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UNIT 1 TEST: Limits and Rates of Change  
A limited Edition

## Instructions:

1. Read the instructions carefully.
2. Attempt all problems and don't spend all your time on one problem. Other problems will feel left out ☺
3. Show all work in the space provided. Three (3) marks will be given to the overall mathematical form on this test.
4. ENJOY ☺

## PART A: KNOWLEDGE AND UNDERSTANDING

Multiple Choice – Circle the BEST answer.

[6]

1. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \pi$ 

a. 0      b. 1      c.  $\pi$  ✓      d. undefined      e. DNE ( $LL \neq RL$ )
  
2. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 + 4}$ 

a. 0 ✓      b. 1      c. -1      d. undefined      e. DNE ( $LL \neq RL$ )
  
3. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} 5^{\frac{1}{x}}$ 

a. 0 ○      b. 1 ○      c. 5      d. undefined      e. DNE ( $+\infty$ )
  
4. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \sqrt{x - 4}$ 

a. 0      b. 2      c.  $\sqrt{-4}$       d. undefined ○      e. DNE ( $LL \neq RL$ )
  
5. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 0$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} g(x) = -2$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} [f(x) - g(x)]$  is equal to:
 

a. 0      b. -2      c. 2 ✓      d. 4      e. undefined
  
6. Given  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$ . In order for  $y = f(x)$  to be continuous at  $x = a$ , the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  must equal:
 

a. 0      b.  $a$       c.  $x$       d.  $f(a)$  ✓      e.  $f(x)$

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**Complete solutions must be shown for full marks.**

7. Use the graph of  $y = f(x)$  below to answer the following questions. [6]

a)  $f(-3) = \underline{1}$  ✓

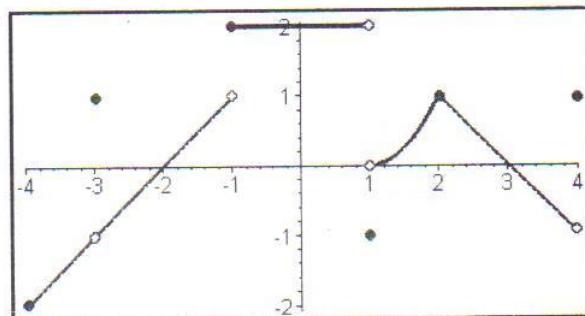
b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x) = \underline{1} \quad \times \quad -1$

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = \underline{0}$  ✓

d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \underline{-1} \quad \times \quad \text{DNE LL} \neq \text{RL}$

e)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(3+h)-f(3)}{h} = \underline{-1}$  ✓

f)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(-3+h)-f(-3)}{h} = \underline{+1} \quad \times \quad \text{DNE}$



8. Evaluate the following limits algebraically. Leave answers as exact answers. NO decimals!

a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \left[ \frac{27x^3 + 64}{3x + 4} \right]$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{(3x+4)(9x^2 - 12x + 16)}{3x+4}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} 9x^2 - 12x + 16$$

$$= 9\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right)^2 - 12\left(-\frac{4}{3}\right) + 16$$

$$= 9\left(\frac{16}{9}\right) + \frac{48}{3} + 16$$

$$= 48$$

c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \left[ \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{x+5}-3} \right]$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \left[ \frac{x-4}{\sqrt{x+5}-3} \right] \left( \frac{\sqrt{x+5}+3}{\sqrt{x+5}+3} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-4)(\sqrt{x+5}+3)}{x+5-9}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(x-4)(\sqrt{x+5}+3)}{(x-4)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 4} (\sqrt{x+5}+3)$$

$$= \sqrt{4+5} + 3$$

$$= \sqrt{9} + 3$$

$$= 6$$

b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} \left[ \frac{x^3 - 2x + 9}{7x^3 - 5} \right]$

$$= \frac{1}{7}$$

d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[ \frac{\frac{1}{x+2} - \frac{1}{3}}{x-1} \right]$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{3(x+2)} - \frac{1}{3(x+2)}}{3(x+2)} \right) \times \frac{1}{x-1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{3-x-2}{3x+6} \right) \times \frac{1}{x-1}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{-(x-1)}{(x-1)(3x+6)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} -\frac{1}{3x+6}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{3(1)+6}$$

$$= -\frac{1}{9}$$

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9. Using the method of first principles, find the derivative of  $f(x) = \sqrt{3x - 2}$ .

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3(x+h)-2} - (\sqrt{3x-2})}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3(x+h)-2} - (\sqrt{3x-2})}{h} \left( \frac{\sqrt{3(x+h)-2} + \sqrt{3x-2}}{\sqrt{3(x+h)-2} + \sqrt{3x-2}} \right)$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(3(x+h)-2) - (3x-2)}{h(\sqrt{3(x+h)-2} + \sqrt{3x-2})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x+3h-2-3x+2}{h(\sqrt{3x+3h-2} + \sqrt{3x-2})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3h}{h(\sqrt{3x+3h-2} + \sqrt{3x-2})}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3}{\sqrt{3x+3h-2} + \sqrt{3x-2}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{3x+3(0)-2} + \sqrt{3x-2}} \\ &= \frac{3}{\sqrt{3x-2} + \sqrt{3x-2}} \\ &= \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3x-2}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{3x-2}}$$

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## PART B: APPLICATIONS

\*All derivatives must be determined from first principles, otherwise a mark of zero will be awarded\*

10. At time  $t$ , in seconds, a particle is  $h$  meters above the ground. If  $h(t) = 28t - 2t^2$ , where  $t \geq 0$ , determine:

- a) the average velocity for the first 5 seconds.

$$h(t) = 28t - 2t^2$$

at zero seconds:

$$28 - 2(0)^2$$

$$= 28 - 0$$

$$= 28 \text{ m}$$

at five seconds:

$$28 - 2(5)^2$$

$$= 28 - 50$$

$$= -22 \text{ m}$$

$$v_{\text{avg}} = \frac{\Delta h}{\Delta t}$$

$$= \frac{(-22 \text{ m}) - (+28 \text{ m})}{5s - 0s}$$

$$= \frac{-50 \text{ m}}{5s}$$

$$= -10 \text{ m/s}$$

$$= 10 \text{ m/s [downwards]}$$

careful!

Therefore, the average velocity for the first 5s is 10 m/s [downwards]

$$v_{\text{avg}} = 18 \text{ m/s}$$

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- b) the instantaneous velocity at  $t = 5$  seconds, let  $f(t)$  represent  $h(t)$

$$v_{\text{int}} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(t+h) - f(t)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(5+h) - f(5)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{28(5+h) - 2(5+h)^2 - (28(5) - 2(5)^2)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{140 + 28h - 2(25 + 10h + h^2) - 28(5) + 2(25)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{140 + 28h - 50 - 20h - 2h^2 - 140 + 50}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8h - 2h^2}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(8-2h)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (8 - 2h)$$

$$= 8 - 2(0)$$

$$= 8 \text{ m/s}$$

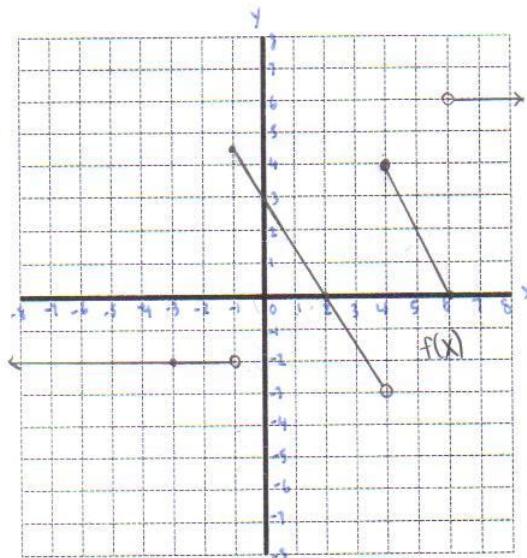
∴ the instantaneous velocity at 5s is 8 m/s

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11. Mr. Wong has asked you to draw a graph of ONE function,  $y = f(x)$  such that the graph  $y = f(x)$  must have the following characteristics: [5]

- $x$ -intercepts of 2 and 6 ✓
- $y$ -intercept of 3
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) = 6$  ✓
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = -2$  ✓
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} f(x) = 4$  ✓
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = \text{DNE (LL} \neq \text{RL})$  ✓



12. Find all the points on the curve  $y = x^3 - 3x$  at which the tangent line is parallel to the  $x$ -axis. [5]

$$\begin{aligned}
 y' &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)^3 - 3(x+h) - [x^3 - 3x]}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 + 3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - 3x - 3h - x^3 + 3x}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x^2h + 3xh^2 + h^3 - 3h}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(3x^2 + 3xh + h^2 - 3)}{h} \\
 &= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 3x^2 + 3xh + h^2 - 3 \\
 &= 3x^2 + 3x(0) + (0)^2 - 3 \\
 &= 3x^2 - 3
 \end{aligned}$$

parallel to  $x$ -axis = slope is 0

$$\textcircled{1} = 3x^2 - 3 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 0 &= 3x^2 \\
 1 &= x^2 \\
 \pm \sqrt{1} &= \sqrt{x^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \textcircled{3} &= x = -1 \quad \textcircled{4} & x = +1
 \end{aligned}$$

sub  $\textcircled{3}$  into original equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= x^3 - 3x \\
 &= (-1)^3 - 3(-1) \\
 &= -1 + 3 \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

Point:  $(-1, 2)$

sub  $\textcircled{4}$  into original equation

$$\begin{aligned}
 y &= x^3 - 3x \\
 &= (+1)^3 - 3(+1) \\
 &= 1 - 3 \\
 &= -2
 \end{aligned}$$

Point:  $(1, -2)$

Therefore, at points  $(-1, 2)$  and  $(1, -2)$ , their tangent line is parallel to  $x$ -axis

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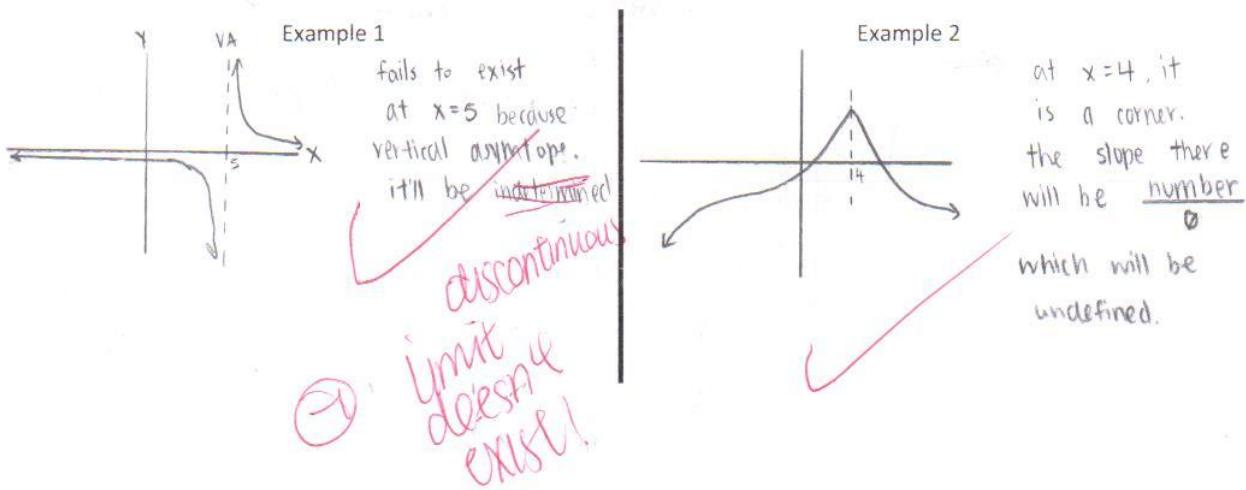
**PART C: COMMUNICATION**

13. Complete the following chart regarding discontinuities in a function. [6]

Type of Discontinuity	Graphical Representation (Sketch is sufficient)	Algebraic Representation
removable discontinuity		$f(x) = \frac{(x-6)(x+5)}{(x-6)}$
Jump discontinuity		$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2, & x > 2 \\ x-2, & x \leq 2 \end{cases}$
infinite discontinuity		$f(x) = \frac{1}{x+4}$

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14. Give two examples of functions where the derivative fails to exist at a particular point for a different reason. For each example, give a graphical representation, as well as an explanation why the function fails to have a derivative at that particular point. [4]



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## PART D: THINKING

15. Find the area of the triangle created by the x-axis, y-axis and the tangent to  $y = -4x^2$  at  $x = 2$ . [5]

$$y' = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-4(x+h)^2 - (-4x^2)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-4(x^2 + 2xh + h^2) + 4x^2}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-8xh - 4h^2}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(-8x - 4h)}{h}$$

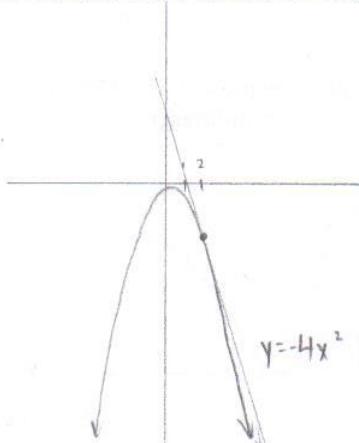
$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (-8x - 4h)$$

$$= -8x \quad \text{sub in } x=2$$

$$= -8(2)$$

$= -16$  slope of tangent

sub in point  $(2, -16)$



at  $x = 2$

$$y = -4(2)^2$$

$$= -4(4)$$

$$= -16$$

point  $(2, -16)$

find x-int, sub  $y = 0$

$$0 = -16x + 16$$

$$-16 = -16x$$

$$x = 1$$

$$A = (b \times h) \div 2$$

$$= (1 \times 16) \div 2$$

$$= 8 \text{ units}^2$$



Therefore, the area is  
8 units<sup>2</sup>

16. Find the values of constants  $a$  and  $b$  so that the function

why?

if

will be continuous for all values of  $x$ . Justify your answer.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{x^2 - ax - 6}{x-2} & \text{for } x > 2 \\ x^2 + b & \text{for } x \leq 2 \end{cases}$$

2 because  
continuous

$$2 = \frac{x^2 - ax - 6}{x-2}$$

$$3 = \frac{x^2 - ax - 6}{x-2}$$

sub ③ into ②

$$3(2) - 6 = (2)^2 - a(2) - 6$$

$$0 = 4 - 2a - 6$$

$$2(2-1) = x^2 - ax - 6 \quad \textcircled{1}$$

$$3x - 6 = x^2 - ax - 6 \quad \textcircled{2}$$

$$2a = -2$$

$$2x - 4 = x^2 - ax - 6$$

$$\text{sub ① into ②}$$

$$a = -1$$

$$0 = x^2 - ax - 2x - 2$$

$$3x - 6 = 2x - 4$$

ok

$$1x = 2$$

$$x = 2 \quad \textcircled{3}$$

$$2 = x^2 + b$$

sub ③ into ④

$$\sqrt{2-b} = \sqrt{x^2}$$

$$2 = (-\sqrt{2-b})^2$$

Therefore, the constants

$$\textcircled{4} \quad x = +\sqrt{2-b} \quad \textcircled{5} \quad x = -\sqrt{2-b}$$

$$4 = 2 - b$$

$a$  can be  $-1$ ,  
and  $b$  can be  $-2$

sub ③ into ④

$$2 = +\sqrt{2-b}$$

☺ The end ☺

$$\therefore a = -1$$

$$\therefore b = 1$$

$$2^2 = 2 - b$$

$$b = -2$$

YAY!!! ^\_~



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