



Mathematical Methods
Written Exam 2
Multiple Choice Question Booklet

Section	Number of Questions	Number of Marks
A	20	20

Materials Permitted

- Approved CAS Calculator
- Formula Sheet

Recommended Time (Section A)

- 30 minutes

Solutions

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SECTION A – Multiple Choice Questions

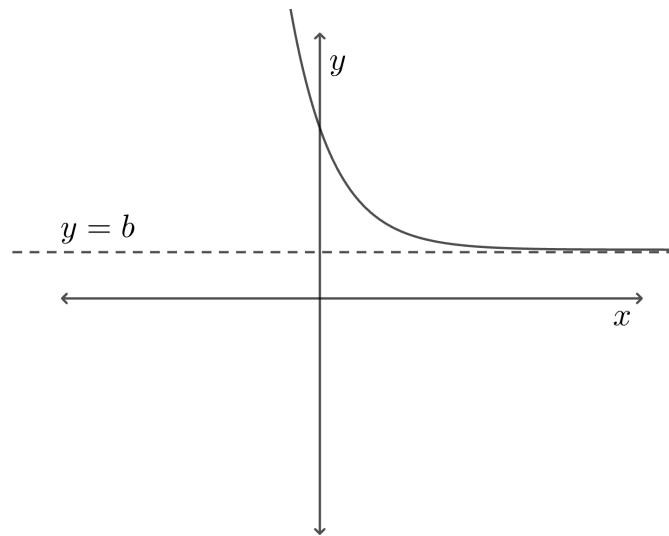
1. Given that $f(x) = 2x + 1$ and $g(x) = x^2 - 3$, what is the value of $f(g(2))$?
 - A. 1
 - B. 3
 - C. 5
 - D. 7

2. Consider the polynomial $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \cdots a_1 x + a_0$.
What is the maximum number of turning points the graph of the polynomial can have?
 - A. n
 - B. $n - 1$
 - C. $n - 2$
 - D. $n - 3$

3. For the graph of $f(x) = 2\sin(x) - b$. The values of b that ensure $f(x) > 0$ for all x are
 - A. $b > 0$
 - B. $b < 0$
 - C. $b > -2$
 - D. $b < -2$

4. The set of ordered pairs $\{(-4, -1), (-4, 1), (6, 8), (6, -3)\}$ is
 - A. One-to-one
 - B. Many-to-one
 - C. One-to-many
 - D. Many-to-many

5. If $a > 0$ and $b < 0$. The graph below could be represented by which of these rules?



- A. $y = ae^{-x} + b$
B. $y = -ae^x - b$
C. $y = -ae^{-x} + b$
D. $y = ae^{-x} - b$
6. Let $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-2}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x}$. The domain of $f(x) \cdot g(x)$ is
- A. $x \in [0, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$
B. $x \in [0, \infty)$
C. $x \in (-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$
D. $x \in (-\infty, \infty)$
7. A fair coin is flipped 10 times. What is the probability of getting exactly 7 heads?
- A. $\binom{10}{3} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7$
B. $\binom{10}{7} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^7$
C. $\binom{10}{3} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$
D. $\binom{7}{3} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$

8. Let X and Y be discrete random variables with probability distributions shown below. For what values of k is the mean of X (μ_X) greater than the mean of Y (μ_Y)?

X	1	2	3	4
$\Pr(X = x)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{3k}{4}$	$\frac{1-k}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

Y	1	2	3	4
$\Pr(Y = y)$	$\frac{1}{4}$	$\frac{k}{4}$	$\frac{2(1-k)}{4}$	$\frac{1}{4}$

- A. $k > \frac{1}{2}$
- B. $k > \frac{5}{8}$
- C. $k > \frac{1}{3}$
- D. $k > \frac{3}{7}$
9. For two events the $\Pr(A) = 0.35$ and $\Pr(B) = 0.45$ and the $\Pr(A|B) = 0.22$. Which of the following statements **must** be true?
- A. A and B are independent events
- B. A and B are mutually exclusive events
- C. A and B are independent events because $\Pr(A|B) \neq \Pr(A)$
- D. $\Pr(A \cap B) = \Pr(A|B) \cdot \Pr(B)$
10. If $f(x)$ is a probability density function, the value of k is.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} k(1-x)^2, & -1 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

- A. $\frac{2}{3}$
- B. 1
- C. $\frac{3}{2}$
- D. $\frac{3}{8}$

11. If $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{x-5}$ and $g(x) = \sqrt{x-a}$, $f(g(x))$ has a vertical asymptote at x equals

- A. a^2
- B. $25 + a$
- C. $25 - a$
- D. $25 - a^2$

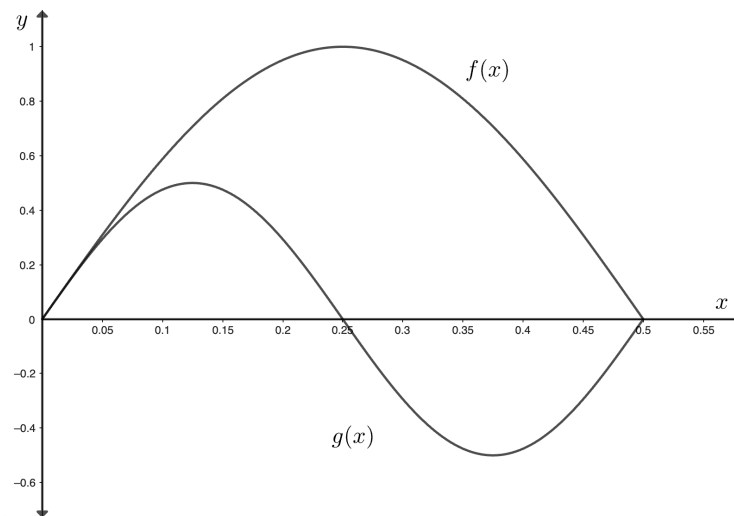
12. $\int_0^{3k} f\left(\frac{x}{k}\right) dx$ is equal to

- A. $k \int_0^3 f(x) dx$
- B. $\frac{1}{k} \int_{-3k}^{3k} f(x) dx$
- C. $k^2 \int_0^{3k} f(x) dx$
- D. $\int_0^6 f(x) dx$

13. A bag contains three red balls and five green balls. Three balls are chosen at random **without** replacement. What is the probability that at least one ball is red?

- A. $\frac{15}{28}$
- B. $\frac{5}{8}$
- C. $\frac{3}{8}$
- D. $\frac{23}{28}$

14. Parts of the graphs of $f(x) = \sin(2\pi x)$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(4\pi x)$ are shown below



The pseudocode below describes an algorithm to find the value of x where the functions are furthest apart

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Define:     $f(x) = \sin(2\pi x)$ 
               $g(x) = \frac{1}{2} \sin(4\pi x)$ 
               $h(x) = |f(x) - g(x)|$ 

Set max_distance=0
Set best_x=0
Set step_size=0.05

While  $x \leq 0.5$ 
    current_distance =  $h(x)$ 

    if current_distance > max_distance then
        set max_distance  $\leftarrow$  current_distance
        set best_x  $\leftarrow$  x

     $x \leftarrow x + \text{step\_size}$ 

Return best_x, max_distance
    
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The pseudocode will return the following value for best_x

- A. 0.30
- B. 0.33
- C. 0.35
- D. 0.40

15. If α and β are solutions to the quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$. The value of $\alpha + \beta$ and $\alpha\beta$ respectively are

- A. $\alpha + \beta = \frac{b}{a}, \alpha\beta = \frac{-c}{a}$
- B. $\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a}, \alpha\beta = \frac{-c}{a}$
- C. $\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a}, \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$
- D. $\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{2a}, \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$

16. Let $f: [0, a] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) = x \log_e \left(\frac{a}{x} \right)$. The maximum value of $f(x)$ is

- A. e
- B. $\frac{a}{e}$
- C. $a \log_e \left(\frac{1}{e} \right)$
- D. a

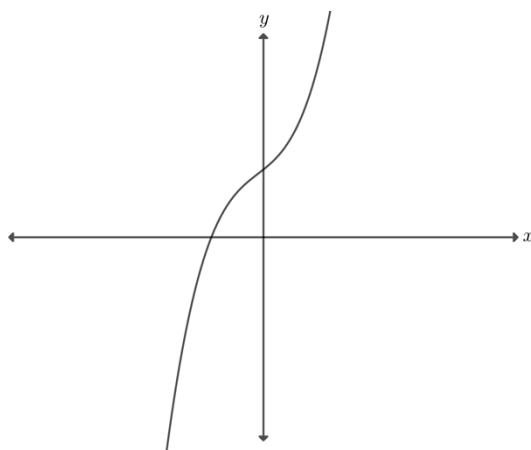
17. Consider the hybrid function

$$h(x) = \begin{cases} kx + 1, & x \geq a \\ x^2, & x < a \end{cases} \text{ where } a \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$$

The value of k such that $h(x)$ is continuous at $x = a$ is

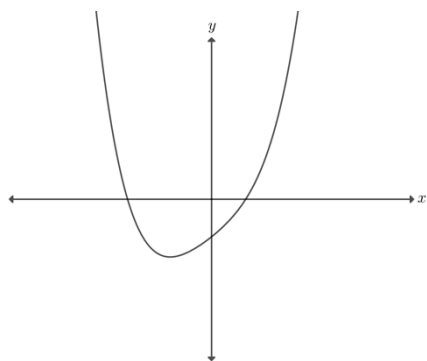
- A. $k = a - 1$
- B. $k = \frac{a^2 - 1}{a}$
- C. $k = 2a$
- D. $k = 1 - a^2$

18. The graph of $y = f'(x)$ is shown below.

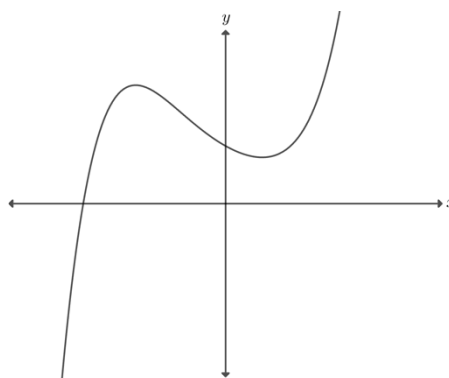


The graph of $y = f(x)$, the first anti-derivative of $f'(x)$ could be

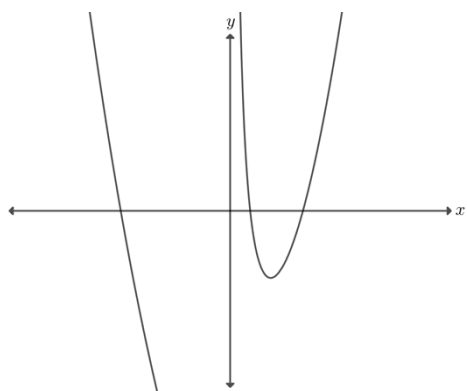
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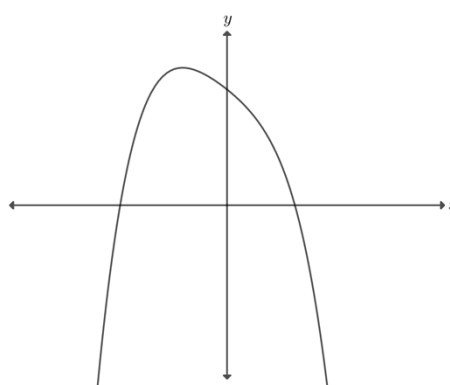
B.



C.



D.



19. Let $f(x) = e^x$ and $g(x) = px$. The values of p such that there is one solution are
- A. $p \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, e)$
 - B. $p \in \{0\} \cup (e, \infty)$
 - C. $p \in (0, e)$
 - D. $p \in (-\infty, 0) \cup \{e\}$
20. A researcher is studying the average height of adult males in a particular city. After collecting data from an initial sample of 30 men, a 95% confidence interval for the average height is calculated. The researcher then decides to collect a larger sample of 150 men from the same population.
- What will happen to the width of the 95% confidence interval for the average height as the sample size increases? Assume the mean and standard deviation remain the same.
- A. The width of the confidence interval will increase.
 - B. The width of the confidence interval will decrease.
 - C. The width of the confidence interval will remain the same.
 - D. The confidence interval will become invalid.