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**Multiple Choice Questions**

*Show all your work on the page where the question appears.  
Clearly mark your answer both on the cover page on this exam  
and in the corresponding questions that follow.*

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1. Solve:  $3^{17x-4} = 64$

**Possibilities:**

(a)  $\frac{64}{17}$

(b)  $\sqrt[3]{-4} - \sqrt[64]{17}$

(c)  $\sqrt{-4} - \sqrt{17}$

(d)  $\frac{\log_3(64) + 4}{17}$

(e)  $\log(-4) - \log(17)$ 

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2. Write the domain of the function  $h(x) = \log(11 - x)$  in interval notation.

**Possibilities:**

(a)  $(-\infty, 11)$

(b)  $(-\infty, 11) \cup (11, \infty)$

(c)  $(-\infty, -11]$

(d)  $(-11, \infty)$

(e)  $(-\infty, \infty)$ 

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3. Let  $f(x) = 9^x$ . Which of the following is  $f(-2)$ ?

**Possibilities:**

(a) 81

(b)  $\frac{1}{9}$

(c) 3

(d)  $\frac{1}{81}$

(e)  $-\frac{1}{3}$ 

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4. Solve the equation for  $x$ .

$$\log(5x + 8) = \log(9x + 3) + \log(10)$$

**Possibilities:**

(a)  $x = \frac{2}{5}$  and  $x = \frac{7}{9}$

(b)  $x = \log\left(\frac{2}{5}\right)$  and  $x = \log\left(\frac{7}{9}\right)$

(c)  $x = \frac{-87 \pm \sqrt{7389}}{90}$  only

(d) No solution

(e)  $x = -\frac{22}{85}$  only

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5. How much money should be invested at 6.25% interest, compounded monthly, so that 9 years later the investment will be worth \$25,000?

**Possibilities:**

(a) \$14,487.04

(b) \$2,777.78

(c) \$43,142.02

(d) \$14,265.38

(e) \$16,000

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6. You have already invested \$200 in a stock with an annual return of 8%. How much of an additional \$1,200 should be invested at 11% and how much at 7% so that the total return on the entire \$1,400 is 10%?

The multiple choice problem only asks for the amount at 11%.

**Possibilities:**

- (a) \$950 at 11%
- (b) \$1000 at 11%
- (c) \$1,050 at 11%
- (d) \$1,100 at 11%
- (e) \$1,150 at 11%

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7. The radioactive element Fluorine-18 has a half-life of 110 minutes and is used as a medical radiotracer in PET scans. How long should it take for 80 milligrams to decay to 16 milligrams?

**Possibilities:**

- (a) About 252.57 minutes
- (b) About 253.28 minutes
- (c) About 253.99 minutes
- (d) About 254.70 minutes
- (e) About 255.41 minutes

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8. Determine the end behavior of the following function.

$$(11 - 5x)^7$$

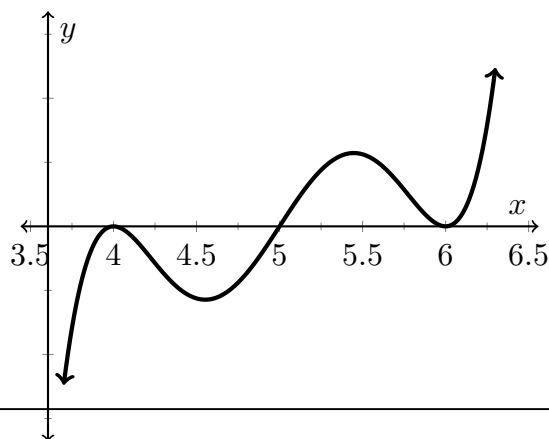
**Possibilities:**

- (a)  $y \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $y \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$
  - (b)  $y \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $y \rightarrow 0$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$
  - (c)  $y \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $y \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$
  - (d)  $y \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $y \rightarrow \infty$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$
  - (e)  $y \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  and  $y \rightarrow -\infty$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$
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9. Which expression's graph most resembles this one?

**Possibilities:**

- (a)  $(x - 1)^4(x - 2)^5(x - 1)^6$
- (b)  $(x - 4)^2(x - 5)(x - 6)^2$
- (c)  $(x - 4)(x - 5)^2(x - 6)$
- (d)  $(x - 1)^4(x - 2)^5(x - 3)^6$
- (e)  $(x - 4)(x - 5)(x - 6)$

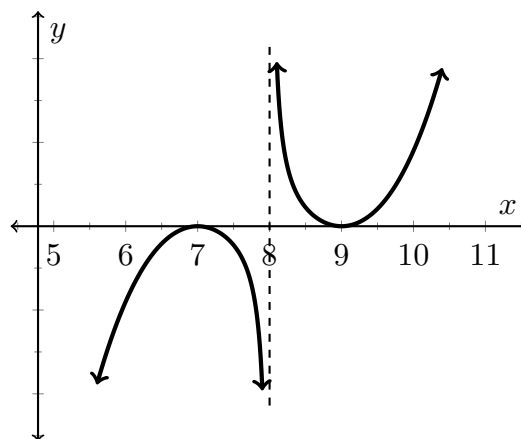


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10. Which expression's graph most resembles this one?

**Possibilities:**

- (a)  $\frac{(x - 1)^7(x - 1)^9}{(x - 2)^8}$
- (b)  $\frac{(x - 7)^2(x - 9)^2}{(x - 8)}$
- (c)  $\frac{(x - 7)(x - 9)}{(x - 8)^2}$
- (d)  $\frac{(x - 1)^7(x - 3)^9}{(x - 2)^8}$
- (e)  $\frac{(x - 7)(x - 9)}{(x - 8)}$



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11. Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x - 1 & \text{if } x \leq -2 \\ x^2 + 3 & \text{if } -2 < x \leq 5 \\ -2x - 5 & \text{if } x > 5 \end{cases}$$

Find  $f(4)$ .

**Possibilities:**

- (a) 19
- (b) 11
- (c) 4
- (d) -13
- (e) 209

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12. Solve for  $z$ .

$$5z^2 - 11z + 4 = 0$$

**Possibilities:**

- (a)  $\frac{11 \pm \sqrt{201}}{10}$
- (b)  $\frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{41}}{10}$
- (c)  $\frac{11 \pm \sqrt{41}}{10}$
- (d)  $\frac{11}{10} \pm \sqrt{101}$
- (e)  $\frac{-11 \pm \sqrt{201}}{10}$

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13. Find an equation for the line through the points  $(6, 3)$  and  $(9, 5)$ .

**Possibilities:**

- (a)  $y - 3 = \frac{3}{2}(x - 6)$
- (b)  $y + 3 = \frac{3}{2}(x + 6)$
- (c)  $y - 3 = \frac{2}{3}(x - 6)$
- (d)  $y + 3 = \frac{2}{3}(x + 6)$
- (e)  $y = -\frac{3}{2}(x - 6) - 3$

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14. Which of the following statements best describes the system of equations?

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 4 \\ 2x + 2y = 8 \end{cases}$$

**Possibilities:**

- (a) The system is dependent. Two solutions to the system are  $(1, 3)$  and  $(2, 2)$ .  
One point that is NOT a solution to the system is  $(0, 0)$ .
- (b) The system is consistent. It has exactly one solution which is  $(4, 8)$ .
- (c) The system is dependent. Every point is a solution to the system.
- (d) The system is inconsistent. Therefore the system has no solutions.
- (e) The system is dependent. Two solutions to the system are  $(4, 8)$  and  $(2, 2)$ .  
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15. Let  $f(x) = 6x^2 + 3x - 19$ . Find  $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$  and simplify. (Assume  $h \neq 0$ .)

**Possibilities:**

- (a)  $12x + 6h$
- (b)  $\frac{6xh + 3h^2 - 2}{h}$
- (c) 1
- (d)  $6h$
- (e)  $12x + 3 + 6h$

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16. The point  $(6, 3)$  is on the graph of which of the following equations?

**Possibilities:**

- (a)  $4x + 18 = xy + 24$
- (b)  $x = y - 3$
- (c)  $xy = 0$
- (d)  $4x + 18 = 4y + 18$
- (e)  $xy + 24 = xy + 12$

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17. Solve for  $t$  in  $\frac{(6t - 7)^3}{3} = 9$ .

**Possibilities:**

(a)  $\frac{103823}{3}$

(b)  $\frac{8}{3}$

(c)  $\frac{3}{5}$

(d)  $7 \pm \sqrt{27}/6$

(e)  $\frac{5}{3}$

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18. When a high school basketball team charges  $p$  dollars per ticket, the total revenue  $R$  from ticket sales is given by the formula

$$R(p) = p(7602 - 700p).$$

What per-ticket price maximizes the teams total revenue?

**Possibilities:**

(a) \$5.18

(b) \$5.43

(c) \$5.68

(d) \$5.93

(e) \$6.18

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19. Explain how the graph of  $g(x) = \sqrt{x - 6} + 9$  is obtained from the graph of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ .

**Possibilities:**

(a) Shift the graph of  $f$  left 6 units and shift up 9 units to obtain the graph of  $g$ .

(b) Shift the graph of  $f$  right 9 units and shift up 6 units to obtain the graph of  $g$ .

(c) Shift the graph of  $f$  right 6 units and shift up 9 units to obtain the graph of  $g$ .

(d) Shift the graph of  $f$  left 9 units and shift down 6 units to obtain the graph of  $g$ .

(e) Shift the graph of  $f$  right 6 units and shift down 9 units to obtain the graph of  $g$ .



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20. The equation of a parabola was printed below, but ink spilled on some of the numbers. Try to answer the question anyways:

$$y = 15(x - \text{[blacked out]})^2 + \text{[blacked out]}$$

Does this parabola open up or down? What is its vertex?

**Possibilities:**

- (a) Down, but the vertex can't be read
  - (b) The vertex is (2,-15), but up/down can't be read
  - (c) Up, but the vertex can't be read
  - (d) The vertex is (2,15), but up/down can't be read
  - (e) The vertex is (15,2), but up/down can't be read
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21. A concrete walk of uniform width is to be built around a giant circular pool. The radius of the pool is 16 meters, and enough concrete is available to cover  $43.29\pi$  square meters (approximately). If all the concrete is to be used, how wide should the walk be (approximately)? Choose the closest answer.

**Possibilities:**

- (a) 1.13 meters wide
  - (b) 1.30 meters wide
  - (c) 1.47 meters wide
  - (d) 1.64 meters wide
  - (e) 1.81 meters wide
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22. Find all distinct, real solutions  $x$  to  $(x^2 - 6)(x - 9)(x - 3) = 0$ .

**Possibilities:**

- (a)  $x = \pm\sqrt{6}$ ,  $x = 9$ , and  $x = 3$
  - (b)  $x = -6$ ,  $x = -9$ , and  $x = -3$
  - (c)  $x = \pm\sqrt{6}$ ,  $x = -9$ , and  $x = -3$
  - (d)  $x = 6$ ,  $x = 9$ , and  $x = 3$
  - (e) No solution
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### Formula Sheet:

**Compound Interest:** If a principal  $P_0$  is invested at an interest rate  $r$  for a period of  $t$  years, then the amount  $P(t)$  of the investment is given by:

$$P(t) = P_0 \left(1 + \frac{r}{n}\right)^{nt} \quad (\text{if compounded } n \text{ times per year})$$

$$P(t) = P_0 e^{rt} \quad (\text{if compounded continuously}).$$

**Exponential Growth Model** If  $n_0$  is the initial size of a population that experiences **exponential growth**, then the population  $n(t)$  at time  $t$  increases according to the model:

$$n(t) = n_0 e^{rt}$$

where  $r$  is the relative rate of growth of the population (expressed as a proportion of the population).

**Radioactive Decay Model:** If  $m_0$  is the initial mass of a radioactive substance with half-life  $h$ , then the mass  $m(t)$  remaining at time  $t$  is modeled by the function:

$$m(t) = m_0 e^{-rt}$$

where  $r = \frac{\ln 2}{h}$ .

**Change of Base Formula:** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two positive numbers with  $a, b \neq 1$ . If  $x > 0$ , then:

$$\log_a(x) = \frac{\log_b(x)}{\log_b(a)}$$

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