

**CMU Mathematical Sciences**  
**21-120 Sample Prerequisite Waiver Exam #1**  
**Answer Key**

1. Find the following limit, or state that the limit does not exist (DNE):

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x^3 - 4x}.$$

- A. 0
  - B.  $-\infty$
  - C.  $-\frac{1}{8}$
  - D.  $\frac{1}{8}$**
  - E. None of these choices
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2. Find the following limit, or state that the limit does not exist (DNE):

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{4x - x^2}{2 - \sqrt{x}}.$$

- A.  $-\frac{1}{16}$
  - B. 16**
  - C. None of these choices
  - D. -16
  - E. 0
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3. Find the following limit, or state that the limit does not exist (DNE):

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\ln x)^{3/x}.$$

- A.  $\ln 3$
  - B. None of these choices**
  - C. 3
  - D.  $\infty$
  - E. 0
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4. Find the following limit, or state that the limit does not exist (DNE):

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 e^x}{\sin^2(3x)}.$$

- A. 0
  - B.  $\frac{1}{9}$**
  - C.  $\infty$
  - D. None of these choices
  - E.  $\frac{1}{3}$
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5. Find  $f'(x)$  if  $f(x) = x^{4/5} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x$ .

- A.  $x^{4/5} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x \ln\left(\frac{5}{4}\right) + \frac{4}{5} x^{-1/5} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x$
  - B.  $x^{4/5} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x \ln\left(\frac{4}{5}\right) + \frac{4}{5} x^{-1/5} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x$**
  - C. None of these choices
  - D.  $x^{4/5} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x \ln\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)$
  - E.  $\frac{4}{5} x^{-1/5} \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^x$
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6. Find  $f''(x)$  if  $f(x) = \cot(2x^2 + 1)$ .

- A.  $-4 \csc^2(2x^2 + 1) + 32x^2 \csc^2(2x^2 + 1) \cot(2x^2 + 1)$**
  - B.  $4x^2 \csc^2(2x^2 + 1) \cot(2x^2 + 1)$
  - C.  $-4 \csc^2(2x^2 + 1) + 16x^2 \csc^2(2x^2 + 1) \cot(2x^2 + 1)$
  - D. None of these choices
  - E.  $8x \csc^2(2x^2 + 1)$
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7. Find an equation of the line tangent to the curve

$$x^3 + y^2 = 3xy$$

at the point  $(2, 2)$ .

- A.  $y - 2 = 2(x - 2)$
  - B. None of these choices
  - C.  $y - 2 = -2(x - 2)$
  - D.  $y - 2 = -3(x - 2)$
  - E.  $y - 2 = 3(x - 2)$**
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8. Find the absolute minimum value of

$$f(x) = \frac{2 - \cos x}{\sin x}$$

on the interval  $[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}]$ .

- A.  $\sqrt{3}$
  - B. None of these choices
  - C.  $-\sqrt{3}$
  - D.  $\frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{2}$
  - E.  $\sqrt{2}$
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9. A rocket, rising vertically, is tracked by a radar station that is on the ground 4 miles from the launchpad. How fast is the rocket rising when it is 3 miles high and its distance from the radar station is increasing at a rate of 1800 miles per hour?

- A. 2000 miles per hour
- B. 2400 miles per hour
- C. 1800 miles per hour
- D. None of these choices

**E. 3000 miles per hour**

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10. A rectangular plot of land is to be fenced using two kinds of fencing. Two opposite sides use heavy-duty fencing at \$3 per foot, and the remaining sides use standard fencing at \$2 per foot. What is the maximum area that can be fenced if the budget is \$6000?

- A. 200,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
  - B. 250,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
  - C. None of these choices**
  - D. 300,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
  - E. 400,000 ft<sup>2</sup>
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11. Evaluate  $\int_4^9 5x^{-3/2} dx$ .

A.  $\frac{5}{18}$

B.  $\frac{5}{2}(9^{-1/2} - 4^{-1/2})$

C. None of these choices

D.  $\frac{5}{3}(9^{-3/2} - 4^{-3/2})$

**E.  $\frac{5}{3}$**

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12. Find  $\frac{d}{dx} \int_{\tan x}^3 \frac{t^2}{1+t^2} dt$ .

A.  $-\frac{\tan^2 x}{1+\tan^2 x}$

B.  $\frac{\tan^2 x}{1+\tan^2 x}$

C. None of these choices

**D.  $-\frac{\tan^2 x}{1+\tan^2 x} \sec^2 x$**

E.  $\frac{\tan^2 x}{1+\tan^2 x} \sec^2 x$

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13. Let  $F(x) = \int_0^x \frac{\sin t}{t^2+1} dt$ . Find  $F''(\pi)$ .

A.  $-\frac{1}{(\pi^2+1)^2}$

**B.  $-\frac{1}{\pi^2+1}$**

C.  $\frac{1}{\pi^2+1}$

D. None of these choices

E. 0

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14. Evaluate  $\int_{\sqrt{e}}^e \frac{\ln x}{x^2} dx$ .

A.  $-\frac{2}{e} + \frac{3}{2\sqrt{e}}$

B.  $\frac{1}{e} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$

C.  $\frac{2}{e} - \frac{3}{2\sqrt{e}}$

D. None of these choices

E.  $-\frac{1}{e} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$

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15. Evaluate  $\int_0^\pi x(1 + \cos x) dx$ .

A.  $\frac{\pi^2}{2} - 2$

B.  $\pi$

C. 0

D. None of these choices

E.  $\frac{\pi^2}{4} + \pi$

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