

## 1 Step Functions

1. This mock test will help you master the concept of step functions.
2. This is a 30-minute, 8-question test. The highest possible score is 11 points.
3. Answer all questions without any notes, resources, calculators, etc.

### 1.1 Problems

**Problem 1.1** (1 point). ASN: If  $a$  is an integer and  $b$  is a real number, then  $\lfloor a+b \rfloor = a + \lfloor b \rfloor$ .

For the next four items, consider  $f(x) = \lfloor 3x - 5 \rfloor$ ,  $g(x) = 2\lceil x + 4 \rceil$ , and  $h(x) = \operatorname{sgn}(2x) - 4$ .

**Problem 1.2** (1 point). Evaluate  $f(5) - f(2.5)$ .

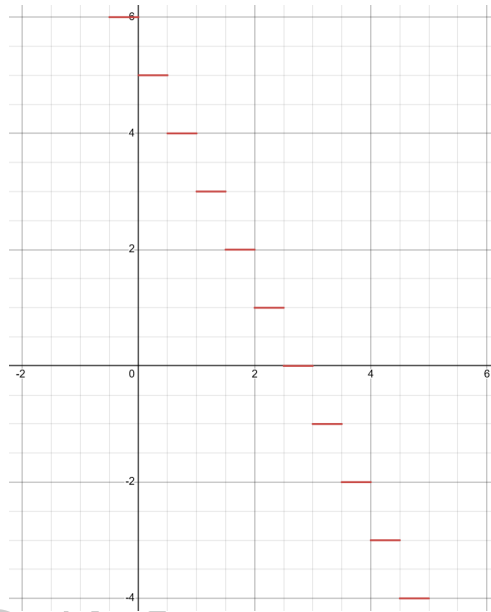
**Problem 1.3** (1 point). Evaluate  $g(-8.2)$ .

**Problem 1.4** (2 points). What is the largest possible value of  $h(x)$  for any real number  $x$ ?

**Problem 1.5** (2 points). True or false: 2 is in the range of  $g(x)$ .

**Problem 1.6** (1 point). State in interval notation the set of all possible values of  $x$  where  $\lfloor 2x + 1 \rfloor = 5$ .

For the next two items, refer to the graph of the **ceiling** function below.



**Problem 1.7** (2 points). Suppose that  $p(x) = a\lceil bx + h \rceil + k$ . Find  $a + b + h + k$ .

**Problem 1.8** (1 point). Find the value of  $p(50) + p\left(-\frac{25}{2}\right)$ .