

Differentiation Ass 1 Obj

1. A function f is defined by $f(x) = 3x^3 + 2kx + 9$.

Given that $f'(-1) = 13$, what is the value of k ?

- A. $-\frac{7}{2}$
 B. 2
 C. 5
 D. 11

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Key	Outcome	Grade	Facility	Disc.	Calculator	Content	Source
B	1.3	C	0.67	0.58	NC	C1	HSN 020

$$f'(x) = 9x^2 + 2k$$

$$f'(-1) = 9(-1)^2 + 2k = 13$$

$$9 + 2k = 13$$

$$2k = 4$$

$$k = 2$$

Option B

k is just
a constant

2. Given $f(x) = 3x^3 + 7x + 1$, find the rate of change of f when $x = 2$.

- A. 28
 B. 31
 C. 39
 D. 43

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Key	Outcome	Grade	Facility	Disc.	Calculator	Content	Source
D	1.3	C	0.53	0.56	NC	C1, C1	HSN 024

$$f'(x) = 9x^2 + 7$$

$$f'(2) = 9(2)^2 + 7 = 9 \times 4 + 7 = 36 + 7 = 43$$

Option D

3. Differentiate $2\sqrt[3]{x}$ with respect to x .

- A. $6\sqrt{x}$
 B. $\frac{3}{2}\sqrt[3]{x^4}$
 C. $-\frac{4}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$
 D. $\frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}}$

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Key	Outcome	Grade	Facility	Disc.	Calculator	Content	Source
D	1.3	C	0.83	0.38	NC	C2, C3	HSN 091

$$2\sqrt[3]{x} = 2x^{1/3}$$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(2x^{1/3}) = \frac{1}{3} \times 2x^{-2/3} = \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}} \quad \text{Option D}$$

4. Given that $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} + 2x^2$, what is the rate of change of f when $x = 8$?

- A. $32\frac{1}{12}$
 B. $32\frac{1}{6}$
 C. $32 + 3\sqrt{2}$
 D. 130

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Key	Outcome	Grade	Facility	Disc.	Calculator	Content	Source
A	1.3	C	0.31	0.89	NC	C2, C6	HSN 115

$$f(x) = x^{1/3} + 2x^2$$

$$f'(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^{-2/3} + 4x = \frac{1}{3\sqrt[3]{x^2}} + 4x$$

$$f'(8) = \frac{1}{3 \times 2^2} + 32$$

$$= 32 + \frac{1}{12}$$

$$= 32\frac{1}{12} \quad \text{Option A}$$

The derivative gives the rate of change.

5. What is the gradient of the tangent to the curve $y = 4x^3 + x^2 + 3$ at $x = 2$?
- A. $24\frac{2}{3}$
 B. 39
 C. 52
 D. 55

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Key	Outcome	Grade	Facility	Disc.	Calculator	Content	Source
C	1.3	C	0.53	0.69	NC	C4	HSN 02

$\frac{dy}{dx} = 12x^2 + 2x$.

 Remember: The derivative is the gradient of the tangent.

 At $x = 2$, $m = 12 \times 2^2 + 2 \times 2 = 12 \times 4 + 4 = 52$.

 Option C

6. A curve has $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 + 5x + 4$.

Find the x -values of the points on the curve where the tangent has a gradient of 4.

- A. -4 and -1
 B. 1 and 4
 C. -5 and 0
 D. 0 and 5

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Key	Outcome	Grade	Facility	Disc.	Calculator	Content	Source
C	1.3	C	0.46	0.61	CN	C4	HSN 010

$x^2 + 5x + 4 = 4$

 $x^2 + 5x = 0$

 $x(x + 5) = 0$

 $x = 0$ or $x = -5$.

 Remember: The derivative is the gradient of the tangent.

 Option C

7. A function is defined by $f(x) = 2x^2 - 9x + 4$.

What is the largest range of x -values for which $f(x)$ is strictly increasing?

- A. $x < \frac{9}{4}$
- B. $x > \frac{9}{4}$
- C. $\frac{1}{2} < x < 4$
- D. $x < \frac{1}{2}, x > 4$

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Key	Outcome	Grade	Facility	Disc.	Calculator	Content	Source
B	1.3	C	0.45	0.59	CN	C7	HSN 172

$$f'(x) = 4x - 9.$$

f is strictly increasing when $f'(x) > 0$

$$4x - 9 > 0$$
$$x > \frac{9}{4}.$$

Option B

8. The curve with $\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - 4x + 4$, has a stationary point at $x = 2$.

What is the nature of this stationary point?

- A. maximum turning point
- B. minimum turning point
- C. rising point of inflexion
- D. falling point of inflexion

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Key	Outcome	Grade	Facility	Disc.	Calculator	Content	Source
C	1.3	C	0.76	0.36	NC	C9	HSN 08

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = x^2 - 4x + 4 = (x-2)^2$$

Method 1 $(x-2)^2 \geq 0$ and $(x-2)^2 = 0$

only when $x=2$. Hence $\frac{dy}{dx} > 0$ at either side of the stationary point.

Method 2 Nature table:

x	2^-	2	2^+
$\frac{dy}{dx}$	+	0	+
Sketch	/	—	/

Option C

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