

# Test 1A, Math 152

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## DIRECTIONS

1. Show all of your work. A correct answer with insufficient work will be counted wrong.
2. Clearly indicate your answer by putting a box around it.
3. Calculators are allowed on this exam, but NOT cell phones or laptops.
4. Give all answers in exact form, not decimal form (that is, put  $\frac{4}{7}$  instead of 0.5714,  $\sqrt{2}$  instead of 1.414, etc) unless otherwise stated.
5. Make sure you sign the pledge and write your PID on both pages.
6. There are 9 questions and 100 total points.

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1. (10 points) Use the 4-step process to find  $f'(x)$  if

$$f(x) = \frac{-2}{x^2}$$

You can check your answer by using other methods, but you will only receive credit for using the 4-step process.

2. (15 points) The total amount Michael Jackson has earned from the album *Thriller* is approximated by the function

$$M(x) = \frac{65x^3}{x^3 + 1}$$

Where  $M(x)$  is measured in millions of dollars and  $x$  is the number of years since the album's release. How fast are the total earnings changing 2 years after the release? (If necessary, round off your answer to the nearest dollar).

3. (8 points) List the value (or values) of  $x$  at which the function  $f(x) = \frac{x - 4}{x^2 - x - 12}$  is not continuous. Use the 3-part definition of continuity to explain why  $f(x)$  is not continuous at that point (or those points).

4. (12 points) Find, if they exist, the following limits. If the limits do not exist, show/state why.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow (-\infty)} \frac{3x^2 - 5}{7x^5 + 2x^4 - 3x}$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow (-2)} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 - 3x - 10}$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow (3)} \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 - 3x - 10}$

(d)  $\lim_{t \rightarrow (3^-)} \frac{t^2}{t^2 - 9}$

5. (10 points) Let

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 3 - x & \text{if } x < 5 \\ 2 & \text{if } x = 5 \\ 4x - 22 & \text{if } x > 5 \end{cases}$$

Use the three-part definition of continuity at a number to determine whether or not the function  $f$  is continuous or discontinuous at  $x = 5$ . Make sure to explain your answer.

6. (10 points) Find the derivative of

$$y = \frac{3}{\sqrt[5]{x}} + \frac{7}{2x^4} - 18$$

Simplify your answer to the extent of reducing fractions to lowest terms, i.e.  $\frac{2}{5x}$  instead of  $\frac{4x}{10x^2}$

7. (10 points) Find the derivative of

$$h(x) = (3x + 2)(x^2 - 9x + 6)^8$$

You do not need to simplify your answer.

8. (15 points) Find the exact value of the derivative  $g'(3)$ , if  $g(t) = \frac{4}{\sqrt{19-5t}}$ . Write your answer as a fraction in lowest terms.



9. (10 points) Find the equation of the tangent line to the graph of

$$f(x) = x^3(x^2 - 1)$$

at the point where  $x = 2$ . Write your answer in the form  $y = \underline{\hspace{10cm}}$

Extra Credit: (2 points) Find  $f'(x)$  if  $f(x) = \pi^2$