

## AP Calculus AB Unit 5 — Analytical Applications of Differentiation Practice Test

### Question 1

Let  $f$  be the function given by  $f(x) = x^3$ . What are all values of  $c$  that satisfy the conclusion of the Mean Value Theorem on the closed interval  $[-1,2]$ ?

- A. 0 only
- B. 1 only
- C.  $\sqrt{3}$  only
- D.  $-1$  and  $1$

### Question 2

Let  $f(x) = 2^x - \sin(\pi x)$ . Below is Rafael's attempt to write a formal justification for the fact that the equation  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{4}$  has a solution where  $-2 < x < -1$ ;

Is Rafael's justification complete? If not, why?

**Rafael's justification:**

Exponential and trigonometric functions are differentiable and continuous at all points in their domain, and  $-2 \leq x \leq -1$  is within  $f$ 's domain.

So, according to the mean value theorem,  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{4}$  must have a solution somewhere in the interval  $-2 < x < -1$ .

- A. Yes, Rafael's justification is complete.
- B. No, Rafael didn't establish that the average rate of change of  $f$  over  $[-2, -1]$  is equal to  $\frac{1}{4}$ .
- C. No, Rafael didn't establish that  $f$  is differentiable.

### Question 3

Given a function  $g(x)$ , if  $g''(x) = 0$  for a certain value of  $x$ , then  $g(x)$  has \_\_\_\_\_ at  $x$ .

- A. an inflection point
- B. a maximum
- C. a minimum
- D. a critical point

Question 4

Let  $h(x) = e^{2x-6} - e$ . Where does  $h$  have critical points? Choose all answers that apply.

- A.  $x=0$
- B.  $x=\frac{5}{2}$
- C.  $x=3$
- D.  $h$  has no critical points.

Question 5

Given a function,  $f(x)$ , if  $f'(x) < 0$  over a certain interval, then  $f(x)$  is \_\_\_\_\_ over that interval.

- A. decreasing
- B. concave up
- C. increasing
- D. concave down

Question 6

Let  $g$  be a function defined for all real numbers except for  $x=2$ .

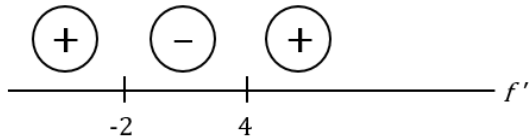
Also let  $g'$ , the derivative of  $g$ , be defined as  $g'(x) = \frac{x^2}{(x-2)^3}$ .

On which intervals is  $g$  is increasing?

- A.  $(-\infty, 0)$  and  $(0, 2)$
- B.  $(-\infty, 0)$  and  $(2, \infty)$
- C.  $(2, \infty)$  only
- D.  $(0, 2)$  only
- E. The entire domain of  $g$

Question 7

Use the sign chart for  $f'(x)$ . There is/are...



- A. a local maximum at  $x = -2$  .
- B. a local minimum at  $x = -2$  and a local maximum at  $x = 4$  .
- C. a local maximum at  $x = -2$  and a local minimum at  $x = 4$  .
- D. no extrema.

Question 8

Let  $f$  be a polynomial function and let  $f'$ , its derivative, be defined as  $f'(x) = x^4(x-2)(x+3)$ . At how many points does the graph of  $f$  have a relative maximum?

- A. None
- B. One
- C. Two
- D. Three

Question 9

What is the maximum value of  $f(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 - 1$  on the interval  $[-3, 2]$  ?

- A. 0
- B. -1
- C. 2
- D. 5

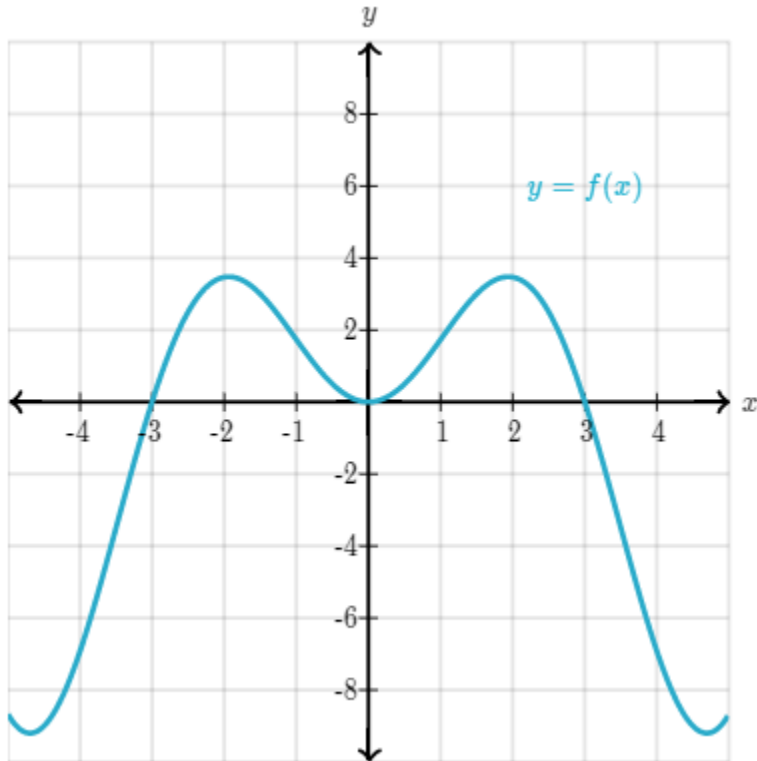
Question 10

Let  $g(x) = 2x^3 - 21x^2 + 60x$ . What is the absolute maximum value of  $g$  over the closed interval  $[0, 6]$  .

- A. 36
- B. 52
- C. 25
- D. 42

Question 11

Function  $f$  is graphed.



Select all the intervals where  $f'(x) < 0$  and  $f''(x) > 0$  .

Choose all answers that apply.

- A.  $-4 < x < 3$
- B.  $-3 < x < 2$
- C.  $0 < x < 1$
- D. None of the above

Question 12

The concavity of a function is described by its \_\_\_\_\_.

- A. first derivative
- B. second derivative
- C. third derivative
- D. expression

Question 13

Let  $h$  be a twice differentiable function, and let  $h(-4) = -3$ ,  $h'(-4) = 0$ , and  $h''(-4) = 0$  . What occurs in the graph of  $h$  at the point  $(-4, -3)$  ?

- A.  $(-4, -3)$  is a minimum point.
- B.  $(-4, -3)$  is a maximum point.
- C. There's not enough information to tell.

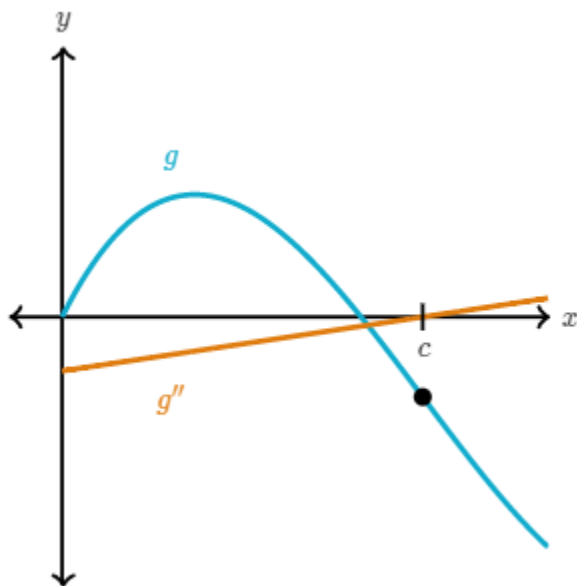
Question 14

Let  $f$  be a twice differentiable function, and let  $f(2)=3, f'(2)=0$  and  $f''(2)=5$ . What occurs in the graph of  $g$  at the point  $(2,3)$  ?

- A.  $(2,3)$  is a minimum point.
- B.  $(2,3)$  is a maximum point.
- C. There's not enough information to tell.

Question 15

The twice differentiable function  $g$  and its second derivative  $g''$  are graphed.



What is an appropriate calculus-based justification for the fact that  $g$  has an inflection point at  $x=c$  ?

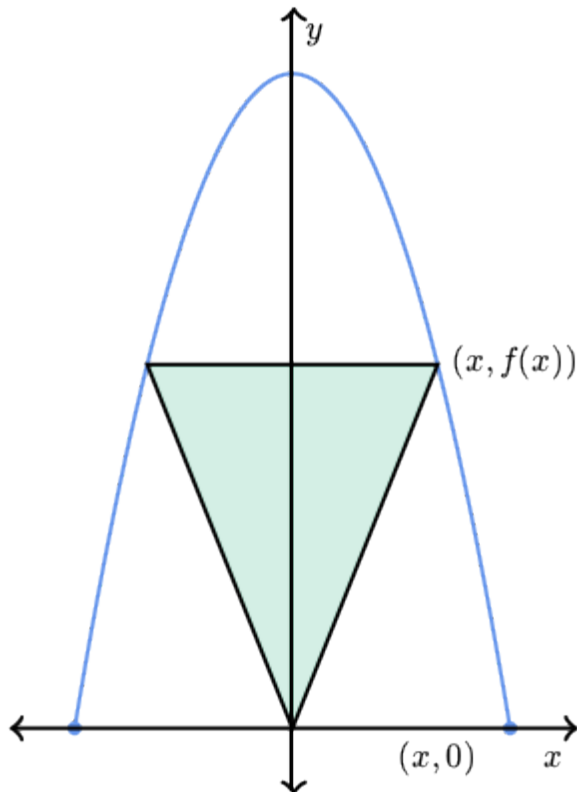
- A. The graph of  $g$  changes the direction of its concavity at  $x=c$ .
- B.  $g''$  crosses the  $x$ -axis from below it to above it at  $x=c$ .
- C.  $g''$  is increasing at  $x=c$ .

Question 16

Consider the function  $f(x)=9-x^2$  for  $f(x)\geq 0$  only.

The shaded region is an isosceles triangle formed by joining the points  $(0,0)$ ,  $(x,f(x))$ , and  $(-x,f(x))$ , where  $0\leq x\leq 3$ .

What is the area of the largest triangle that satisfies the stated conditions?



- A.  $2\sqrt{2}$
- B.  $3\sqrt{2}$
- C.  $3\sqrt{3}$
- D.  $6\sqrt{3}$
- E. None of these

Question 17

Kendall tried to find all the equations of vertical lines tangent to the curve given by  $x^2+2xy^2=25$ . This is her solution:

Step 1: Finding an expression for  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-x - y^2}{2xy}$$

Step 2: Forming a system of equations.

$$\begin{cases} x^2 + 2xy^2 = 25 \\ 2xy = 0 \\ -x - y^2 \neq 0 \end{cases}$$

Step 3: Solving the system.

$$x = -5, x = 0, \text{ and } x = 5$$

Is Kendall's solution correct? If not, at which step did she make a mistake?

- A. The solution is correct.
- B. Step 1 is incorrect.
- C. Step 2 is incorrect.
- D. Step 3 is incorrect.

Question 18

The derivative of a function  $f$  is given by  $f'(x) = \ln|x| \cdot x$ . On which interval is the graph of  $f$  concave up? (Use a graphing calculator)

- A.  $-1 < x < 0$  and  $x > 1$
- B.  $x > 0$
- C.  $x < 0$
- D.  $x < 0.368$  and  $x > 0.368$
- E. All real numbers

Question 19

The derivative of a function  $g$  is given by  $g'(x) = 3\sin(x) + \ln(x)$  .

How many relative extremum points does the graph  $g$  have on the interval  $1 < x < 5$  ? (Use a graphing calculator)

- A. One
- B. Two
- C. Three
- D. Four



## Answer Key

1. B
2. B
3. D
4. D
5. A
6. C
7. C
8. B
9. B
10. B
11. D
12. B
13. C
14. A
15. B
16. D
17. D
18. D
19. A