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The first five problems counts 6 points each and the others count as marked.

Multiple choice section. Circle the correct choice. You do not need to show your work on these problems.

1. Consider the function
- $f$
- defined by:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} |x + 2| & \text{if } x \leq 0 \\ 5 - x^2 & \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$$

Find the three solutions to  $f(x) = 1$  and compute their sum.

- (A)
- $-4$
- (B)
- $\boxed{-2}$
- (C)
- $0$
- (D)
- $2$
- (E)
- $6$

2. Let
- $f(x) = 1/x$
- . What is the vaule of
- $\frac{f(x+2) - f(x)}{2}$
- ?

- (A)
- $\boxed{-\frac{1}{x(x+2)}}$
- (B)
- $\frac{1}{x(x+2)}$
- (C)
- $\frac{x}{x+2}$
- (D)
- $-\frac{x}{x+2}$
- (E)
- $x+2$

3. Let
- $f(x) = \sqrt{2x}$
- . What is the value of
- $f(x+1) - f(x)$
- in terms of
- $x$
- ?

- (A)
- $\boxed{\frac{2}{\sqrt{2x+2} + \sqrt{2x}}}$
- (B)
- $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2x+1} + \sqrt{2x}}$
- (C)
- $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2x+1}}$
- 
- (D)
- $\sqrt{2x+2}$
- (E)
- $\sqrt{2x+2} - x$

4. Suppose the point
- $(2, 5)$
- belongs to the graph of a function
- $g$
- and
- $g'(2) = 4$
- . What is the
- $y$
- intercept of the line tangent to the graph of
- $g$
- at the point
- $(2, 5)$
- ?

- (A)
- $-8$
- (B)
- $\boxed{-3}$
- (C)
- $3$
- (D)
- $8$
- (E)
- $13$

5. The line tangent to the graph of a function
- $h$
- at the point
- $(3, 7)$
- has a
- $y$
- intercept of 10. What is
- $h'(3)$
- ?

- (A)
- $-7$
- (B)
- $-4$
- (C)
- $\boxed{-1}$
- (D)
- $1$
- (E)
- $17/3$

6. (20 points) Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 3 & \text{if } x \leq 4 \\ 6 - x & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases}$$

and let  $g(x) = 2x$ .

(a) Compute each of the following

i.  $f \circ g(1)$   $f \circ g(1) = f(2) = 1$

ii.  $f \circ g(2)$   $f \circ g(2) = f(4) = 5$

iii.  $f \circ g(3)$   $f \circ g(3) = f(6) = 0$

iv.  $f \circ g(3.5)$   $f \circ g(3.5) = f(7) = -1$

(b) Find a symbolic representation of the composition  $f \circ g(x)$ , and simplify the representation.

$$f \circ g(x) = \begin{cases} 2(2x) - 3 & \text{if } 2x \leq 4 \\ 6 - 2x & \text{if } 2x > 4 \end{cases}$$

which is the same as

$$f \circ g(x) = \begin{cases} 4x - 3 & \text{if } x \leq 2 \\ 6 - 2x & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

7. (25 points) Compute the limits requested.

(a)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{2+h} - \sqrt{2}}{h}$

Rationalize the numerator to get  $\frac{(2+h)-2}{h(\sqrt{2+h}+\sqrt{2})} = \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{2+h}+\sqrt{2})}$   
 $= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2+h}+\sqrt{2})}$ , so the limit is just the value of the last expression at  
 $h = 0$ , which is  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x-3}{x^3-27}$

Factor the denominator to get  $\frac{x-3}{(x-3)(x^2+3x+9)}$ . The  $(x-3)$  factors can  
be removed to give  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{x^2+3x+9} = 1/27$ .

(c)  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{3+h} - \frac{1}{3}}{h}$

Find a common denominator and simplify to get  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{3+h} - \frac{1}{3}}{h}$   
 $= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{3-(3+h)}{h \cdot 3(3+h)}$  which is just  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{3(3+h)} = -1/9$ .

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^3 - 2x^2 + 7}{4x^3 - 10x^2 + x - 27}$

Since the degrees of the numerator and denominator are the same, take  
the ratio of the coefficients of these highest power terms,  $2x^3$  and  $4x^3$   
to get the result  $\lim = 1/2$ .

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{|x| - 3}{3x + 5}$

Divide both numerator and denominator by  $x$  to get  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{|x| - 3}{3x + 5} =$   
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{|x|/x - 3/x}{3x/x + 5/x}$ . This reduces to  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{|x|/x}{3}$  whose value, for neg-  
ative values of  $x$ , is  $-1/3$ .

8. (25 points) Find the following derivatives.

(a)  $\frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{2x^3 - 5x + 7}$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{2x^3 - 5x + 7} = \frac{1}{2}(2x^3 - 5x + 7)^{-\frac{1}{2}} \cdot (6x^2 - 5)$$

(b)  $\frac{d}{dx}(2x - 1) \cdot (3x^2 + 4x)$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx}(2x - 1) \cdot (3x^2 + 4x) &= (2x - 1)(6x + 4) + (3x^2 + 4x) \cdot 2 \\ &= 12x^2 + 8x - 6x - 4 + 6x^2 + 8x \\ &= 18x^2 + 10x - 4\end{aligned}$$

Alternatively, multiply the two factors and differentiate the result.

(c)  $\frac{d}{dx} \frac{2x^2 - 1}{3x + 2}$

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{d}{dx} \frac{2x^2 - 1}{3x + 2} &= \frac{4x(3x + 2) - 3(2x^2 - 1)}{(3x + 2)^2} \\ &= \frac{12x^2 + 8x - 6x^2 + 3}{(3x + 2)^2} \\ &= \frac{6x^2 + 8x + 3}{(3x + 2)^2}\end{aligned}$$

(d)  $\frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 1}$

$$\frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{x^2 - 2x + 1} = \frac{d}{dx}\sqrt{(x - 1)^2} = \frac{d}{dx}|x - 1| = \frac{|x-1|}{x-1}$$

(e)  $\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1)^{1/3}$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x + 1)^{1/3} = \frac{d}{dx}((x + 1)^3)^{1/3} = \frac{d}{dx}(x + 1) = 1$$

9. (20 points) Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x} + x$ .

(a) Compute  $f(3.1)$   $f(3.1) = \frac{1}{3.1} + 3.1 \approx 3.42$

(b) Compute  $f(3+h)$   $f(3+h) = \frac{1}{3+h} + 3+h \approx 3.42$

(c) Compute  $\frac{f(3+h)-f(3)}{h}$  and simplify, assuming  $h \neq 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{f(3+h) - f(3)}{h} &= \frac{\frac{1}{3+h} + 3 + h - (\frac{1}{3} + 3)}{h} \\ &= \frac{\frac{1}{3+h} - \frac{1}{3} + h}{h} \\ &= \frac{3 - (3+h)}{h \cdot 3 \cdot (3+h)} + 1 \\ &= -\frac{h}{3h(3+h)} + 1 \\ &= -\frac{1}{3(3+h)} + 1\end{aligned}$$

(d) Take the limit of the expression in (c) as  $h$  approaches 0 to find  $f'(3)$ .

The limit as  $h$  approaches 0 is  $-\frac{1}{9} + 1 = \frac{8}{9}$ .

(e) What is the slope of the line tangent to  $f$  at the point  $(3, 3\frac{1}{3})$ .

Its the number we just calculated,  $\frac{8}{9}$ .

(f) Find an equation for the line tangent to the graph of  $f$  at the point  $(3, 3\frac{1}{3})$ .

The equation is  $y - 3\frac{1}{3} = \frac{8}{9}(x - 3)$ , which simplifies to  $y = \frac{8}{9}x + \frac{2}{3}$ .