

# Set 3: Multiple-Choice Questions on Differentiation

In each of Questions 1–5 a function is given. Choose the alternative that is the derivative,  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ , of the function.

1.  $y = (4x + 1)(1 - x)^3$

- (A)  $-12(1 - x)^2$     (B)  $(1 - x)^2(1 + 8x)$     (C)  $(1 - x)^2(1 - 16x)$   
(D)  $3(1 - x)^2(4x + 1)$     (E)  $(1 - x)^2(16x + 7)$

2.  $y = \frac{2-x}{3x+1}$

- (A)  $-\frac{7}{(3x+1)^2}$     (B)  $\frac{6x-5}{(3x+1)^2}$     (C)  $-\frac{9}{(3x+1)^2}$   
(D)  $\frac{7}{(3x+1)^2}$     (E)  $\frac{7-6x}{(3x+1)^2}$

3.  $y = \sqrt{3 - 2x}$

- (A)  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3-2x}}$     (B)  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3-2x}}$     (C)  $-\frac{(3-2x)^{3/2}}{3}$   
(D)  $-\frac{1}{3-2x}$     (E)  $\frac{2}{3}(3-2x)^{3/2}$

4.  $y = \frac{2}{(5x+1)^3}$

- (A)  $-\frac{30}{(5x+1)^2}$     (B)  $-30(5x+1)^{-4}$     (C)  $\frac{-6}{(5x+1)^4}$   
(D)  $-\frac{10}{3}(5x+1)^{-4/3}$     (E)  $\frac{30}{(5x+1)^4}$

5.  $y = 3x^{2/3} - 4x^{1/2} - 2$

- (A)  $2x^{1/3} - 2x^{-1/2}$     (B)  $3x^{-1/3} - 2x^{-1/2}$     (C)  $\frac{9}{5}x^{5/3} - 8x^{3/2}$   
(D)  $\frac{2}{x^{1/3}} - \frac{2}{x^{1/2}} - 2$     (E)  $2x^{-1/3} - 2x^{-1/2}$

In Questions 6–13, differentiable functions  $f$  and  $g$  have the values shown in the table.

$x$	$f$	$f'$	$g$	$g'$
0	2	1	5	-4
1	3	2	3	-3
2	5	3	1	-2
3	10	4	0	-1

6. If  $A = f + 2g$ , then  $A'(3) =$

- (A) -2      (B) 2      (C) 7      (D) 8      (E) 10

7. If  $B = f \cdot g$ , then  $B'(2) =$

- (A) -20      (B) -7      (C) -6      (D) -1      (E) 13

8. If  $D = \frac{1}{g}$ , then  $D'(1) =$

- (A)  $-\frac{1}{2}$       (B)  $-\frac{1}{3}$       (C)  $-\frac{1}{9}$       (D)  $\frac{1}{9}$       (E)  $\frac{1}{3}$

9. If  $H(x) = \sqrt{f(x)}$ , then  $H'(3) =$

- (A)  $\frac{1}{4}$       (B)  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{10}}$       (C) 2      (D)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{10}}$       (E)  $4\sqrt{10}$

10. If  $K(x) = \left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x)$ , then  $K'(0) =$

- (A)  $-\frac{13}{25}$       (B)  $-\frac{1}{4}$       (C)  $\frac{13}{25}$       (D)  $\frac{13}{16}$       (E)  $\frac{22}{25}$

11. If  $M(x) = f(g(x))$ , then  $M'(1) =$

- (A) -12      (B) -6      (C) 4      (D) 6      (E) 12

12. If  $P(x) = f(x^3)$ , then  $P'(1) =$

- (A) 2      (B) 6      (C) 8      (D) 12      (E) 54

In Questions 14–21 find  $y'$ .

14.  $y = 2\sqrt{x} - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

(A)  $x + \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x}}$       (B)  $x^{-1/2} + x^{-3/2}$       (C)  $\frac{4x-1}{4x\sqrt{x}}$

(D)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{4x\sqrt{x}}$       (E)  $\frac{4}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{1}{x\sqrt{x}}$

15.  $y = \sqrt{x^2 + 2x - 1}$

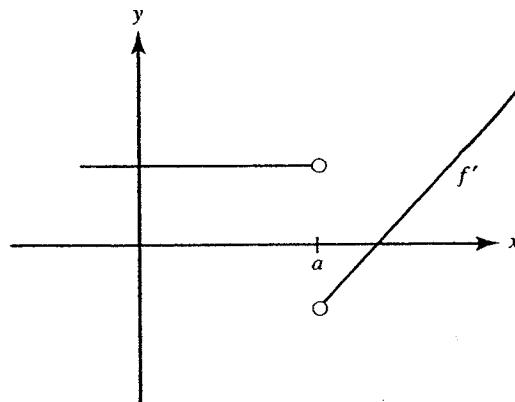
(A)  $\frac{x+1}{y}$       (B)  $4y(x+1)$       (C)  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x^2 + 2x - 1}}$

(D)  $-\frac{x+1}{(x^2 + 2x - 1)^{3/2}}$       (E) none of these

23. A function  $f$  has the derivative shown.

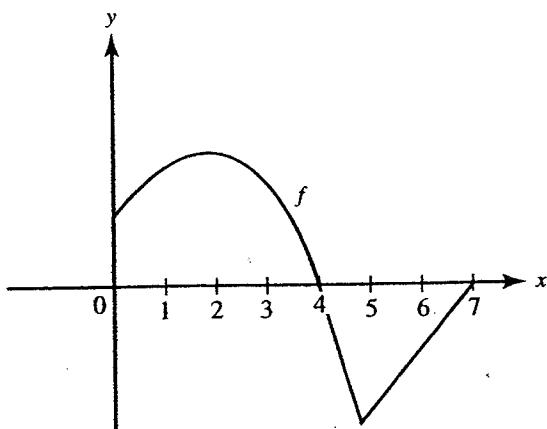
Which of the following statements must be false?

- (A)  $f$  is continuous at  $x = a$ .  
 (B)  $f(a) = 0$ .  
 (C)  $f$  has a vertical asymptote at  $x = a$ .  
 (D)  $f$  has a jump discontinuity at  $x = a$ .  
 (E)  $f$  has a removable discontinuity at  $x = a$ .



24. The function  $f$  whose graph is shown has  $f' = 0$  at  $x =$

- (A) 2 only  
 (B) 2 and 5  
 (C) 4 and 7  
 (D) 2, 4, and 7  
 (E) 2, 4, 5, and 7



25. A differentiable function  $f$  has the values shown. Estimate  $f'(1.5)$ .

$x$	1.0	1.2	1.4	1.6
$f(x)$	8	10	14	22

- (A) 8      (B) 12      (C) 18      (D) 40      (E) 80

In Questions 27–33, find  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

27.  $y = x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x} \quad (x \neq 0)$

- (A)  $2x \sin \frac{1}{x} - x^2 \cos \frac{1}{x}$       (B)  $-\frac{2}{x} \cos \frac{1}{x}$       (C)  $2x \cos \frac{1}{x}$   
 (D)  $2x \sin \frac{1}{x} - \cos \frac{1}{x}$       (E)  $-\cos \frac{1}{x}$

32.  $y = \frac{1+x^2}{1-x^2}$

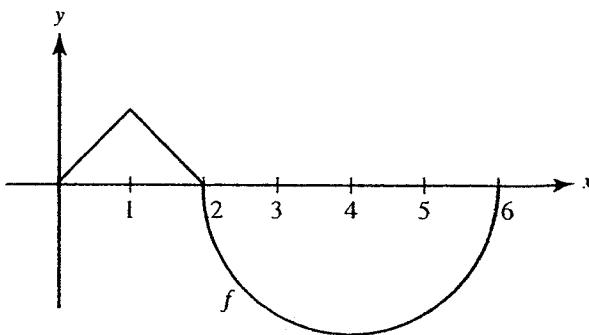
- (A)  $-\frac{4x}{(1-x^2)^2}$       (B)  $\frac{4x}{(1-x^2)^2}$       (C)  $\frac{-4x^3}{(1-x^2)^2}$   
 (D)  $\frac{2x}{1-x^2}$       (E)  $\frac{4}{1-x^2}$

Use the graph to answer Questions

34–36. It consists of two line segments and a semicircle.

34.  $f'(x) = 0$  for  $x =$

- (A) 1 only  
 (B) 2 only  
 (C) 4 only  
 (D) 1 and 4  
 (E) 2 and 6



35.  $f'(x)$  does not exist for  $x =$

- (A) 1 only      (B) 2 only      (C) 1 and 2  
 (D) 2 and 6      (E) 1, 2, and 6

36.  $f'(5) =$

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

In each of Questions 43–46,  $y$  is a differentiable function of  $x$ . Choose the alternative that is the derivative  $\frac{dy}{dx}$ .

43.  $x^3 - xy + y^3 = 1$

- (A)  $\frac{3x^2}{x-3y^2}$       (B)  $\frac{3x^2-1}{1-3y^2}$       (C)  $\frac{y-3x^2}{3y^2-x}$   
 (D)  $\frac{3x^2+3y^2-y}{x}$       (E)  $\frac{3x^2+3y^2}{x}$

44.  $x + \cos(x+y) = 0$

- (A)  $\csc(x+y)-1$       (B)  $\csc(x+y)$       (C)  $\frac{x}{\sin(x+y)}$   
 (D)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$       (E)  $\frac{1-\sin x}{\sin y}$

45.  $\sin x - \cos y - 2 = 0$

- (A)  $-\cot x$       (B)  $-\cot y$       (C)  $\frac{\cos x}{\sin y}$   
 (D)  $-\csc y \cos x$       (E)  $\frac{2-\cos x}{\sin y}$

46.  $3x^2 - 2xy + 5y^2 = 1$

- (A)  $\frac{3x+y}{x-5y}$       (B)  $\frac{y-3x}{5y-x}$       (C)  $3x+5y$   
 (D)  $\frac{3x+4y}{x}$       (E) none of these

49. If  $f(x) = 16\sqrt{x}$ , then  $f''(4)$  is equal to

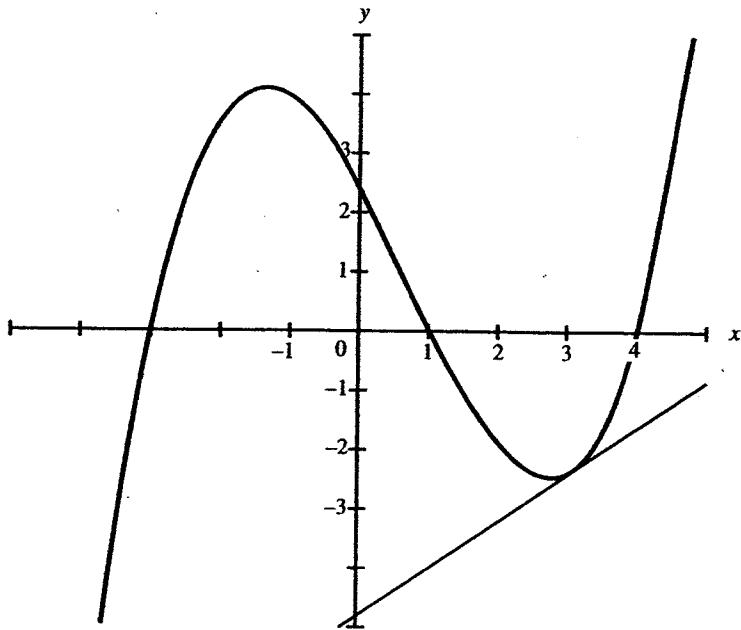
- (A)  $-32$       (B)  $-16$       (C)  $-4$       (D)  $-2$       (E)  $-\frac{1}{2}$

51. If a point moves on the curve  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ , then, at  $(0, 5)$ ,  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$  is

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

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Use this graph of  $y = f(x)$  for Questions 76 and 77.



76.  $f'(3)$  is most closely approximated by

- (A) 0.3      (B) 0.8      (C) 1.5      (D) 1.8      (E) 2

77. The rate of change of  $f(x)$  is least at  $x \approx$

- (A) -3      (B) -1.3      (C) 0      (D) 0.7      (E) 2.7