

MATH 124B  
Exam I - Version 1 - Hints and Answers  
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1. (a) i. 2  
ii. DNE  
iii. 1  
iv. 9  
v. 3  
(b) i. NO  
ii. YES  
iii. NO

2. (a) HINT: Multiply the expression in the limit by  $\frac{\sqrt{x} + 3}{\sqrt{x} + 3}$ .

ANSWER:  $\frac{1}{6}$

- (b) HINT: Multiply the expression in the limit by  $\frac{\frac{1}{x^2}}{\frac{1}{x^2}}$ .

ANSWER: 0

- (c) HINT: As  $x$  approaches 2 from the left,  $x + 3$  approaches 5 and  $2 - x$  approaches 0. In particular, the numerator is positive and, since  $x$  is approaching 2 from the left,  $2 - x$  is also positive.

ANSWER:  $+\infty$

- (d) HINT: Since  $x$  is approaching 4 from the right,  $4 - x$  is negative. This means that  $|4 - x| = -(4 - x) = x - 4$ . To receive full credit, you must demonstrate that you understand that this is true for any  $x$  larger than 4.

ANSWER: 1

- (e) HINT: Factor and cancel.

ANSWER:  $-\frac{7}{3}$

3. HINT: Since  $cx - 3$  and  $3 - x + 2x^2$  are polynomials,  $f(x)$  is continuous at all values of  $x$  not equal to 2. If  $f(x)$  is to be continuous at 2, we need  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x)$  to be equal to  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$ . We have:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} cx - 3 = 2c - 3 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} 3 - x + 2x^2 = 9.$$

So, set  $2c - 3$  equal to 9 and solve for  $c$ .

ANSWER:  $c = 6$

4. (a) HINT:  $g'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{a+h-4} - \frac{1}{a-4}}{h}$ . Get a common denominator, combine fractions and cancel some  $h$ 's.

ANSWER:  $g'(a) = \frac{-1}{(a-4)^2}$

- (b) HINT: The slope of the tangent line is  $g'(0) = -\frac{1}{16}$ . The  $y$ -intercept is  $-\frac{1}{4}$ .

ANSWER:  $y = -\frac{1}{16}x - \frac{1}{4}$

5. (a) ANSWER:  $Q(0) = 1$  thousand people

- (b) ANSWER:  $Q(2) = 7.34$  thousand people
- (c) ANSWER:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} Q(t) = 20$ . This means that, eventually, 20,000 people will catch the disease.
6. (a) HINT: Take  $a = 120$  and  $h = 30$ .  
ANSWER:  $v_{av} = 9.07$  feet per second
- (b) HINT: Take  $h = 10$  and solve  $v_{av} = 11.81$  for  $a$ .  
ANSWER: from  $t = 1500$  to  $t = 1510$
- (c) ANSWER:  $v(a) = s'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (0.002a + 0.001h + 8.8) = 0.002a + 8.8$