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Level

UNIT 1: RATES OF CHANGE & LIMITS

Communication reasoning, in writing and use of mathematical language, symbols and conventions will be assessed throughout this test.

KNOWLEDGE

1. Explain why the limit does not exist.

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{1}{x-3}$
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} \frac{1}{x-3} = -\infty$ ✓
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{1}{x-3} = \infty$ ✓
 \therefore limit DNE

x	$\frac{1}{x-3}$
2	-1
2.5	-2
2.9	-10
2.99	-100
2.999	-1000

From the left ✓

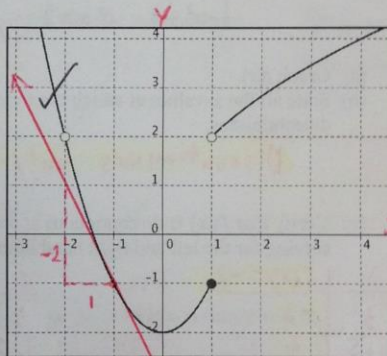
x	$\frac{1}{x-3}$
4	1
3.5	2
3.1	10
3.01	100
3.001	1000

From the right ✓

4 marks

2. Using the graph shown at the right, determine:

- (a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x) = 2$ ✓ (b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = 1$ ✓
 (c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} g(x) = 2$ ✓ (d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} g(x) = \text{DNE}$ ✓
 (e) $g(1) = -1$ ✓
 (f) Explain using 1 or more of the 3 algebraic conditions which must be met for a curve to be continuous.



8 marks

$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = f(a)$ to be continuous ✓

(g) Draw a tangent to the curve at $x = -1$ and determine its slope using the graph not its equation.

$\text{slope} = \frac{\text{rise}}{\text{run}} = \frac{-2}{1} = -2$ or -2 ✓

3. Evaluate each limit.

(a) $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \left(\frac{2x}{x-2} \right)$
 $= \frac{2(-1)}{(-1)-2}$ ✓
 $= \frac{-2}{-3}$
 $= \frac{2}{3}$ ✓

2 marks

(b) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{2x^2 - x - 6}{3x^2 - 7x + 2}$
 $= \frac{2(2)^2 - (2) - 6}{3(2)^2 - 7(2) + 2}$ ✓
 $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(2x+3)(x-2)}{(x-2)(3x-1)}$ ✓
 $= \frac{0}{0}$ indeterminate

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(2x+3)}{(3x-1)}$ ✓
 $= \frac{2(2)+3}{3(2)-1}$ ✓
 $= \frac{7}{5}$ or $1 \frac{2}{5}$ ✓

5 marks

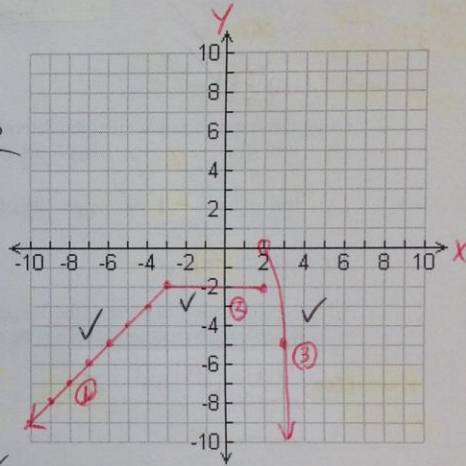
(c) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{x^2 - 2x}{x - 2} \right) = \frac{(2)^2 - 2(2)}{(2) - 2} = \frac{0}{0}$ **indeterminate** ✓
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x(x-2)}{(x-2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x = 2$ ✓
4 marks

(d) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{x-5}{\sqrt{x-1}-2} = \frac{(5)-5}{\sqrt{5-1}-2} = \frac{0}{0}$ **indeterminate** ✓
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x-5)}{\sqrt{x-1}-2} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{x-1}+2}{\sqrt{x-1}+2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x-5)(\sqrt{x-1}+2)}{(x-1)-2^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{(x-5)(\sqrt{x-1}+2)}{(x-5)}$ ✓
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \sqrt{x-1}+2 = \sqrt{5-1}+2 = 4$ ✓
6 marks

4. Graph $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1 & \text{if } x \leq -3 \text{ (1)} \\ -2 & \text{if } -3 < x \leq 2 \text{ (2)} \\ -x^2+4 & \text{if } x > 2 \text{ (3)} \end{cases}$ **7 marks**

- (a) Graph $f(x)$.
 (b) State all the x -values at which the function is discontinuous.

Discontinuous only at $x=2$ ✓



- (c) Verify that $f(x)$ is discontinuous at the x -values by solving for the left and right hand limits.

From the left	x	$f(x) = -2$	From the right	x	$f(x) = -x^2+4$
	1	-2		3	-5
	0.5	-2		2.5	-2.25
	1.4	-2		2.1	-0.41
	1.99	-2		2.01	-0.0401
	1.999	-2		2.001	-0.004001

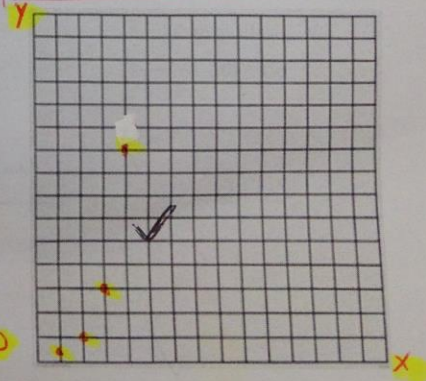
$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} -2 \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} -x^2+4$ ✓

5. For each of the following sequences,
 (a) State the limit, if it exists. If it does not exist, explain why. Use a graph to support your answer.
 (b) Write a limit expression to represent the end behaviour of the sequence.

i.) $\frac{1}{3}, 1, 3, 9, 27, \dots, 3^{n-2}, \dots$ **3 marks**

a.) points: $(n, t_n) = (1, \frac{1}{3}), (2, 1), (3, 3), (4, 9), (5, 27), \dots$
 The terms are not converging to a value, therefore the limit does not exist ✓

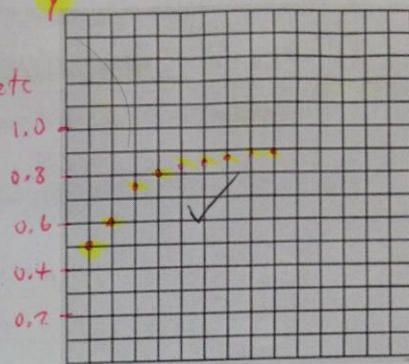
b.) End behaviour is represented by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 3^{n-2} = \infty$
 meaning the terms become larger positive values without bound so the limit does not exist ✓



3 marks

ii.) $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{4}, \frac{4}{5}, \dots, \frac{n}{n+1}, \dots$

a.) Points: $(n, t_n) = (1, 0.5), (2, 0.6), (3, 0.75), (4, 0.80), \dots$
 The terms seem to be converging to a value of 1; therefore the limit does exist. This can be verified by trying larger values of n eg / $(100, 0.99)$ & $(1000, 0.999)$



b.) End behaviour is represented by $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n}{n+1} = 1$
 meaning as the terms get larger, they approach the value of 1.

APPLICATION

6. A weather balloon is rising vertically. After t hours, its distance above the ground, measured in kilometres, is given by the formula $s(t) = 8t - t^2$

(a) Determine the average rate of change (ie average velocity) of the weather balloon from $t = 2$ h to $t = 5$ h.

9 marks

$s(2) = 8(2) - (2)^2$

$= 12$

$s(5) = 8(5) - (5)^2$

$= 15$

$\frac{\Delta s}{\Delta t} = \frac{15 - 12}{5 - 2}$

$= \frac{3}{3}$

$= 1 \text{ Km/h}$

\therefore the average ROC for 2s to 5s is 1 Km/h

(b) Determine the instantaneous rate of change (ie instantaneous velocity) in height at time $t = 3$ h.

	interval	$\Delta t(x)$	Δx	$\Delta f(x)/\Delta x$
From the left side	$2 \leq x \leq 3$	3	1	3
	$2.5 \leq x \leq 3$	1.25	0.5	2.5
	$2.9 \leq x \leq 3$	0.21	0.1	2.1
	$2.99 \leq x \leq 3$	0.0201	0.01	2.01

	interval	$\Delta t(x)$	Δx	$\Delta f(x)/\Delta x$
From the right side	$3 \leq x \leq 4$	1	1	1
	$3 \leq x \leq 3.5$	0.75	0.5	1.5
	$3 \leq x \leq 3.1$	0.19	0.1	1.9
	$3 \leq x \leq 3.01$	0.0199	0.01	1.99

From the left & right of $t = 3$, secants approach 2. The instantaneous ROC is the point $(2, 12)$

7. State whether each of the following can be represented by secant slope or tangent slope.

a) Jordan grew 8 cm in 15 months

secant slope

3 marks

b) When the radius of a circular ripple on the surface of a pond is 4 cm, the circumference of the ripple is increasing at 21.5 cm/s

tangent slope

c) The price of gas increased by 10cents/L at 3p.m.

tangent slope

8. Determine the slope of the tangent at $x = 4$ for $f(x) = \frac{1}{x+1}$ using the first principles method.

$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ 7 marks

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{1}{(x+h+1)} - \frac{1}{(x+1)}}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+1) - (x+h+1)}{(x+1)(x+h+1)} \times \frac{1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-h}{(x+1)(x+h+1)} \times \frac{1}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{(x+1)(x+h+1)}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-1}{(x+1)(x+(0)+1)}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = \frac{-1}{(x+1)^2}$$

$$f'(4) = \frac{-1}{(4+1)^2}$$

$$= \frac{-1}{25}$$

\therefore the slope of the tangent at $x=4$ is $-\frac{1}{25}$

9. What is a possible function, $f(x)$, if

a) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-6(x+h)^3 - 2(x+h)^2 + 6x^3 + 2x^2}{h}$

possible $f(x) = -6x^3 - 2x^2$

check $f(x+h) = -6(x+h)^3 - 2(x+h)^2$

$$\therefore \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{-6(x+h)^3 - 2(x+h)^2 - (-6x^3 - 2x^2)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{-6(x+h)^3 - 2(x+h)^2 + 6x^3 + 2x^2}{h}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = -6x^3 - 2x^2$$

b) $f'(4) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{[5(4+h)^2 - 2] - [5(4)^2 - 2]}{h}$

possible $f(x) = 5x^2 - 2$

check

$$f(x+h) = 5(x+h)^2 - 2$$

$$\therefore \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$= \frac{5(x+h)^2 - 2 - (5x^2 - 2)}{h}$$

sub in $x = 4$

$$= \frac{[5(4+h)^2 - 2] - [5(4)^2 - 2]}{h}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = 5x^2 - 2$$