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Special Instructions		
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**MARKS**

- [9] 1. (a) Sketch the graph of the function  $f(x) = |(x-1)^2 - 1|$  starting from the graph of the standard parabola and using appropriate transformations.

(b) Suppose  $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x+1}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{x-1}{2-x}$ . Find  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ .

- (c) Solve for  $x$ :

$$3^{\log_3(x^2)} = 2e^{\ln x} + 4 \cdot 10^{\log_{10}(2)}$$

- [12] 2. Evaluate the limits:

(a)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow -1} \frac{t^2 + 3t + 2}{t^2 - t - 2}$       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{9x - x^2}{3 - \sqrt{x}}$       (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{e^x + e^{-x}}$

Do not use l'Hopital's rule.

- [10] 3. (a) Consider the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x - 6}{|x - 3|}$ .

Calculate both one-sided limits at the point(s) where the function is undefined.

3. (b) Find parameters  $a$  and  $b$  such that the function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \cos x & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ ax + b & \text{if } 0 < x \leq 3 \\ x^2 - 2 & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

will be continuous at every point. Sketch the graph of this function.

- [15] 4. Find derivatives of the functions (do not simplify the answer):

(a)  $f(x) = (x + x^{-1})^2 \cos 2x$

(b)  $f(x) = \frac{\sin^{-1}(\sqrt{1-x^2})}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

(c)  $f(x) = (x^2)^\pi + \pi^{x^2}$

(d)  $f(x) = 4x\sqrt{x + \sqrt{x}}$

(e)  $f(x) = (\tan^{-1}(2x))^{\ln x}$  (use logarithmic differentiation).

- [12] 5. (a) If  $f(x) = (1+x)^n$ , find the linearization  $L(x)$  of  $f(x)$  at  $a = 0$  and use  $L(x)$  to estimate  $(1.003)^{50}$ .

(b) Answer part (a) using differentials, that is, identify  $dx$  and calculate  $df$ .

(c) If  $g(x) = (x-1)^2$ , use the definition of the derivative to find  $g'(3)$ .

(d) Use the appropriate differentiation rule(s) to verify your answer to part (c).

- [18] 6. (a) The equation of a curve defined implicitly is  $x - 2y^2 + 5 = 3e^{x/y}$ . Verify that the point  $(0, 1)$  belongs to the curve. Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve at this point.

(b) Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x - 1$ . Find a number  $c$  that satisfies the Mean Value Theorem for the function  $f(x)$  on  $[0, 1]$ .

(c) Use l'Hopital's rule to evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - x}{x^3}$ .

- [10] 7. (a) A plane is located at  $x = 40$  km (horizontally) away from an airport at an altitude of  $h$  km. At time  $t = t_0$  radar at the airport detects the distance  $s(t)$  between the plane and the airport decreasing at the rate  $s'(t_0) = -400$  km/h (the plane is flying towards the airport). If the plane is maintaining a constant altitude of  $h = 4$  km what is the speed  $x'(t_0)$  of the aircraft at time  $t_0$ ?
- (b) A rectangular plot of land is to be bounded on one side by a river and on the other three sides by a fence. If there are 800 m of fencing available, what is the largest area that can be enclosed, and what are its dimensions?
- [14] 8. Given the function  $f(x) = 4x^3 - x^4$ ,
- (a) Find the domain and check for symmetry. Find asymptotes (if any).
- (b) Calculate  $f'(x)$  and use it to determine interval(s) where the function is increasing, interval(s) where the function is decreasing, and local extrema (if any).
- (c) Calculate  $f''(x)$  and use it to determine interval(s) where the function is concave upward, interval(s) where the function is concave downward and inflection point(s) (if any).
- (d) Sketch the graph of the function.

[5] **Bonus Question**

Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x^3 & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ x^3 & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Use the definition of the derivative to show that  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  and find  $f'(0)$ .