

AP Multiple Choice Practice
Chapter 3

1)

The graph of $y = 5x^4 - x^5$ has a point of inflection at

- (A) (0,0) only (B) (3,162) only (C) (4,256) only
(D) (0,0) and (3,162) (E) (0,0) and (4,256)

2)

For what value of k will $x + \frac{k}{x}$ have a relative maximum at $x = -2$?

- (A) -4 (B) -2 (C) 2 (D) 4 (E) None of these

3)

The *derivative* of $f(x) = \frac{x^4}{3} - \frac{x^5}{5}$ attains its maximum value at $x =$

- (A) -1 (B) 0 (C) 1 (D) $\frac{4}{3}$ (E) $\frac{5}{3}$

4)

Let f be the function given by $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2$. What are all values of c that satisfy the conclusion of the Mean Value Theorem of differential calculus on the closed interval $[0, 3]$?

- (A) 0 only (B) 2 only (C) 3 only (D) 0 and 3 (E) 2 and 3

5)

Which of the following functions shows that the statement “If a function is continuous at $x = 0$, then it is differentiable at $x = 0$ ” is false?

- (A) $f(x) = x^{-\frac{4}{3}}$ (B) $f(x) = x^{-\frac{1}{3}}$ (C) $f(x) = x^{\frac{1}{3}}$ (D) $f(x) = x^{\frac{4}{3}}$ (E) $f(x) = x^3$

6)

If $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - 4x^2 + 12x - 5$ and the domain is the set of all x such that $0 \leq x \leq 9$, then the absolute maximum value of the function f occurs when x is

- (A) 0 (B) 2 (C) 4 (D) 6 (E) 9

7)

If $f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$, then the set of values for which f increases is

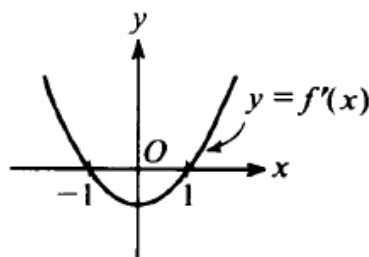
- (A) $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$ (B) $[-1, 1]$ (C) $(-\infty, \infty)$
 (D) $(0, \infty)$ (E) $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$

8)

An equation of the line tangent to $y = x^3 + 3x^2 + 2$ at its point of inflection is

- (A) $y = -6x - 6$ (B) $y = -3x + 1$ (C) $y = 2x + 10$
 (D) $y = 3x - 1$ (E) $y = 4x + 1$

9)



The graph of the derivative of f is shown in the figure above. Which of the following could be the graph of f ?

- (A)
- (B)
- (C)
- (D)
- (E)

13)

The Mean Value Theorem guarantees the existence of a special point on the graph of $y = \sqrt{x}$ between $(0,0)$ and $(4,2)$. What are the coordinates of this point?

- (A) $(2,1)$
 (B) $(1,1)$
 (C) $(2,\sqrt{2})$
 (D) $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$
 (E) None of the above

14)

A point moves in a straight line so that its distance at time t from a fixed point of the line is $8t - 3t^2$. What is the *total* distance covered by the point between $t = 1$ and $t = 2$?

- (A) 1 (B) $\frac{4}{3}$ (C) $\frac{5}{3}$ (D) 2 (E) 5

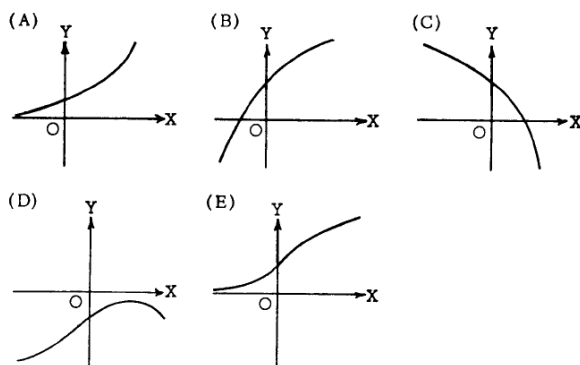
15)

Given the function defined by $f(x) = 3x^5 - 20x^3$, find all values of x for which the graph of f is concave up.

- (A) $x > 0$
 (B) $-\sqrt{2} < x < 0$ or $x > \sqrt{2}$
 (C) $-2 < x < 0$ or $x > 2$
 (D) $x > \sqrt{2}$
 (E) $-2 < x < 2$

16)

If y is a function of x such that $y' > 0$ for all x and $y'' < 0$ for all x , which of the following could be part of the graph of $y = f(x)$?



17)

The approximate value of $y = \sqrt{4 + \sin x}$ at $x = 0.12$, obtained from the tangent to the graph at $x = 0$, is

- (A) 2.00 (B) 2.03 (C) 2.06 (D) 2.12 (E) 2.24

18)

The point on the curve $2y = x^2$ nearest to $(4, 1)$ is

- (A) $(0, 0)$ (B) $(2, 2)$ (C) $(\sqrt{2}, 1)$ (D) $(2\sqrt{2}, 4)$ (E) $(4, 8)$

19)

For small values of h , the function $\sqrt[4]{16 + h}$ is best approximated by which of the following?

- (A) $4 + \frac{h}{32}$ (B) $2 + \frac{h}{32}$ (C) $\frac{h}{32}$
(D) $4 - \frac{h}{32}$ (E) $2 - \frac{h}{32}$

20)

If the position of a particle on the x -axis at time t is $-5t^2$, then the average velocity of the particle for $0 \leq t \leq 3$ is

- (A) -45 (B) -30 (C) -15 (D) -10 (E) -5

21)

If the graph of $y = x^3 + ax^2 + bx - 4$ has a point of inflection at $(1, -6)$, what is the value of b ?

- (A) -3 (B) 0 (C) 1 (D) 3
(E) It cannot be determined from the information given.

22)

The volume of a cylindrical tin can with a top and a bottom is to be 16π cubic inches. If a minimum amount of tin is to be used to construct the can, what must be the height, in inches, of the can?

- (A) $2\sqrt[3]{2}$ (B) $2\sqrt{2}$ (C) $2\sqrt[3]{4}$ (D) 4 (E) 8

23)

The absolute maximum value of $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + 12$ on the closed interval $[-2, 4]$ occurs at $x =$

- (A) 4 (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) 0 (E) -2

24)

A particle moves along the x -axis so that at any time $t \geq 0$ its position is given by

$x(t) = t^3 - 3t^2 - 9t + 1$. For what values of t is the particle at rest?

- (A) No values (B) 1 only (C) 3 only (D) 5 only (E) 1 and 3

25)

The graph of $y = \frac{-5}{x-2}$ is concave downward for all values of x such that

- (A) $x < 0$ (B) $x < 2$ (C) $x < 5$ (D) $x > 0$ (E) $x > 2$

26)

The point on the curve $x^2 + 2y = 0$ that is nearest the point $\left(0, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$ occurs where y is

- (A) $\frac{1}{2}$
(B) 0
(C) $-\frac{1}{2}$
(D) -1
(E) none of the above

Answers

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| 1 | B |
| 2 | D |
| 3 | C |
| 4 | B |
| 5 | C |
| 6 | E |
| 7 | A |
| 8 | B |
| 9 | B |
| 10 | B |
| 11 | E |
| 12 | C |
| 13 | B |
| 14 | C |
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| 16 | B |
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| 18 | B |
| 19 | B |
| 20 | C |
| 21 | B |
| 22 | D |
| 23 | A |
| 24 | C |
| 25 | E |
| 26 | B |