{-0.16t}}$

The initial number of flies is: $N(0) = \frac{400}{1+39} = 10$. The maximum number is: $\lim_{t\to\infty} N(t) = \frac{400}{1+0} = 400$ flies.