

Solutions: Test #1, 1K03E

Multiple choice answers: (One mark each)

1. d) 2. b) 3. e) 4. a) 5. e) 6. c) 7. b) 8. b)

Long Answers: (Three marks each)

9. part a)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Given that } y = x^3 - 5x + 6 = f(x), \text{ we know } y' &= \frac{d}{dx}x^3 - 5\frac{d}{dx}x + \frac{d}{dx}(6) \\ (1 \text{ mark}) \quad &= 3x^{3-1} - 5 \cdot 1 + 0 = 3x^2 - 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{At the point where } x_0 = 1, \text{ we have } y_0 = f(x_0) &= (1)^3 - 5 \cdot 1 + 6 = 2 \\ \text{and as always, } m = f'(x_0) = f'(1) &= 3 - 5 = -2 \quad (1 \text{ mark}) \end{aligned}$$

Putting this into the equation of a line:

$$\begin{aligned} y - y_0 = m(x - x_0) &\Rightarrow y - 2 = (-2)(x - 1) = -2x + 2 \\ &\Rightarrow y = -2x + 4 \quad (1 \text{ mark}) \end{aligned}$$

10. part a) (1.5 mark)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{x^2 - x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{(x-1)x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{(x-1)} = \frac{1}{(0-1)} = -1$$

Since we have found $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = -1$, we know that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x) = -1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} g(x)$ as well.

part b) (1 mark)

As a rational function, $g(x)$ is discontinuous only when the denominator is zero.

Thus $g(x)$ is continuous for all real $x \neq 0, 1$

part c) (0.5 mark)

We've shown in **a)** that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = -1$

Since now we have assigned $g(0) = -1$, we know that $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(x) = -1 = g(x)$.

Thus by definition, our new $g(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$.

Total: 14 marks