

1. The graph of the equation  $y^3 = -x^3 y^2 + \frac{x}{|x|}$  is symmetric with respect to

- (a) the x-axis and the origin      (b) the x-axis only      ✓(c) the origin only  
 (d) the y-axis and the origin      (e) the y-axis only

**Ans:** Remember that  $(-y)^3 = -y^3$ ,  $(-x)^2 = x^2$ , and  $|-x| = |x|$

**With respect to the x-axis:** replace  $y$  by  $(-y)$  to get  $-y^3 = -x^3 y^2 + \frac{x}{|x|} \implies y^3 = x^3 y^2 - \frac{x}{|x|}$ . There is a change (not symmetric).

**With respect to the y-axis:** replace  $x$  by  $(-x)$  to get  $y^3 = -(-x^3)(y^2) + \frac{-x}{|-x|} \implies y^3 = x^3 y^2 - \frac{x}{|x|}$ . There is a change (not symmetric).

**With respect to the origin:** replace  $x$  by  $(-x)$  and  $y$  by  $(-y)$  to get  $-y^3 = -(-x^3)(y^2) + \frac{-x}{|-x|} \implies y^3 = -x^3 y^2 + \frac{x}{|x|}$ . There is no change (symmetric).

2. If  $x < 0$ , then the distance between the points  $P(2x, -7x)$  and  $Q(-2x, -4x)$  is equal to

- (a)  $5x$       (b)  $7x$       (c)  $-3x$       (d)  $-7x$       ✓(e)  $-5x$

**Ans:**  $d(P,Q) = \sqrt{(2x + 2x)^2 + (-7x + 4x)^2} = \sqrt{(4x)^2 + (-3x)^2} = \sqrt{16x^2 + 9x^2} = \sqrt{25x^2} = |5x| = 5|x| = -5x$ , because  $x < 0$

3. The center  $C(h, k)$  and the radius  $r$  of the circle  $\frac{1}{2}x^2 + \frac{1}{2}y^2 - 3x + 2y - \frac{3}{2} = 0$  are

- (a)  $C(3, -2)$ ,  $r = \sqrt{17}$       ✓(b)  $C(3, -2)$ ,  $r = 4$       (c)  $C(\frac{3}{2}, -1)$ ,  $r = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$   
 (d)  $C(3, -2)$ ,  $r = \sqrt{15}$       (e)  $C(2, -3)$ ,  $r = 4$

**Ans:** Multiply the equation by 2 to get  $x^2 - 6x + y^2 + 4y = 3 \implies$

$(x^2 - 6x + 9) + (y^2 + 4y + 4) = 9 + 4 + 3 \implies (x - 3)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 16 \implies C(3, -2)$ ,  $r = 4$

4. The x-intercept of the line passing through the points (5, -6) and (2, -8) is

- (a) (18, 0)      ✓(b) (14, 0)      (c)  $(\frac{2}{3}, 0)$       (d)  $(-\frac{28}{3}, 0)$       (e) 10

**Ans:** The slope =  $m = \frac{\Delta y}{\Delta x} = \frac{-8 + 6}{2 - 5} = \frac{-2}{-3} = \frac{2}{3}$ .

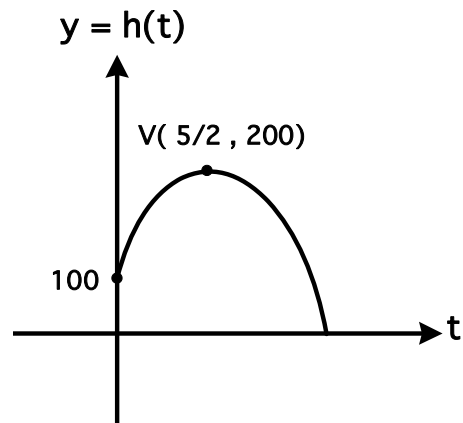
The equation of the line is  $\frac{2}{3} = \frac{y + 8}{x - 2} \implies 2x - 4 = 3y + 24 \implies 2x - 3y = 28$ .

Put  $y = 0$ , so  $2x = 28 \implies x = 14 \implies$  x-intercept = (14, 0).

5. A ball is thrown vertically upward. If the height  $h$  (in feet) of the ball is given by the equation  $h(t) = -16t^2 + 80t + 100$ , where  $t$  is time in seconds, then the maximum height that the ball attains is

- ✓(a) 200 feet      (b) 150 feet      (c) 300 feet      (d) 250 feet      (e) 100 feet

**Ans:**  $y = -16(t^2 - 5t + \frac{25}{4}) + 100 + 100$   
 $= -16(t - \frac{5}{2})^2 + 200$ . This is a parabola opens upward  
 with vertex  $V(\frac{5}{2}, 200)$  and range =  $[0, 200]$ ,  
 Thus the maximum height = 200 feet. (see the graph)



6. Identify the set of ordered pairs  $(x, y)$  or the relation which defines  $y$  as a function of  $x$

- (a)  $y^2 = x^2$       (b)  $|y| = x + 5$       (c)  $\left\{ \left( \frac{1}{2}, 0 \right), (2, -1), (3, 3), \left( \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4} \right) \right\}$

- ✓(d)  $5y + x = 2y + \sqrt{x^2 - 5}$       (e)  $(x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 25$

**Ans:** A relation is called a function if for each value of  $x$  in the domain, there is one value for  $y$  in the range. In part (a), when  $x = 1$ ,  $y = \pm 1$ . In part (b), when  $x = 0$ ,  $y = \pm 5$ . In part (c), when  $x = \frac{1}{2}$ ,  $y = 0$  or  $\frac{1}{4}$ . And in part (e), when  $x = 1$ ,  $y = -3$  or  $7$ . While in part (d), for any  $x$  in the domain, there is a single value for  $y$ .

7. If the lines  $kx + 4y = 24$  and  $y = -\frac{3}{k+1}x + \frac{15}{4}$  are parallel, then the set of values of  $k$  consists of

- (a) two positive integers      ✓(b) one positive and one negative integers  
 (c) one positive integer only      (d) two negative integers      (e) one negative integer only

**Ans:**  $m_1 = -\frac{k}{4}$  and  $m_2 = -\frac{3}{k+1}$ . The two lines are parallel, so  $m_1 = m_2 \implies -\frac{k}{4} = -\frac{3}{k+1} \implies k^2 + k = 12 \implies k^2 + k - 12 = 0 \implies (k+4)(k-3) = 0 \implies k = -4$  or  $k = 3$

8. If the graph of the function  $g(x)$  is obtained from the graph of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  by means of reflection across the x-axis, a horizontal shift 2 units left and a vertical shift 1 unit upward, then  $g(x) =$

- (a)  $\sqrt{x+2}-1$       (b)  $-\sqrt{x+2}-2$       (c)  $-\sqrt{x-2}+1$       ✓(d)  $-\sqrt{x+2}+1$       (e)  $\sqrt{1-x}+2$

**Ans:** Reflection across the x-axis produces the equation  $y = -\sqrt{x}$ , and with the horizontal and vertical shifting, the obtained function is  $(y-1) = -\sqrt{x+2} \implies y = g(x) = -\sqrt{x+2}+1$

9. Which one of the following numbers is in the range of the quadratic function

$$f(x) = -2x^2 + x - \frac{3}{8}?$$

- (a) 2      (b)  $-\frac{1}{8}$       (c)  $-\frac{1}{16}$       (d) 0      ✓(e)  $-\frac{1}{3}$

**Ans:**  $y = -2(x^2 - \frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{16}) + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{3}{8} = -2(x - \frac{1}{4})^2 - \frac{1}{4}$ . This is a parabola opens

downward with vertex  $V(\frac{1}{4}, -\frac{1}{4})$ . The range =  $(-\infty, -\frac{1}{4}]$ , clearly only  $-\frac{1}{3} \in (-\infty, -\frac{1}{4}]$ .

10. The equation of the line passes through the point (3, 5) and perpendicular to the line  $2x+5y-4 = 0$  is

- (a)  $5x - 2y - 30 = 0$       ✓(b)  $5x - 2y - 5 = 0$       (c)  $5x - 2y - 25 = 0$   
 (d)  $2x - 5y + 19 = 0$       (e)  $5x - 2y + 15 = 0$

**Ans:** Slope of the first line ( $L_1$ ) =  $m_1 = -\frac{2}{5}$ .  $L_1 \perp L_2 \implies m_2 = -\frac{1}{m_1} = \frac{5}{2}$ .

The equation of  $L_2$  is  $\frac{5}{2} = \frac{y-5}{x-3} \implies 5x - 15 = 2y - 10 \implies 5x - 2y - 5 = 0$

11. If  $M(h, 6)$  is the midpoint of the line segment from the point  $P(3, k)$  to the point  $Q(-5, 4)$ , then  $h + k =$
- (a) 9                      ✓(b) 7                      (c) 5                      (d) -1                      (e) 1

**Ans:**  $M(h, 6) = M\left(\frac{-5 + 3}{2}, \frac{k + 4}{2}\right) = M\left(-1, \frac{k + 4}{2}\right) \implies h = -1$  and  $\frac{k + 4}{2} = 6$   
 $\implies k + 4 = 12 \implies k = 8 \implies h + k = -1 + 8 = 7$

12. The domain, in interval notation, of the function  $f(x) = \sqrt{2 - x - x^2}$  is

- (a)  $(-\infty, -2) \cup [1, \infty)$     (b)  $[-2, \infty)$     (c)  $(-\infty, 1]$     (d)  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [2, \infty)$     ✓(e)  $[-2, 1]$

**Ans:**  $2 - x - x^2 \geq 0 \implies x^2 + x - 2 \leq 0 \implies$   
 $(x + 2)(x - 1) \leq 0 \implies$  (by sign test)  
 Domain =  $[-2, 1]$

$(x + 2)$	- -		+ +		+ +
$(x - 1)$	- -		- -		+ +
L.S. is :	+	-2	-	1	+

13. If  $[x]$  denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ , then the domain  $D$  and range  $R$  of the function  $f(x) = \left\lfloor [x] \right\rfloor + 1$  are given by
- (a)  $D = (-\infty, \infty)$ ,  $R =$  all nonnegative integers    (b)  $D = R = [1, \infty)$     (c)  $D = R = (-\infty, \infty)$   
 ✓(d)  $D = (-\infty, \infty)$ ,  $R =$  all natural numbers    (e)  $D = [0, \infty)$ ,  $R = [1, \infty)$

**Ans:** For the function  $f(x) = \left\lfloor [x] \right\rfloor + 1$ ,  $x$  can be any real number, so  $D = (-\infty, \infty)$ .

The range of  $y = [x]$  is the set of integers =  $\{\dots, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, \dots\}$

The range of  $y = \left\lfloor [x] \right\rfloor$  is the set of whole numbers =  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

The range  $R$  of  $y = \left\lfloor [x] \right\rfloor + 1$  is the set of natural numbers =  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$

14. Let  $f$  be a function such that  $f(-1) = 3$  and  $f(2) = -4$ . The coordinates of two points on the graph of  $y = 3f(-x) - 2$  are

- (a)  $(1, 7)$ ,  $(2, 4)$                       (b)  $(1, 7)$ ,  $(2, 2)$                       (c)  $(-1, 1)$ ,  $(2, 6)$   
 (d)  $(1, 1)$ ,  $(-2, -14)$                       ✓ (e)  $(1, 7)$ ,  $(-2, -14)$

**Ans:**

Point on $y = f(x)$	Point on $y = 3f(-x) - 2$
$(a, b)$	$(-a, 3b - 2)$
$(-1, 3)$	$(1, 3 \star 3 - 2) = (1, 7)$
$(2, -4)$	$(-2, 3 \star (-4) - 2) = (-2, -14)$

15. The function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -2x + 1 & \text{if } x < -2 \\ -x^2 & \text{if } -2 \leq x \leq 2 \\ -4 & \text{if } x > 2 \end{cases}$

is increasing on the interval(s)                      [Hint: sketch]

- (a)  $[-2, \infty)$     (b)  $(-\infty, -2] \cup [2, \infty)$     (c)  $[-2, 0] \cup [2, \infty)$     ✓ (d)  $[-2, 0]$     (e)  $(-\infty, -2]$

**Ans:** The graph of  $y = -2x + 1$  is a slant (half) line  $L_1$  with a right boundary point  $(-2, 5) \notin L_1$  and the point  $(-3, 7) \in L_1$ . The graph of  $y = -x^2$  is a parabola opens downward with vertex  $V(0, 0)$  and endpoints  $(-2, -4)$ ,  $(2, -4)$ . While the graph of  $y = -4$  is a horizontal line. Notice that the point  $(2, -4)$  does not belong to the horizontal line, but it belongs to the parabola and so it belongs to the graph of  $f(x)$ .

