



Hale School
Mathematics Specialist
Term 1 2018
Test 2 - Functions

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Instructions:

- Calculators are NOT allowed
- External notes are not allowed
- Duration of test: 45 minutes
- Show your working clearly
- Use the method specified (if any) in the question to show your working (Otherwise, no marks awarded)
- This test contributes to 6% of the year (school) mark

Question 1

(6 marks)

Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{3}{(x-1)^2} + 6$.

- (a) Prove that $f(x)$ is not a one-one function.

(2 marks)

$$f(2) = \frac{3}{1} + 6 = 9$$

$$f(0) = \frac{3}{1} + 6 = 9$$

$\therefore f(x)$ is many-one and not one-one

✓ evidence

✓ statement

- (b) State the largest value of a for which $f(x)$ over the domain $\{x : x \leq a, x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ is a one-one function.

(1 mark)

$$a = 1$$

✓ answer

- (c) For the domain in part (b), find, $f^{-1}(x)$, the inverse function of $f(x)$.

(3 marks)

$$\text{Inverse is } x = \frac{3}{(y-1)^2} + 6$$

$$x-6 = \frac{3}{(y-1)^2}$$

$$(y-1)^2 = \frac{3}{x-6}$$

$$y-1 = \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{x-6}}$$

$$y = 1 \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{x-6}}$$

✓ finds $y = \pm \dots$

$$\therefore f^{-1}(x) = 1 - \sqrt{\frac{3}{x-6}} \quad \checkmark \text{ correct } f^{-1}(x)$$

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(6)

Question 2

(7 marks)

If $g(x) = (x+2)^2$ and $h(x) = \frac{1}{3x-1}$, find:

- (a) $h \circ g(-3)$

(1 mark)

$$h \circ g(-3) = h(1) = \frac{1}{2} \quad \checkmark \text{ answer}$$

- (b) the natural domain of $h \circ g(x)$

(3 marks)

$$h \circ g(x) = \frac{1}{3(x+2)^2 - 1} \quad \checkmark 3(x+2)^2 - 1 = 0$$

$$D_{h \circ g} = \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}, x \neq -2 \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\} \quad \checkmark \text{ states domain}$$

- (c) the natural range of $h \circ g(x)$

(3 marks)

$$(x+2)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\therefore 3(x+2)^2 - 1 \geq -1$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{3(x+2)^2 - 1} \in (-\infty, -1] \cup (0, \infty)$$

$$\therefore R_{h \circ g} = \{y : y \leq -1, y \in \mathbb{R}\} \cup \{y : y > 0, y \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

✓ finds $y > 0$

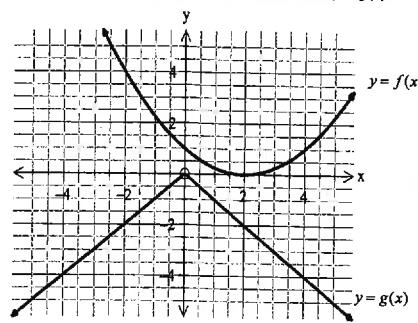
✓ finds $y \leq -1$

✓ states range correctly

Question 3

(7 marks)

The axes below shows the graphs of $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$



- (a) Find the values of

$$\text{i) } f(g(2)) = f(-2) = 4$$

✓ answer (1 mark)

$$\text{ii) } a \text{ so that } g(f(a)) = -1$$

$$f(a) = -1 \text{ or } 1$$

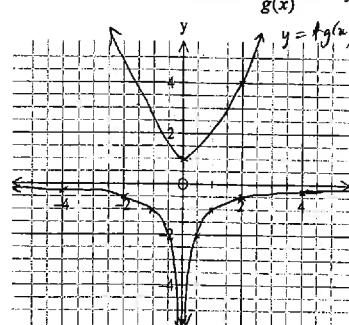
✓ $f(a) = \pm 1$ (2 marks)

$$\therefore a = 0 \text{ or } 4$$

✓ $a = 0, 4$

- (b) On the axes below draw the graphs of $\frac{1}{g(x)}$ and $f \circ g(x)$

(4 marks)



✓ $x \leq 0$ values
✓ $x \geq 0$ values

✓ initial asymptote
✓ horizontal asymptote joined up

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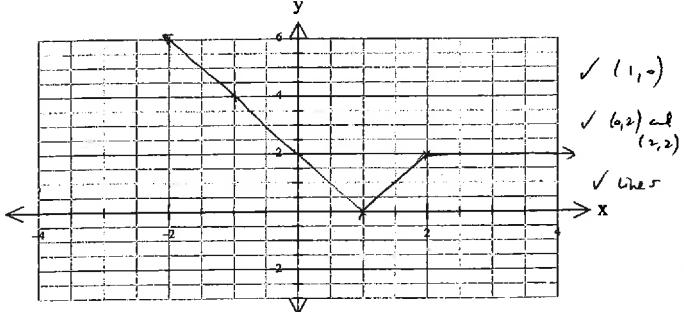
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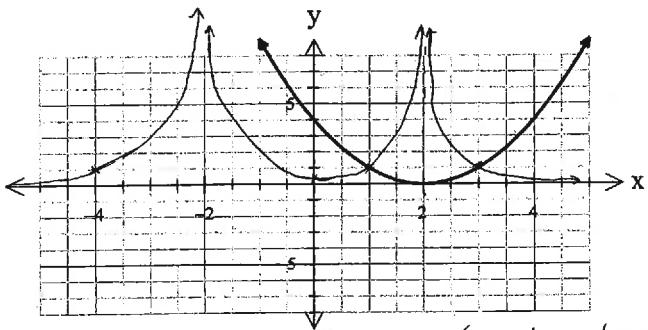
Question 4

(6 marks)

- (a) On the axis below accurately sketch the graph of $y = |x - |x - 2||$. (3 marks)



- (b) The graph of $y = f(x)$ has been drawn on the axes below. On the same axes draw an accurate sketch of the graph of $y = \frac{1}{f(|x|)}$. (3 marks)



- ✓ symmetry about y-axis
 ✓ vertical asymptote at $x = \pm 2$
 ✓ accurate graph (including where $y=1$)
 (6)

(4 marks)

Question 6

The graph of $y = \frac{ax^2 + bx + 4}{x - c}$ has an oblique asymptote of $y = 2x - 1$ and a vertical asymptote at $x = 3$. Determine the values of a , b and c .

$$\frac{ax^2 + bx + 4}{x - c} = 2x - 1 + \frac{d}{x - c} \quad \checkmark c = 3$$

$$ax^2 + bx + 4 = 2x^2 - (1+2c)x + c + d \quad \checkmark \text{rearrange}$$

$$\therefore \underline{a = 2}, \underline{c = 3}, \underline{b = -7} \quad \checkmark a = 2 \\ \checkmark b = -7$$

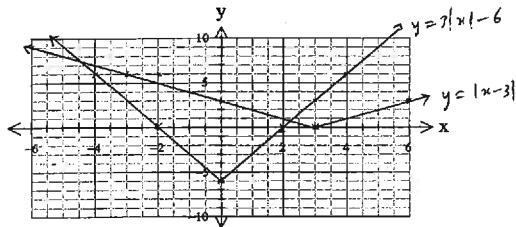
$$y = \frac{2x^2 - 7x + 4}{x - 3} \quad (4)$$

Question 5

(7 marks)

Consider the functions $f(x) = 3|x| - 6$, $g(x) = |x - 3|$ and $h(x) = m|x| + b$

- (a) On the axes below, draw the graphs of $y = f(x)$ and $y = g(x)$ (2 marks)



- (b) Determine the exact values of x for which $f(x) = g(x)$. (2 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Meet when } 3|x| - 6 &= |x - 3| \quad \text{or} \quad 3|x| - 6 = -|x - 3| \\ 9 &= 4x \quad 2x = -9 \\ x &= \frac{9}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$f(x) = g(x) \quad \text{when} \quad x = \frac{9}{4} \quad \checkmark x = \frac{9}{4}$$

- (c) State the values of m , b and k for which the solution set for the equation $h(x) = g(x)$ is $\{x : x \in \mathbb{R}, 0 \leq x \leq k\}$ (3 marks)

Need the same gradient $\Rightarrow m = \pm 1$

$$\text{overlaps from 0 to } h \quad \therefore h(x) = -|x| + 3$$

$$\therefore \underline{m = -1}, \underline{b = 3}, \underline{k = 3} \quad 6$$

✓ $m = \pm 1$
 ✓ $b = 3$
 ✓ $k = 3$
 (7)