

**Lesson #9- AP Calculus Multiple Choice Practice**  
**Graphing Calculator NOT Permitted – 20 minutes**

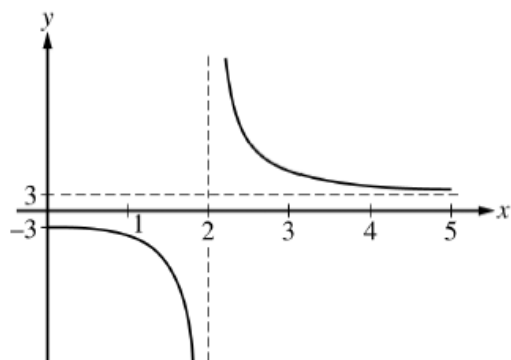
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1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x^6 + 6x^3}{4x^5 + 3x^3}$  is
- (A) 0      (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$       (C) 1      (D) 2      (E) nonexistent

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$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 3x + 9 & \text{for } x \leq 2 \\ kx + 1 & \text{for } x > 2 \end{cases}$$

2. The function  $f$  is defined above. For what value of  $k$ , if any, is  $f$  continuous at  $x = 2$ ?
- (A) 1  
(B) 2  
(C) 3  
(D) 7  
(E) No value of  $k$  will make  $f$  continuous at  $x = 2$ .



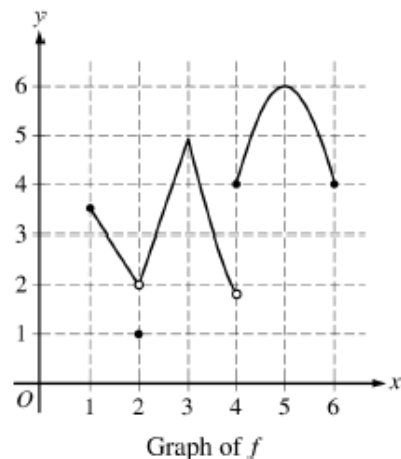
3. The function  $f$  is given by  $f(x) = \frac{ax^2 + 12}{x^2 + b}$ . The figure above shows a portion of the graph of  $f$ . Which of the following could be the values of the constants  $a$  and  $b$ ?
- (A)  $a = -3, b = 2$   
 (B)  $a = 2, b = -3$   
 (C)  $a = 2, b = -2$   
 (D)  $a = 3, b = -4$   
 (E)  $a = 3, b = 4$

4. If  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x$ , then  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$  is...

- (A)  $6x + 2$   
 (B)  $6x$   
 (C)  $0$   
 (D) nonexistent  
 (E)  $2$

5. The graph of the function  $f$  is shown above. Which of the following statements is false?

- (A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  exists.  
 (B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$  exists.  
 (C)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$  exists.  
 (D)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} f(x)$  exists.  
 (E) The function  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 3$ .



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$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \sin \frac{x\pi}{4}, & x < 3 \\ x\sqrt{2}, & x = 3 \\ \frac{x\sqrt{2}}{4x-6}, & x > 3 \end{cases}$$

6. For the function above, which of the following would be the reason(s) why the function,  $g(x)$ , is not continuous at  $x = 3$ ?

- I.  $g(3)$  is undefined.                      II.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x)$  does not exist.                      III.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} g(x) \neq g(3)$ .

- (A) III only  
(B) II only  
(C) I and II only  
(D) I only  
(E) II and III only

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7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{3-2x}{x-2}$  is...

- (A) 0  
(B)  $\infty$   
(C)  $-\infty$   
(D) 2  
(E)  $\frac{1}{2}$

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8. Let  $f$  be a function that is continuous on the closed interval  $[2, 4]$  with  $f(2) = 10$  and  $f(4) = 20$ . Which of the following is guaranteed by the Intermediate Value Theorem?

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- (A)  $f(x) = 13$  has at least one solution in the open interval  $(2, 4)$ .  
(B)  $f(3) = 15$   
(C)  $f$  attains a maximum on the open interval  $(2, 4)$ .  
(D)  $f(x) = 9$  has at least one solution in the open interval  $(2, 4)$ .  
(E)  $f(x)$  has at least one zero in the open interval  $(2, 4)$ .

**Calculus Free Response Practice #1**  
**Calculator Permitted**

Consider the function  $h(x) = \frac{-2x - \sin x}{x - 1}$  to answer the following questions.

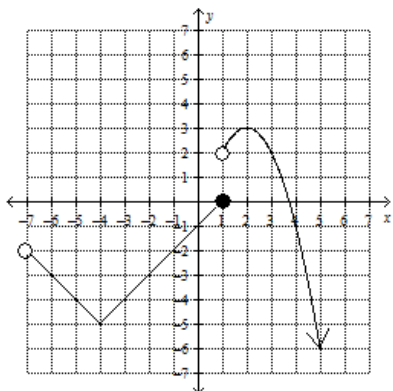
a. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} [h(x) \cdot (2x - 2)]$ . Show your analysis.

b. Identify the vertical asymptote(s), if any exist, of  $h(x)$  and justify the existence by writing a limit.

c. Identify the horizontal asymptote(s), if any exist, of  $h(x)$  and justify the existence by writing a limit.

d. Explain why the Intermediate Value Theorem guarantees a value of  $c$  on the interval  $[1.5, 2.5]$  such that  $h(c) = -4$ . Then, find  $c$ .

AP Calculus Free Response Practice #2  
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Graph of  $g(x)$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + 3, & x < -3 \\ x^2 - 3x, & -3 \leq x < 2 \\ bx - 5, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Equation of  $f(x)$

Pictured above is the graph of a function  $g(x)$  and the equation of a piece-wise defined function  $f(x)$ . Answer the following questions.

- a. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} [2g(x) - f(x) \cdot \cos \pi x]$ . Show your work applying the properties of limits.

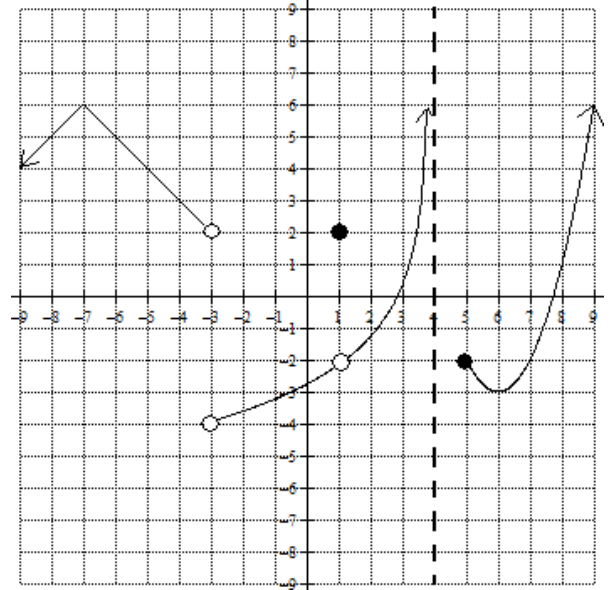
b. On its domain, what is one value of  $x$  at which  $g(x)$  is discontinuous? Use the three part definition of continuity to explain why  $g(x)$  is discontinuous at this value.

c. For what value(s) of  $a$  and  $b$ , if they exist, would the function  $f(x)$  be continuous everywhere? Justify your answer.

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**Extra Practice on Limits and Multiple Choice Practice**

For questions 1 – 5, refer to the graph of  $f(x)$  to the right. Find the value of each indicated limit. If a limit does not exist, give a reason.

1.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3^+} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow 5^+} 3f(x)$	
2.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[ \frac{1}{2} f(x) + \cos(\pi x) \right]$	
3.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} f(x)$	
4.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$	
5.	$\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x)$	



For questions 6 – 11, find the value of each limit analytically. If a limit does not exist, state why.

6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x}{x}$

7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3 \tan x}{x \sec x}$

8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - x - 6}$

9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \ln(-x + 2)$

10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x}{x^2 - 3x^3}$

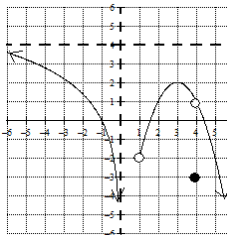
11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} 5 + \frac{5}{x}$



For question 12 – 16, use the equation  $g(x)$  below and the graph of the function  $f(x)$ .

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} 3|x+3|, & x < -2 \\ \cos\left(\frac{\pi x}{2}\right), & -2 \leq x < 2 \\ ax^2 + 2x, & x \geq 2 \end{cases}$$

Graph of  $f(x)$



12. Is  $g(x)$  continuous at  $x = -2$ . [Base your response on the three part definition of continuity.]

13. For what value(s) of  $a$  is  $g(x)$  continuous at  $x = 2$ ?

14. For what value(s) of  $b$  is the function  $f(x)$  discontinuous? At which of these values does  $\lim_{x \rightarrow b} f(x)$  exist? Explain your reasoning.

15. Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} [g(x) + 2f(x)]$ .

16. Which of the following limits do(es) not exist? Give a reason for your answers.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$	$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$

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17. Find the values of  $k$  and  $m$  so that the function below is continuous on the interval  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - kx + 3, & x < -2 \\ 2x - 3, & -2 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 3 - 2m, & x > 3 \end{cases}$$

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18.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4x - 3}{7x + 1} =$

- A.  $\infty$                       B.  $-\infty$                       C. 0                      D.  $\frac{4}{7}$                       E. -3

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19.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{3}} \frac{9x^2 - 1}{3x - 1} =$

- A.  $\infty$                       B.  $-\infty$                       C. 0                      D. 2                      E. 3

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20.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 - 4} =$

- A. 4                      B. 0                      C. 1                      D. 3                      E. 2

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21. The function  $G(x) = \begin{cases} x - 3, & x > 2 \\ -5, & x = 2 \\ 3x - 7, & x < 2 \end{cases}$  is not continuous at  $x = 2$  because...

- A.  $G(2)$  is not defined                      B.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} G(x)$  does not exist                      C.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} G(x) \neq G(2)$   
D. Only reasons B and C                      E. All of the above reasons.

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22.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{-3x^2 + 7x^3 + 2}{2x^3 - 3x^2 + 5} =$

- A.  $\infty$                       B.  $-\infty$                       C. 1                      D.  $\frac{7}{2}$                       E.  $-\frac{3}{2}$

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23.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{\sqrt{2x+5}-1}{x+2} =$

- A. 1                      B. 0                      C.  $\infty$                       D.  $-\infty$                       E. Does Not Exist
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24. If  $f(x) = 3x^2 - 5x$ , then find  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ .

- A.  $3x - 5$   
B.  $6x - 5$   
C.  $6x$   
D. 0  
E. Does not exist
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25.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{2-5x}{\sqrt{x^2+2}} =$

- A. 5                      B. -5                      C. 0                      D.  $-\infty$                       E.  $\infty$
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26. The function  $f(x) = \frac{2x^2 + x - 3}{x^2 + 4x - 5}$  has a vertical asymptote at  $x = -5$  because...

- A.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^+} f(x) = \infty$                       B.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} f(x) = -\infty$   
C.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -5^-} f(x) = \infty$                       D.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = -5$   
E.  $f(x)$  does not have a vertical asymptote at  $x = -5$
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27. Consider the function  $H(x) = \begin{cases} 3x-5, & x < 3 \\ x^2-2x, & x \geq 3 \end{cases}$ . Which of the following statements is/are true?

- I.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} H(x) = 4$ .                      II.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} H(x)$  exists.                      III.  $H(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 3$ .
- A. I only                      B. II only                      C. I and II only  
D. I, II and III                      E. None of these statements is true
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