

## 1.4 Worksheet: Polynomial Functions and Rates of Change Hour: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Directions:** For each of the following, determine if the given function is a polynomial. If the function is a polynomial, indicate the degree and leading coefficient.

1)  $f(x) = 5x^4 - 2x^3 + 7x + 1$

Polynomial? Yes or No

If yes, leading coefficient: 5 degree: 4

2)  $g(x) = 3x^2 - 4^x + 8$

Polynomial? Yes or No

If yes, leading coefficient: 3 degree: 2

3)  $h(x) = x^5 - 4x^{-2} + 5$

Polynomial? Yes or No

If yes, leading coefficient: 1 degree: 5

4)  $p(x) = \pi x^2 - x^3 + ex$

Polynomial? Yes or No

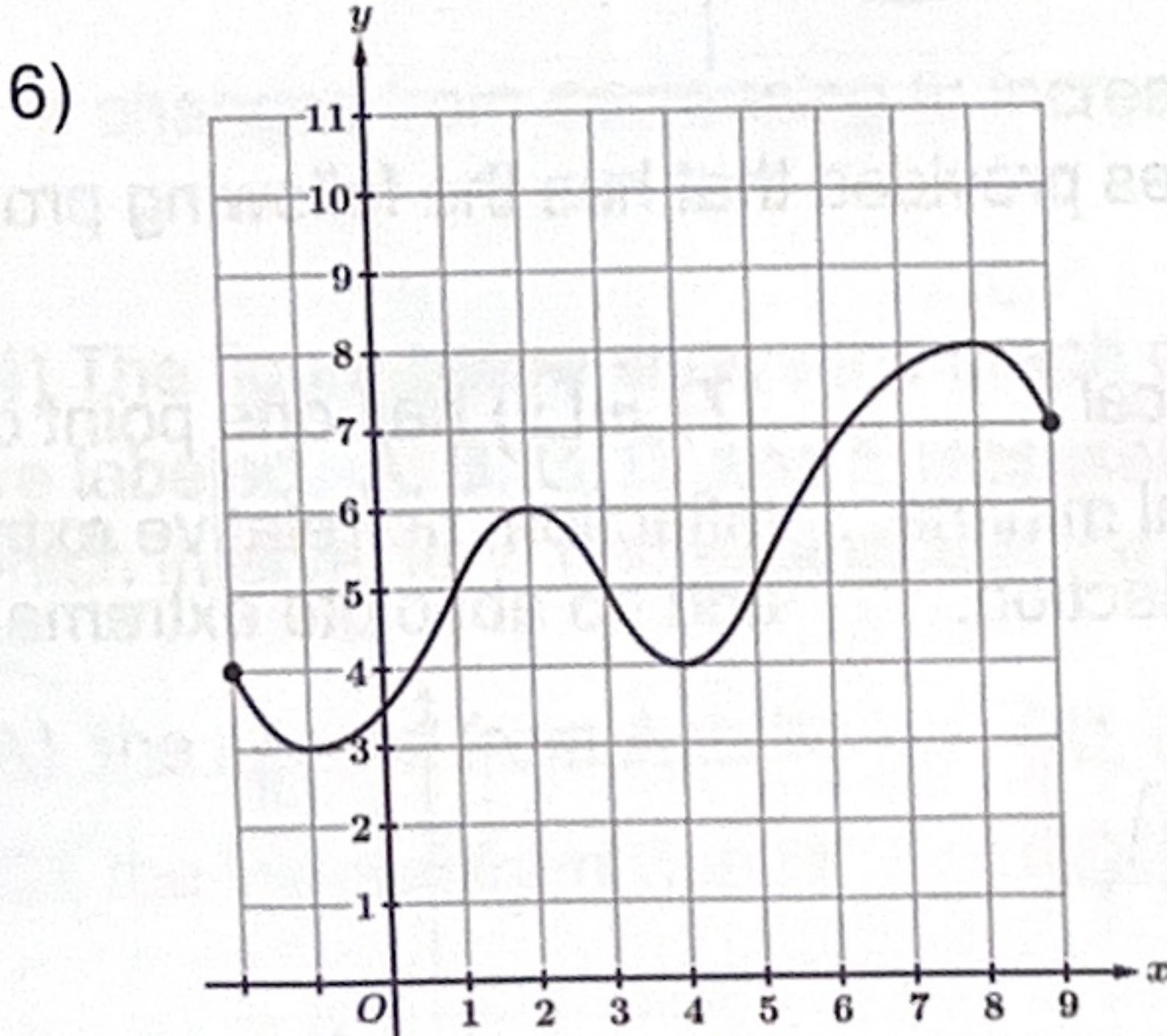
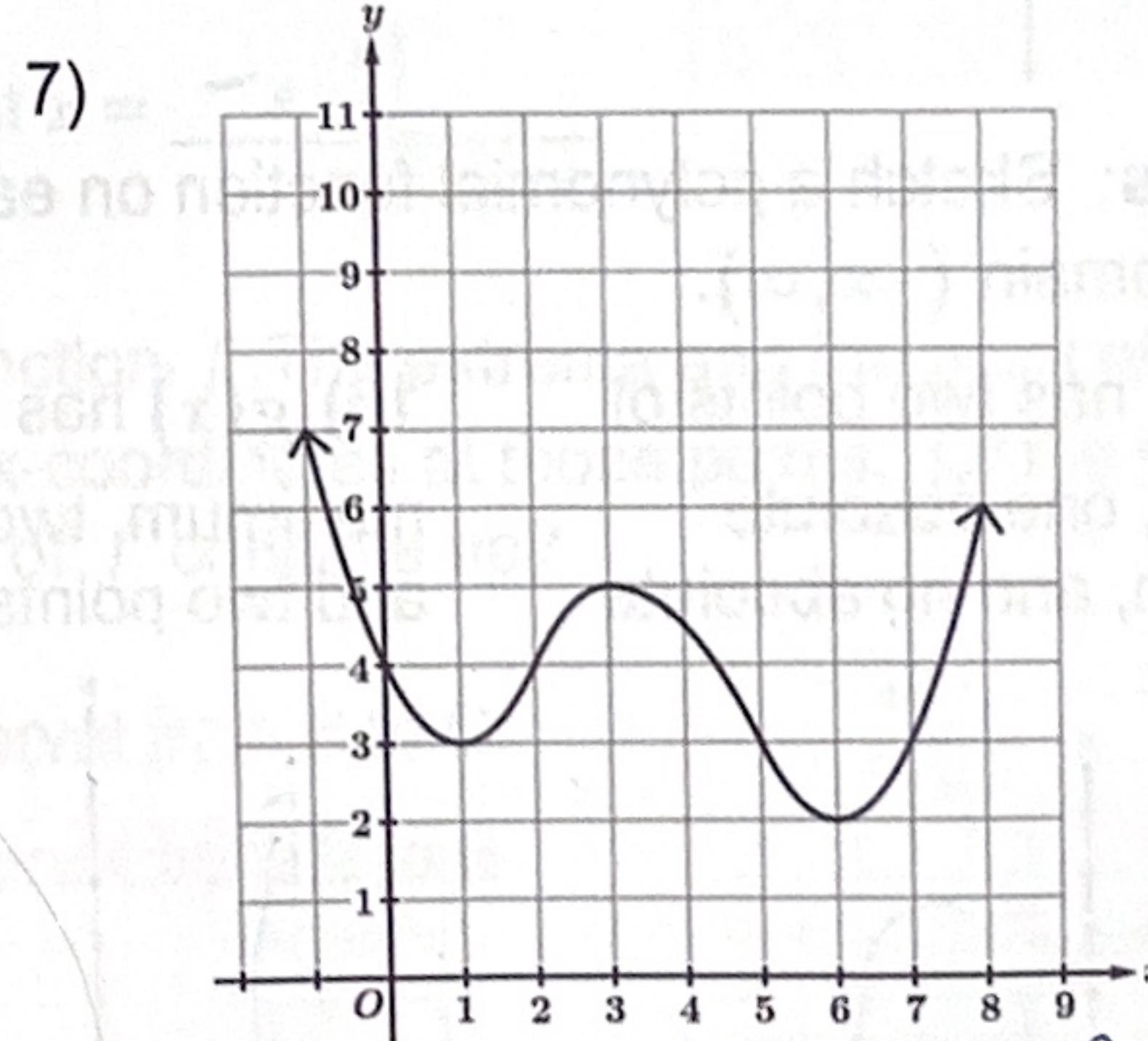
If yes, leading coefficient: -1 degree: 3

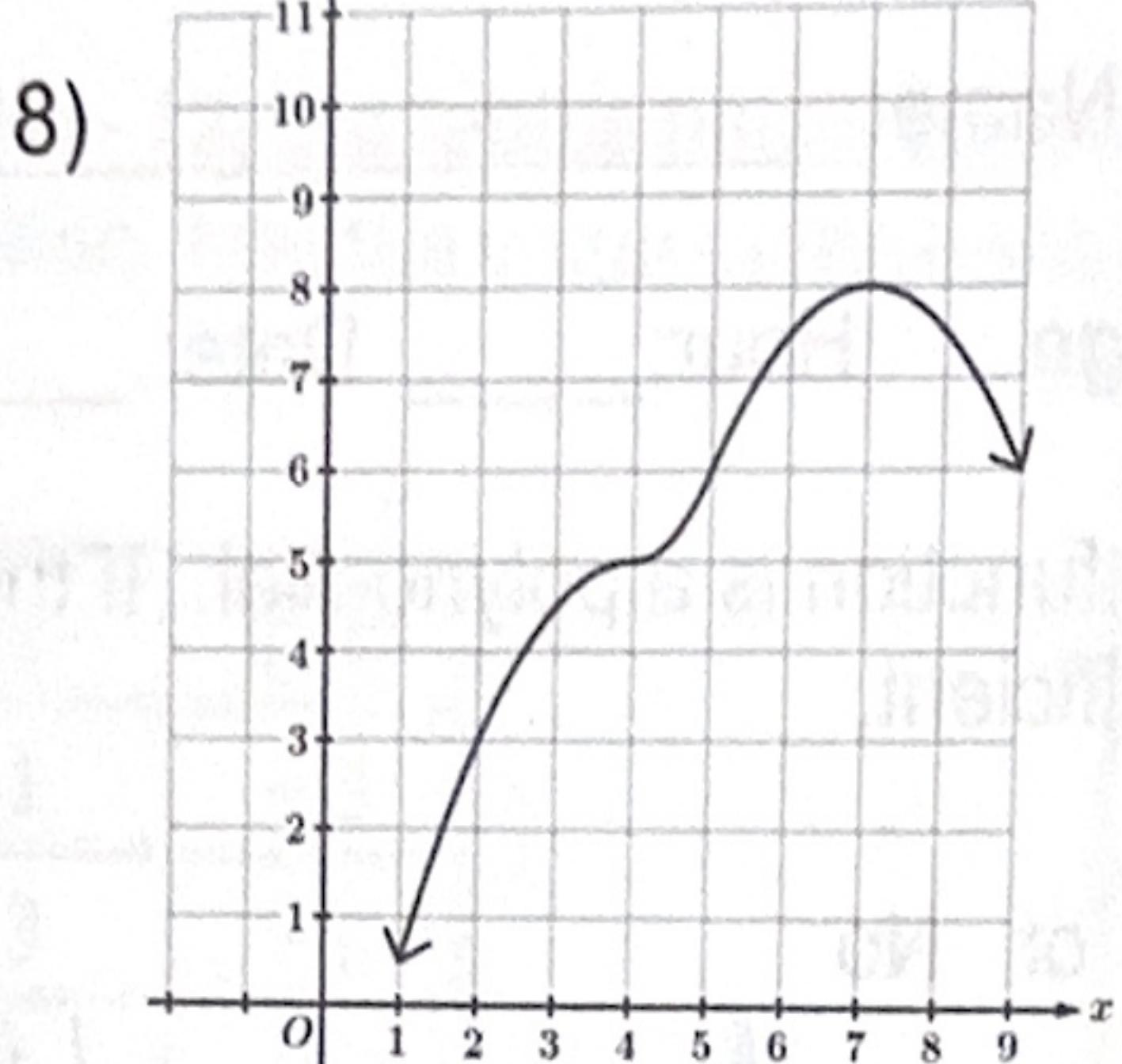
5)  $m(x) = (4 - 3x^2)(x^2 + x - 5)$

Polynomial? Yes or No

If yes, leading coefficient: -3 degree: 4

**Directions:** For each of the following polynomial graphs, determine the absolute minimum and absolute maximum. If the graph does not have a specific absolute extrema, write "none" in the appropriate space. Then determine any x-values where the graph has a local extrema. If the graph does not have a specific local extrema, write "none" in the appropriate space.

Absolute minimum of 3 at -1Absolute maximum of 8 at 8Relative minimums at -1, 4, 9Relative maximums at -2, 2, 8Absolute minimum of 2 at 6Absolute maximum of 7 at 0/8Relative minimums at 1, 6Relative maximums at 3

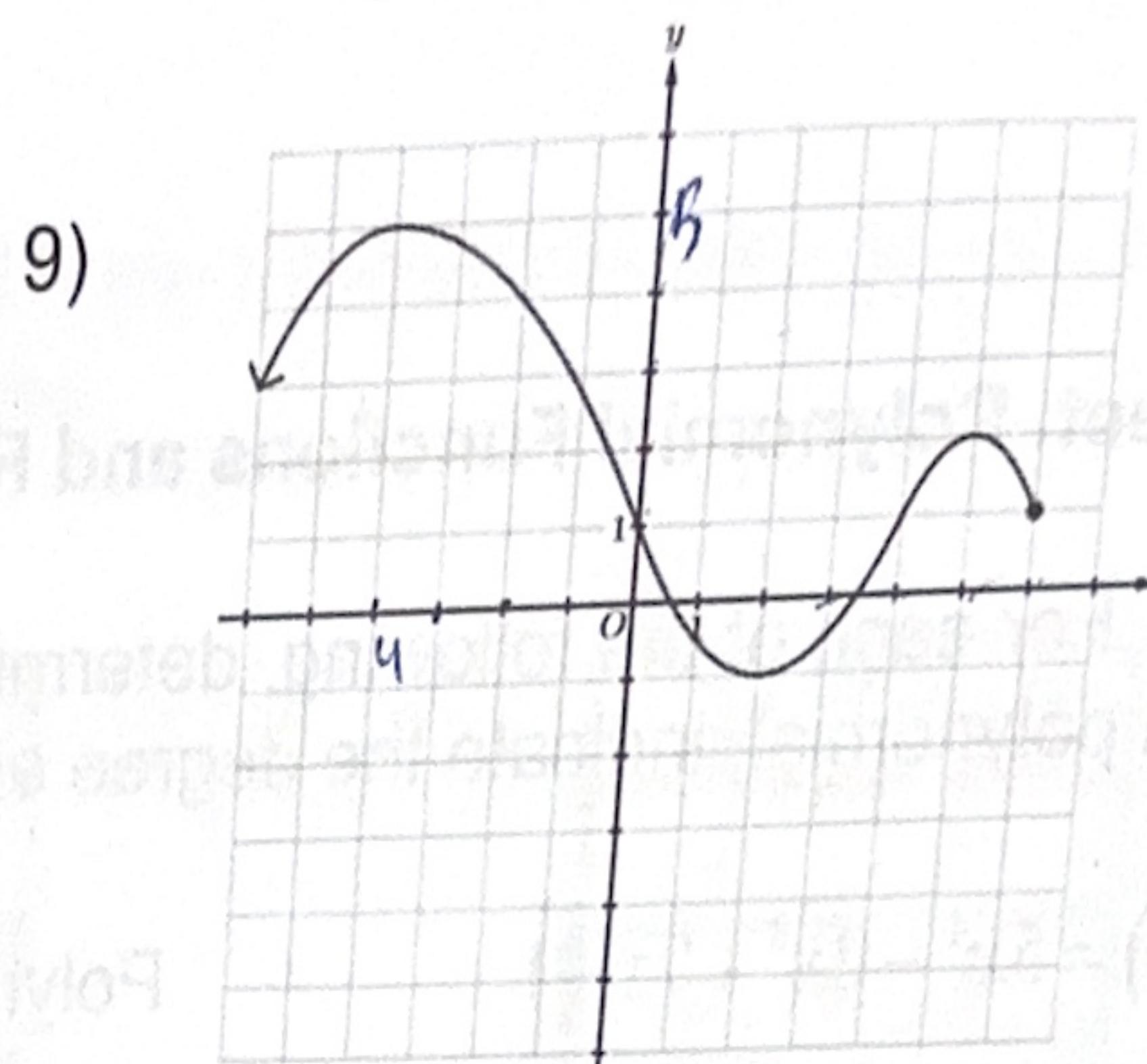


Absolute minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Absolute maximum of 8 at 7

Relative minimums at \_\_\_\_\_

Relative maximums at 7



Absolute minimum of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

Absolute maximum of 5 at 4

Relative minimums at 2, 6

Relative maximums at 4, 5

**Directions:** For each of the following, determine if the given polynomial must have a global minimum, global maximum, or neither. Explain your reasoning.

10)  $f(x) = x^4 - 5x^3 + x + 6$

11)  $y = -2x^3 - x^2 + 8x$

12)  $g(x) = -x^6 + x^3 + 4x^2 + 1$

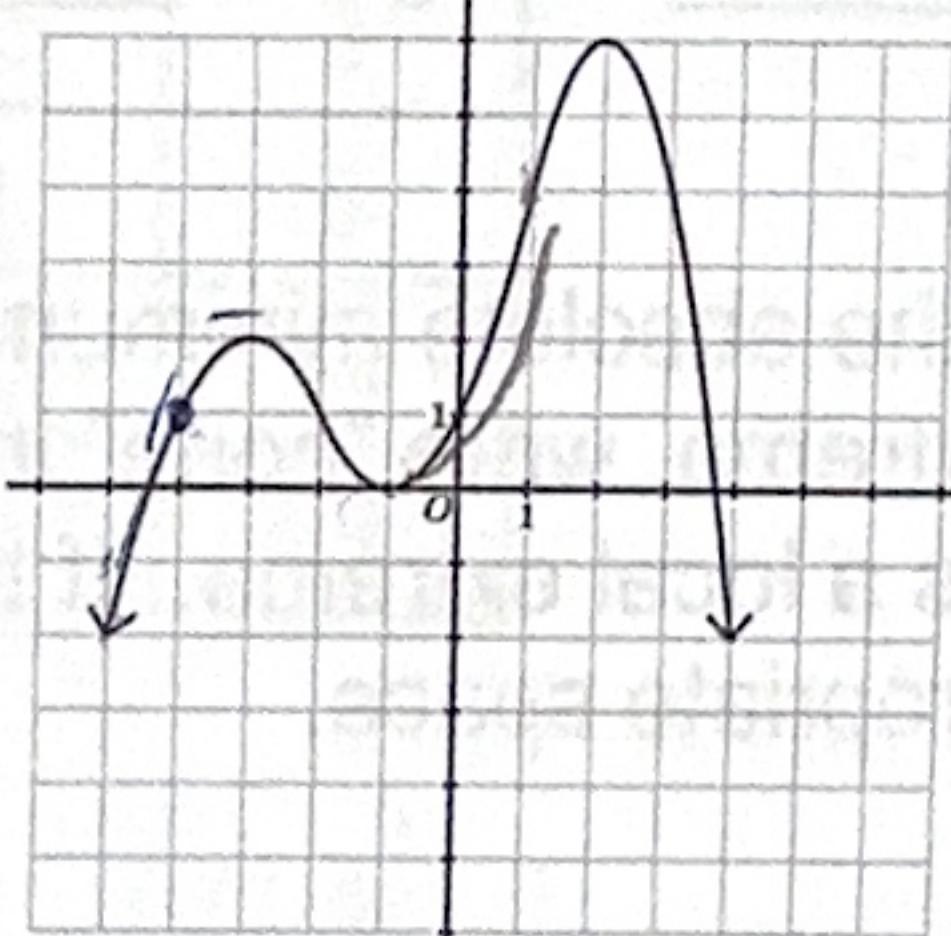
Global min

Neither

Global ma

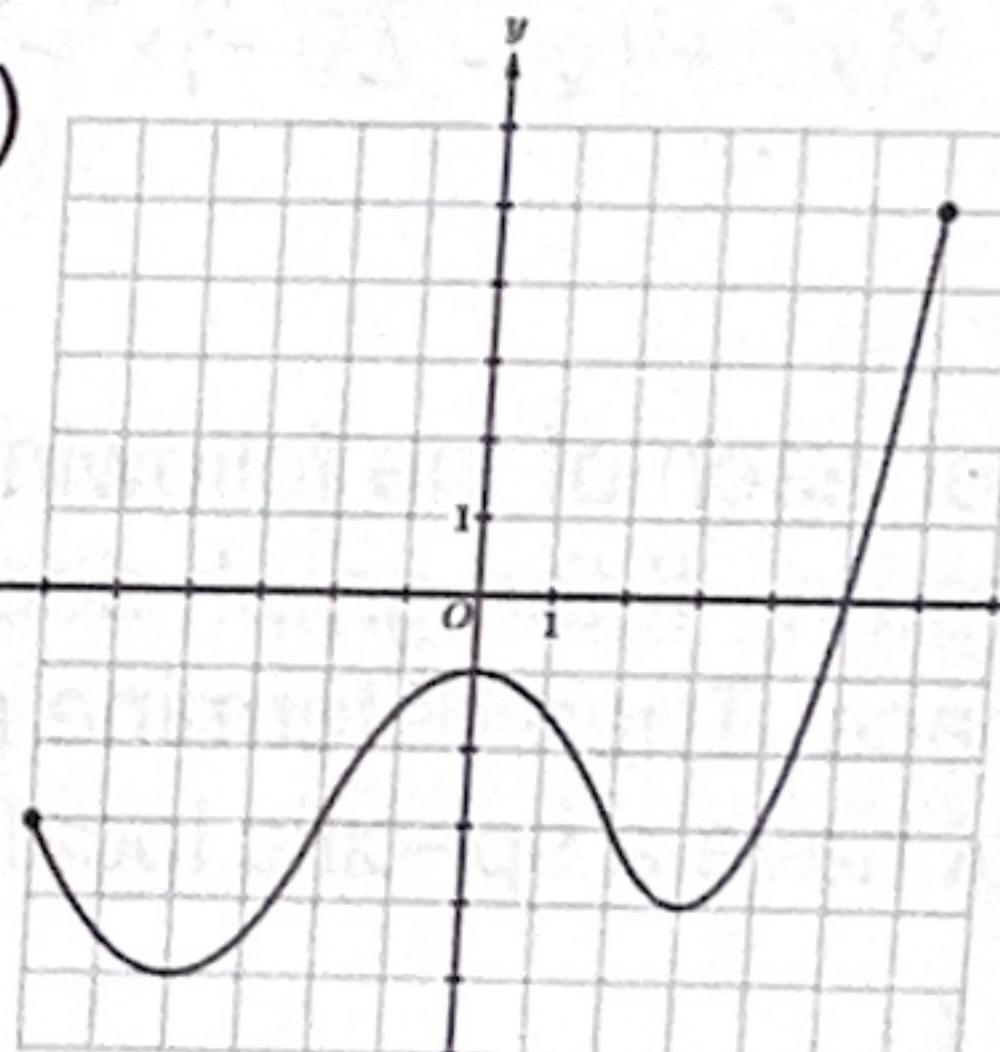
**Directions:** For the following polynomial graphs, determine (estimate) any  $x$ -values where the function has a point of inflection.

13)



$x = -2, 1$

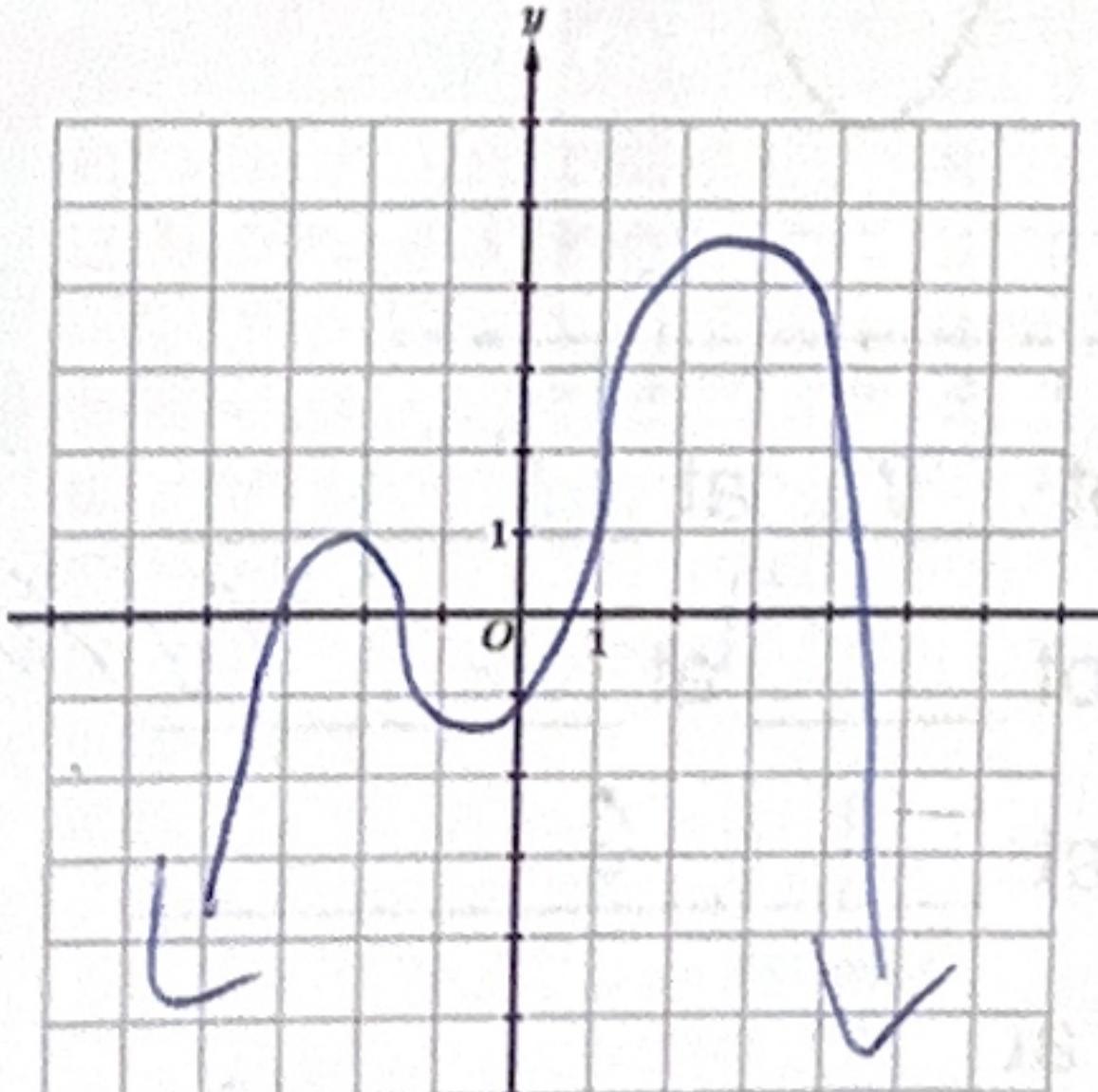
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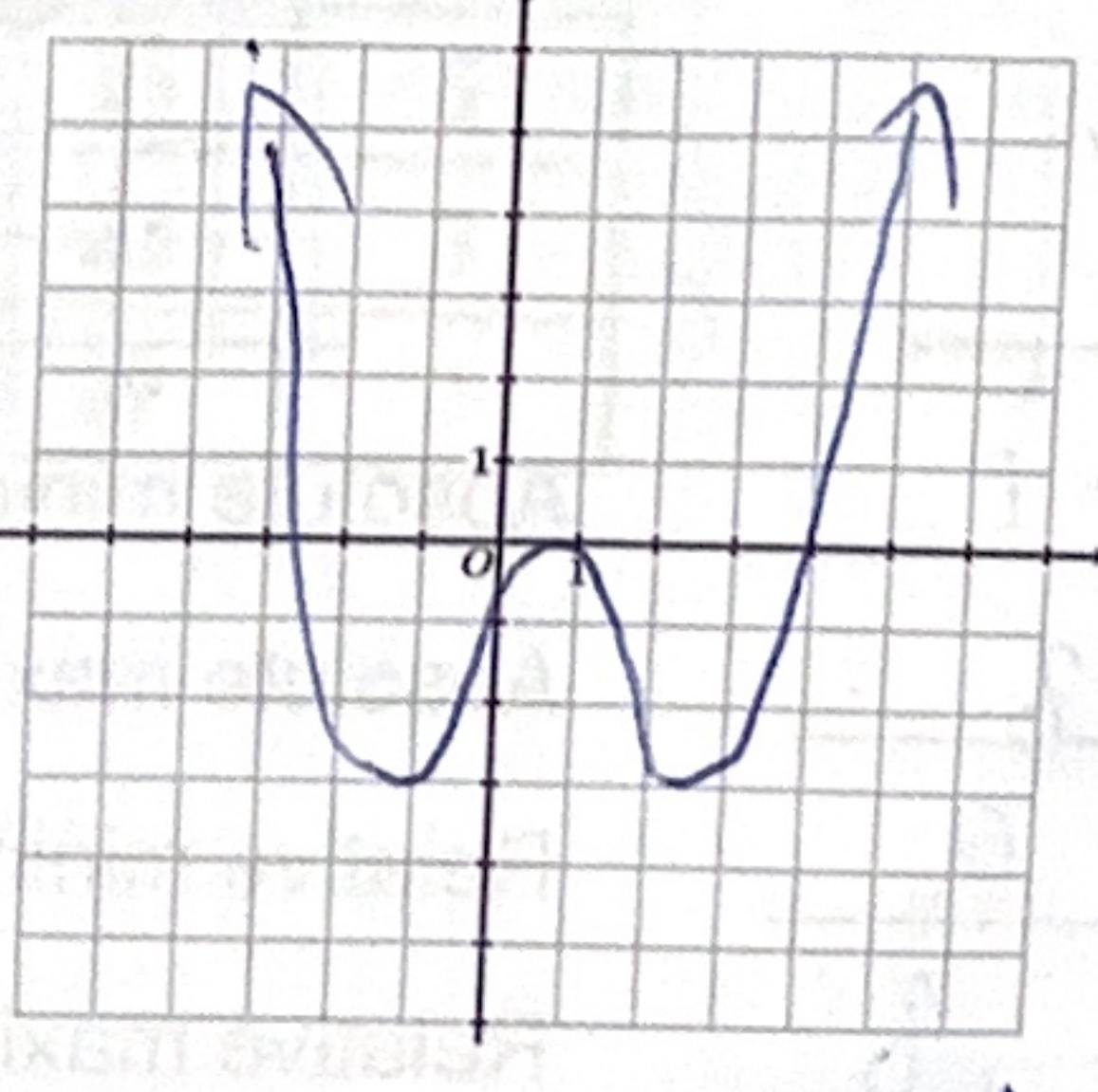
$x = -2$

**Directions:** Sketch a polynomial function on each axes provided that has the following properties and the domain  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

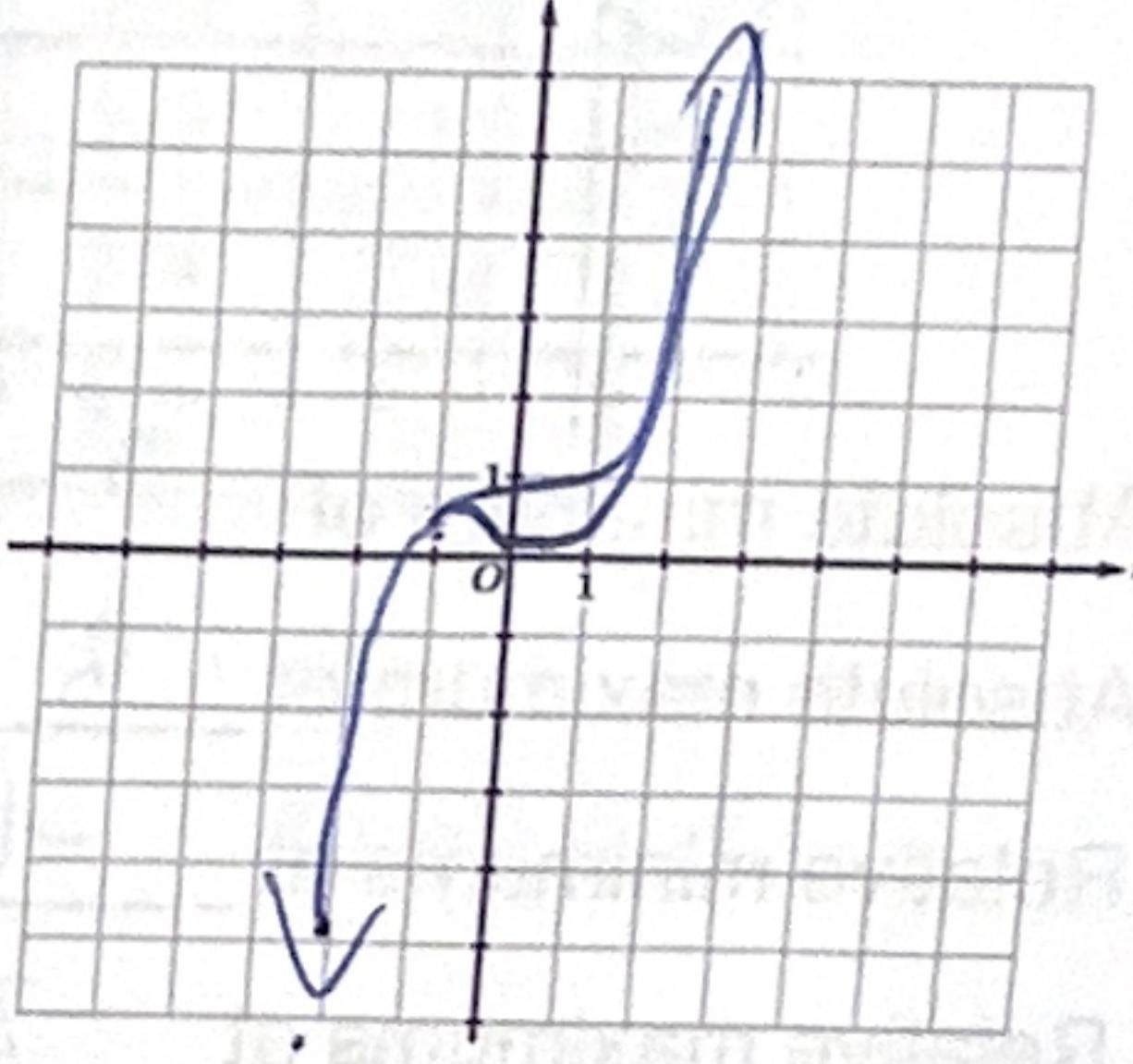
15)  $f(x)$  has two points of inflection, one absolute maximum, and no absolute minimum.



16)  $g(x)$  has one local maximum, two global minima, and two points of inflection.



17)  $m(x)$  has one point of inflection, no relative extrema, and no absolute extrema.



**Directions:** The graph of  $h(x)$  is shown below on the interval  $-1 \leq x \leq 7$ . Find the open intervals where the rate of change of  $h(x)$  has the following properties.

- 18) The rate of change of  $h(x)$  is positive and decreasing

( $-1, 1$ ) ~~( $1, 7$ )~~

- 19) The rate of change of  $h(x)$  is negative and decreasing

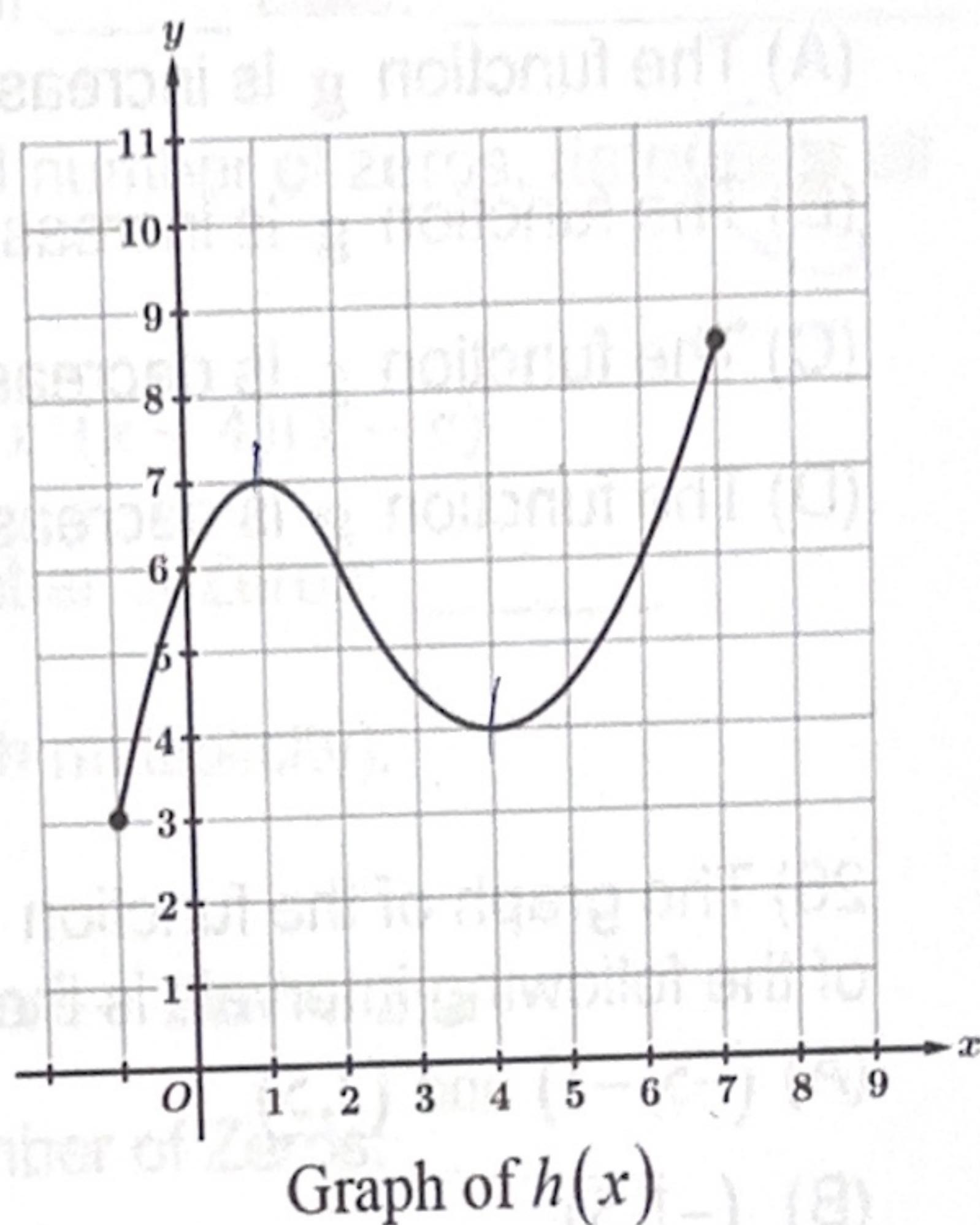
( $-1, 2.5$ )

- 20) The rate of change of  $h(x)$  is positive and increasing

( $4, 7$ )

- 21) The rate of change of  $h(x)$  is negative and increasing

( $2, 8, 4$ )



**Directions:** For #22 and #23, use your graphing calculator to graph each of the following functions. Then, use the calculator to answer the following questions.

- 22) Let  $f(x) = 2.638x^3 - 8.12x - 6.59$  where  $-3 < x < 3$ .

$f$  has a relative minimum of  $\underline{-12.97}$

$f$  has a relative maximum of  $\underline{-1.11}$

$f$  changes from increasing to decreasing at  $x = \underline{-1.01}$

- 23) Let  $h(x) = -6.58x^3 + 3.24x^2 + 1.59x - 6.42$  where  $-1 < x < 1$ .

$h$  has a relative minimum at  $x = \underline{-0.16}$

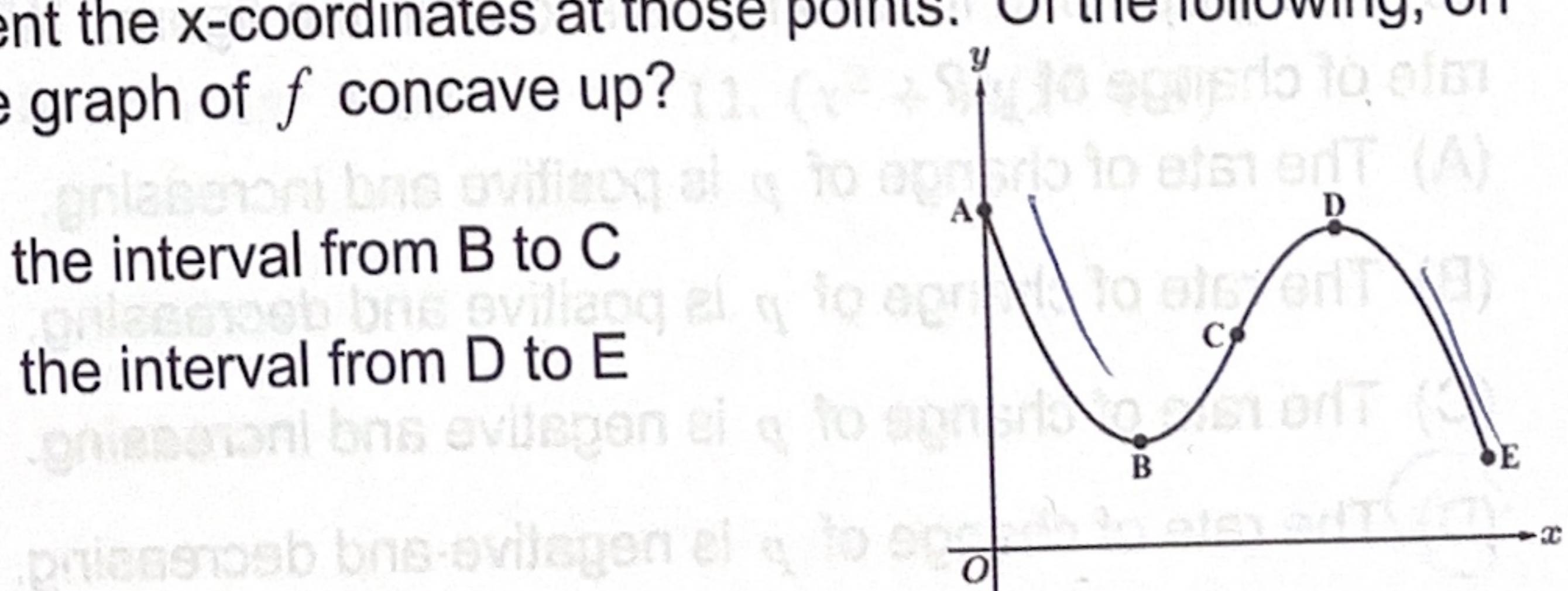
$h$  has a relative maximum at  $x = \underline{0.49}$

$h$  changes from decreasing to increasing at  $x = \underline{-1}$

- 24) The figure below shows the graph of a function  $f$ . The extrema and the point of inflection of  $f$  are labeled. A, B, C, D, and E represent the x-coordinates at those points. Of the following, on which interval is  $f$  decreasing and the graph of  $f$  concave up?

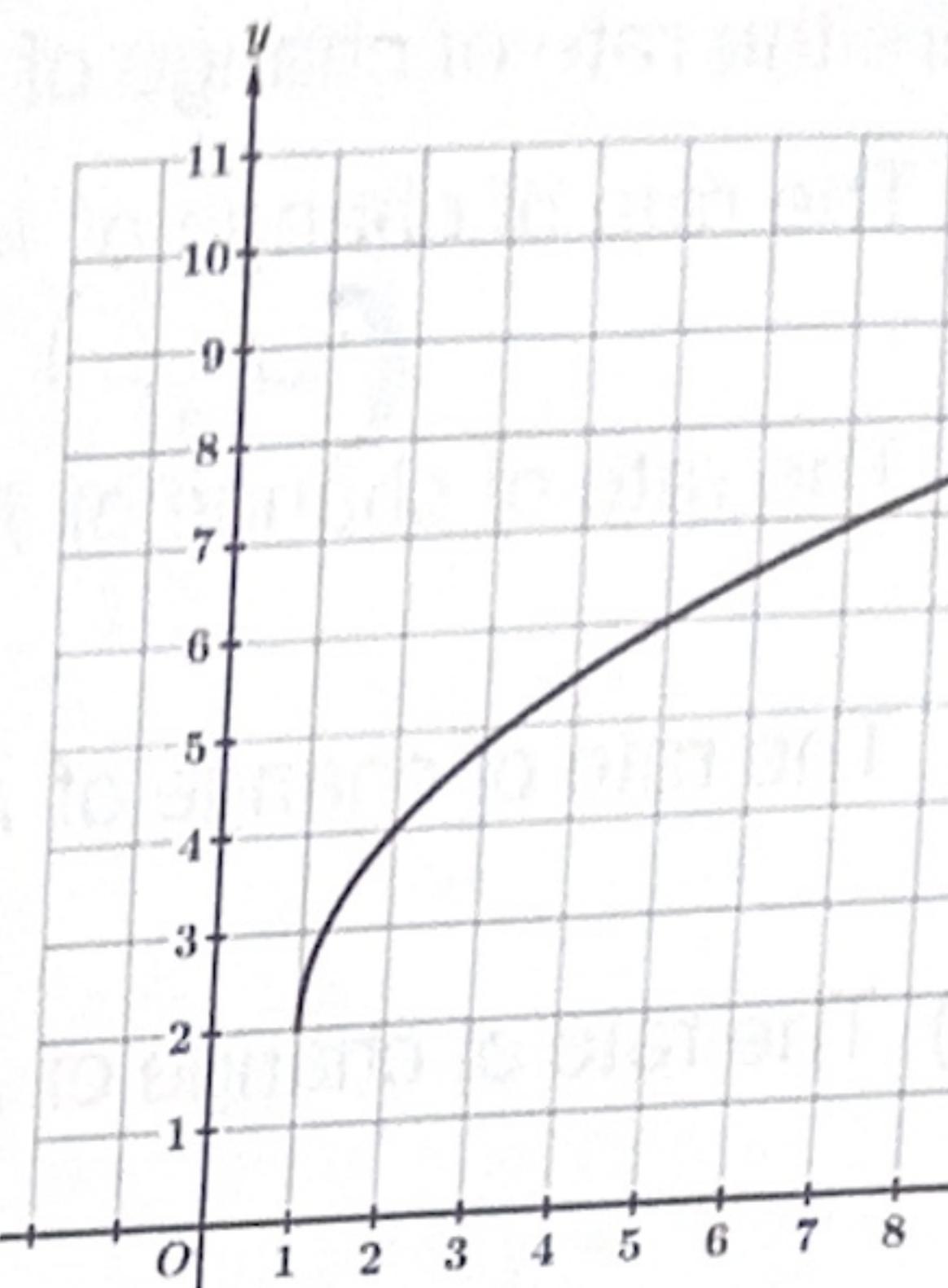
- (A) the interval from A to B  
 (C) the interval from C to D

- (B) the interval from B to C  
 (D) the interval from D to E



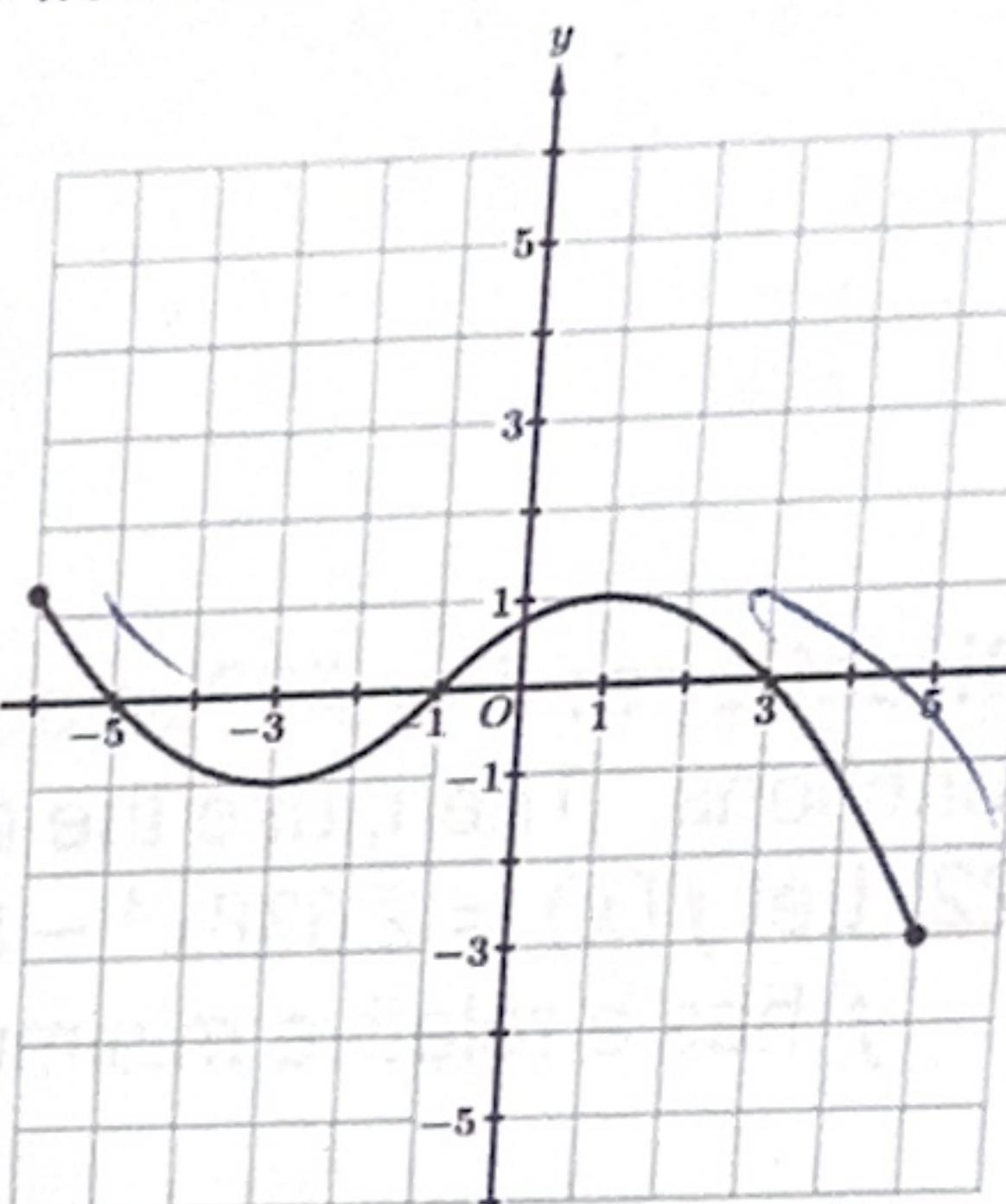
25) The graph of the function  $g$  is shown in the figure below. Which of the following best describes the function  $g$  over the interval  $1 < x < 9$ .

- (A) The function  $g$  is increasing at an increasing rate.  
 (B) The function  $g$  is increasing at a decreasing rate.  
(C) The function  $g$  is decreasing at an increasing rate.  
(D) The function  $g$  is decreasing at a decreasing rate.



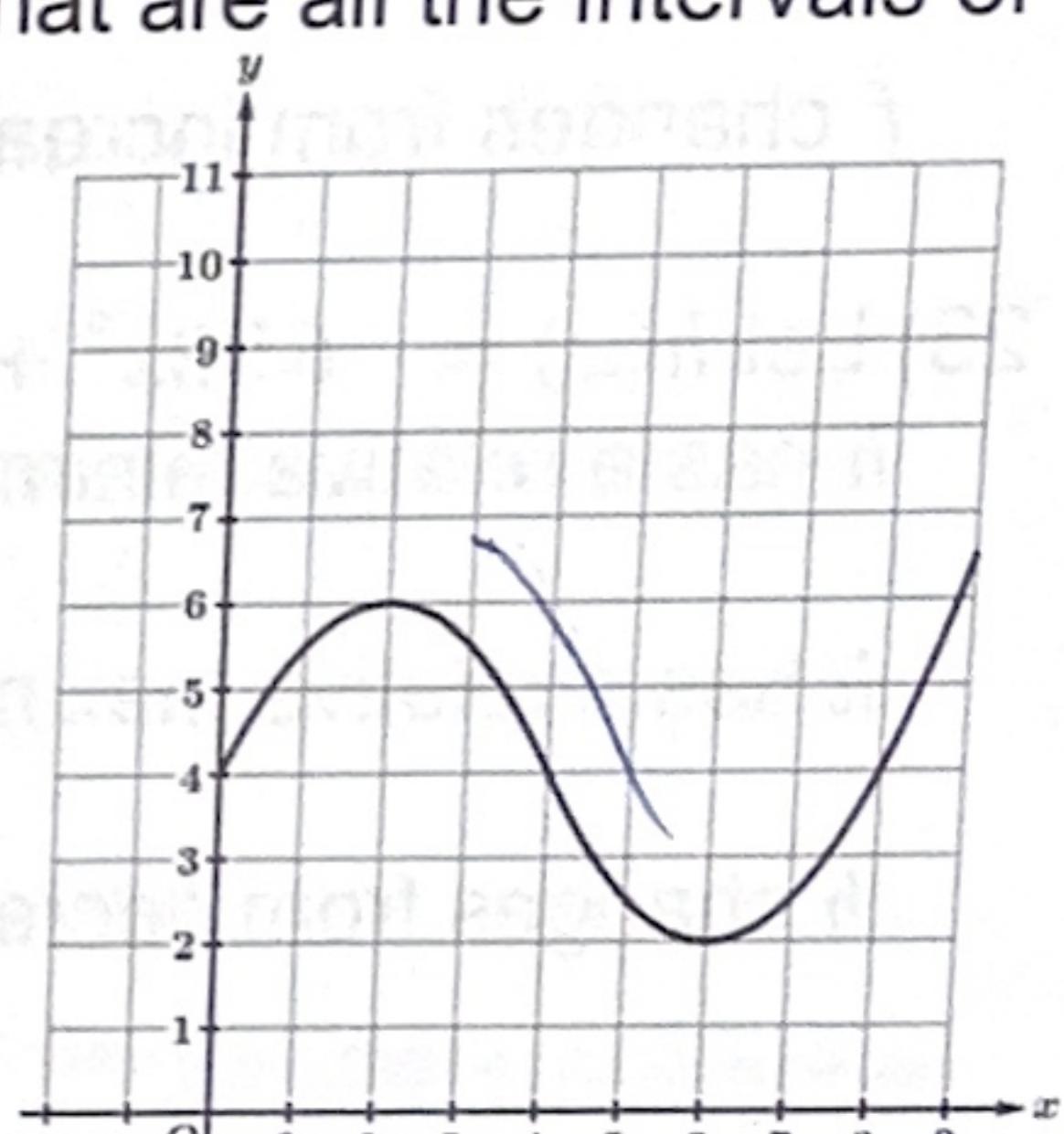
26) The graph of the function  $h$  is shown in the figure above on the interval  $-6 \leq x \leq 5$ . On which of the following intervals is the rate of change of  $h$  negative?

- (A)  $(-5, -1)$  and  $(3, 5)$   
(B)  $(-1, 5)$   
(C)  $(1, 5)$  only  
 (D)  $(-6, -3)$  and  $(1, 5)$



27) The graph of a function  $k$  is shown in the figure for  $0 \leq x \leq 9$ . What are all the intervals of  $x$  on which the rate of change of  $k$  is negative and decreasing?

- (A)  $(2, 6)$   
(B)  $(0, 4)$   
 (C)  $(2, 4)$   
 (D)  $(4, 6)$



28) The graph of a function  $p$  is shown in the figure. Which of the following best describes the rate of change of  $p$ ?

- (A) The rate of change of  $p$  is positive and increasing.  
(B) The rate of change of  $p$  is positive and decreasing.  
(C) The rate of change of  $p$  is negative and increasing.  
 (D) The rate of change of  $p$  is negative and decreasing.

