

**Practice Test B for Midterm Exam 1**

**Instructions:** This optional exam is for practice, to give you an idea of what our in-class midterm exam will be like. I'd recommend that you try taking it in exam conditions: 50 minutes, closed-book.

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**1.** [32 Points] Evaluate each of the following limits. Please **justify** your answers. Be clear if the limit equals a value,  $+\infty$  or  $-\infty$ , or Does Not Exist.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 - 4x}{x^2 - 3x - 18} =$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -7} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 35}{|x + 7|} =$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{x^2 - 4x - 12} =$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -6} \frac{\frac{x}{x+2} - \frac{x-3}{x}}{x+6} =$

(e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x+7}{x-2} =$

(f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{g(x^2) - 7}{(g(x))^2 - 1} =$  where  $g(x) = x - 2$

**2.** [12 Points] Use translation, etc. to graph the following two functions:

$$f(x) = 3 + \sin(2x) \qquad g(x) = 2 + \frac{1}{x-3}$$

**3.** [16 Points] Suppose that  $f(x) = \sqrt{3-x+x^2}$ . Compute  $f'(x)$  using the **limit definition of the derivative**.

**4.** [14 Points] Suppose that  $f(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 - 4x + 9$ . Write the **equation of the tangent line** to the curve  $y = f(x)$  when  $x = -1$ . **\*\*Use the limit definition of the derivative when computing the derivative.\*\***

**5.** [10 Points] Suppose that  $f$  and  $g$  are functions, and

$$\bullet \lim_{x \rightarrow 7} f(x) = 4 \qquad \bullet \lim_{x \rightarrow 7} g(x) = -2 \qquad \bullet g(x) \text{ is continuous at } x = 7.$$

Evaluate the following quantities and fully justify your answers. Do not just put down a value:

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} (3f(x) - 5g(x)) =$

(b)  $g(7) =$

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**6.** (16 Points) Consider the function defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4 - x & \text{if } x < 0 \\ x^2 - 1 & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 8 & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

(a) Carefully sketch the graph of  $f(x)$ .

(b) Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$ .

(c) Compute  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$ .

(d) State the value(s) at which  $f$  is discontinuous. Justify your answers using definitions or theorems discussed in class.