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MATH 1131

EXAM 2 PRACTICE QUESTIONS

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**Sections Covered:** 3.2, 3.3, 3.4, 3.5, 3.6, 3.8, 3.9, 3.10, 4.8

**Read This First!**

- The exam will take place in your discussion section meeting on **Thursday, October 17**. Please arrive early and bring a pencil and eraser.
- Please read each question carefully. All questions are multiple choice. There is only one correct choice for each answer.
- On the exam, indicate your answers on the answer sheet. The answer sheet is the **ONLY** place that counts as your official answers.
- **Calculators are NOT allowed** on the exam. No books or other references or electronic devices are permitted.

1. Determine  $f'(1)$  for the function  $f(x) = (x^3 - x^2 + 1)(x^4 - x + 2)$ .

(A) 3      (B) 0      (C) 4

(D) 2      (E) 5

2. Find the equation of the tangent line to the curve  $y = \frac{x}{x+1}$  at  $x = 1$ .

(A)  $y = \frac{1}{2}$       (B)  $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 1$       (C)  $y = \frac{1}{2}x$

(D)  $y = -\frac{1}{4}x + \frac{3}{4}$       (E)  $y = \frac{1}{4}x + \frac{1}{4}$

3. If  $f(x) = \sin(x)$ , determine  $f^{(125)}(\pi)$ .

(A) 1      (B) -1      (C) 0

(D)  $1/2$       (E)  $\sqrt{2}/2$

4. To compute the derivative of  $\sin^2 x$  with the chain rule by writing this function as a composition  $f(g(x))$ , what is the “inner” function  $g(x)$ ?

(A)  $x$       (B)  $x^2$       (C)  $\sin x$

(D)  $\sin^2 x$       (E) None of the above

5. Let  $y = f(x)g(x)$ . Using the table of values below, determine the value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  when  $x = 2$ .

$x$	$f(x)$	$f'(x)$	$g(x)$	$g'(x)$
1	5	2	4	4
2	3	4	1	3
3	2	3	2	2
4	4	1	5	5
5	1	5	3	1

- (A) 9      (B) 12      (C) 13  
(D) 15      (E) 23
6. What is the recursion from Newton's method for solving  $x^2 - 7 = 0$ ?
- (A)  $x_{n+1} = (x_n^3 - 9x_n)/(x_n^2 - 7)$       (B)  $x_{n+1} = (x_n^2 + 7)/(2x_n)$       (C)  $x_{n+1} = (x_n^2 - 7)/(2x_n)$   
(D)  $x_{n+1} = (3x_n^2 + 7)/(2x_n)$       (E)  $x_{n+1} = (3x_n^2 - 7)/(2x_n)$
7. If  $g(x) = \frac{ax + b}{cx + d}$ , then  $g'(1)$  is which of the following? Note: The numbers  $a, b, c$ , and  $d$  are constants.

(A)  $\frac{a + b - c - d}{c + d}$       (B)  $\frac{ad - bc}{(c + d)^2}$       (C)  $\frac{a + b - c - d}{(c + d)^2}$   
(D)  $\frac{ad + bc}{c + d}$       (E)  $\frac{ad + bc}{(c + d)^2}$

8. For the function  $f(x) = x^3 \arctan(x)$ , which of the following is  $f'(1)$ ?

(A)  $\frac{3\pi}{4}$       (B)  $\frac{3\pi}{4} + \frac{1}{2}$       (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$   
(D)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$       (E)  $3 \tan(1) + \sec^2(1)$

9. Consider the functions  $f(x) = \sin(x^2)$  and  $g(x) = \sin^2(x)$ . Which of the following is true?

(A)  $f'(x) = \cos(x^2)$       (B)  $g'(x) = -2 \sin(x) \cos(x)$       (C)  $f'(x) = g'(x)$

(D)  $f'(\pi) = g'(\pi) = 0$       (E)  $f'(0) = g'(0)$

10. If  $\frac{d}{dx} [f(4x)] = x^2$ , then find  $f'(x)$ .

(A)  $\frac{x^2}{64}$       (B)  $\frac{x^2}{16}$       (C)  $\frac{x^2}{4}$

(D)  $x^2$       (E)  $4x^2$

11. Find  $\frac{d}{dx} [\log_4(3x)]$ .

(A)  $\frac{1}{3x \ln 4}$       (B)  $\frac{1}{x \ln 4}$       (C)  $\frac{1}{x}$

(D)  $\frac{3}{x \ln 4}$       (E)  $\frac{3}{x}$

12. Find an equation of the tangent line to the curve  $(x^2 + y^2)^2 = 4x^2y$  at the point  $(1, 1)$ .

(A)  $y = 1$       (B)  $y = x$       (C)  $y = 2x - 1$

(D)  $y = -x + 2$       (E)  $y = -2x + 3$

13. The size of a colony of bacteria at time  $t$  hours is given by  $P(t) = 100e^{kt}$ , where  $P$  is measured in millions. If  $P(5) > P(0)$ , then determine which of the following is true.

I.  $k > 0$

II.  $P'(5) < 0$

III.  $P'(10) = 100ke^{10k}$

(A) I and III only.      (B) I and II only.      (C) I only.

(D) II only.      (E) I, II, and III.

14. Suppose that the half-life of a certain substance is 20 days and there are initially 10 grams of the substance. The amount of the substance remaining after time  $t$  is given by

(A)  $10e^{10k}$       (B)  $\ln(10)e^{kt/10}$       (C)  $\ln(10)e^{t/10}$

(D)  $10e^{-t \ln(2)/20}$       (E)  $10e^{t \ln(2)/20}$

15. Atmospheric pressure (the pressure of air around you) decreases as your height above sea level increases. It decreases exponentially by 12% for every 1000 meters. The pressure at sea level is 1013 hecto pascals. The amount of pressure at any height  $h$  is given by,

(A)  $1000e^{10h}$       (B)  $\ln(1013)e^{kh/12}$       (C)  $1013e^{\ln(0.88)/1000}$

(D)  $1000e^{-h \ln(2)/20}$       (E)  $1013e^{h \ln(0.88)/1000}$

16. A particle moves along the curve  $y = \sqrt[3]{x^4 + 11}$ . As it reaches the point  $(2, 3)$ , the  $y$ -coordinate is increasing at a rate of 32 cm/s. Which of the following represents the rate of increase of the  $x$ -coordinate at that instant?

(A) 27 cm/s      (B) 9 cm/s      (C) 27/2 cm/s

(D) 67/4 cm/s      (E) None of the above

17. Water is withdrawn at a constant rate of  $2 \text{ ft}^3/\text{min}$  from an inverted cone-shaped tank (meaning the vertex is at the bottom). The diameter of the top of the tank is 4 ft, and the height of the tank is 8 ft. How fast is the water level falling when the depth of the water in the tank is 2 ft? (Remember that the volume of a cone of height  $h$  and radius  $r$  is  $V = \frac{\pi}{3}r^2h$ ?)

(A)  $\frac{2}{\pi}$  ft/min    (B)  $\frac{4}{\pi}$  ft/min    (C)  $\frac{6}{\pi}$  ft/min  
(D)  $\frac{8}{\pi}$  ft/min    (E)  $\frac{16}{\pi}$  ft/min

18. Determine  $f''(x)$  for the function  $f(x) = \frac{\ln x}{x^2}$ .

(A)  $\frac{-1}{2x^2}$     (B)  $\frac{6 \ln x}{x^4}$     (C)  $\frac{1 - 6 \ln x}{x^4}$   
(D)  $\frac{1 - 2 \ln x}{x^3}$     (E) None of the above

19. Use the linearization for the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^3 + 2x + 1}$  at  $x = 1$  to approximate the value of  $f(1.1)$ .

(A)  $\frac{161}{80}$     (B)  $\frac{21}{10}$     (C)  $\frac{17}{8}$   
(D)  $\frac{1}{2}$     (E)  $\frac{17}{16}$

20. Let  $f(x) = x^2 - 10$ . If  $x_1 = 3$  in Newton's method to solve  $f(x) = 0$ , determine  $x_2$ .

(A)  $1/2$     (B)  $19/6$     (C)  $15/4$   
(D)  $12/7$     (E)  $17/6$