

Grade 11 AP Mathematics  
 Unit 3 – Major Test – Polynomial Functions

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1. Use end behaviours, turning points and zeros to match each graph to the most likely polynomial equation. (4 KU)

(A)  $y = x(2x^3 - 3x^2 + 3)$

(B)  $y = x(x-1)(2x-1)-2$

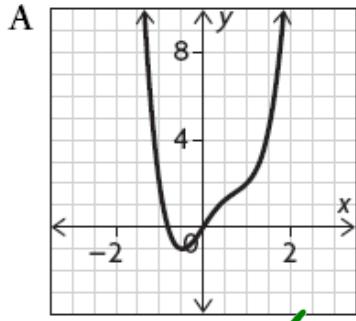
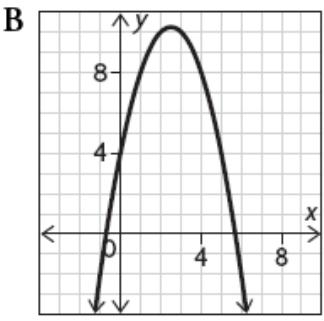
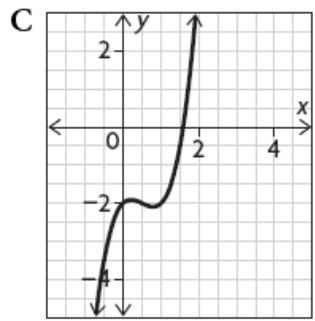
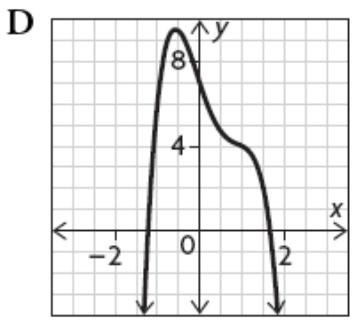
(C)  $y = -x^4 + x^3 + x^2 - 2x + 7$

(D)  $y = -x^2 + 6x + 5$

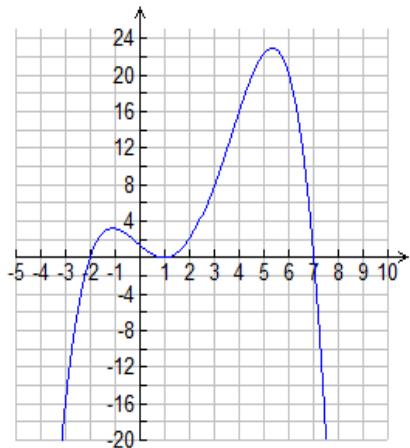
(E)  $y = -x^2 + 5x + 4$

(F)  $y = x^3 - x^2 + x - 2$

(G)  $y = -7/40(4x+5)(5x-8)(x^2+1)$

Equation: a ✓Equation: e ✓Equation: b ✓Equation: c ✓

2. Given below is the graph of the polynomial function  $p(x)$ . Determine each of the following. (12 KU)



- (a) End Behaviours

As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ,  
 $y \rightarrow -\infty$  ✓As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  
 $y \rightarrow -\infty$  ✓

- (b) Number of Turning Points (Mark the turning points on the graph)

3 ✓

- (c) Zeros and Multiplicities

Zero	Multiplicity
-2	1 ✓
1	2 ✓
7	1 ✓

- (d) Intervals of Increase

 $(-\infty, -1.1)$  ✓ $(1, 5, 3)$  ✓

approximately

- (e) Intervals of Decrease

 $(-1.1, 1)$  ✓ $(5, 3, \infty)$  ✓

approximately

- (f) Possible Equation of
- $p(x)$

$y = (x+2)(x-7)(x-1)^2$

3. Given the polynomial function  $q(x) = -3x^5 - 9x^4 + 4x^2 + 7x - 13$ , determine each of the following. (10 KU)

- (a) End Behaviours

As  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , $y \rightarrow -\infty$  ✓

- (b) Number of Possible...

Zeros: 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5

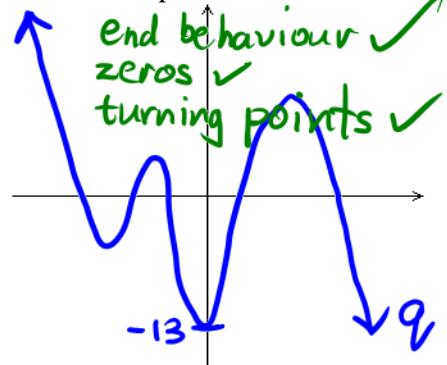
Turning Points:

0, 2, 4

- (c) Absolute Max, Min or Neither? Why?

Since  $q$  is a polynomial of odd degree, it cannot have absolute extreme points.

- (d) Possible Graph

As  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ , $y \rightarrow \infty$  ✓

- (e) The y-intercept of
- $q(x)$

-13 ✓

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$$\rightarrow = -\frac{3}{2}[2(x+1)]^3 - 5 = -\frac{3}{2}(8)(x+1)^3 - 5 = -12(x+1)^3 - 5$$

4. Sketch the graph of  $g(x) = -\frac{3}{2}(2x+2)^3 - 5$  by applying transformations to the function  $f(x) = x^3$ . (9 APP)

(a) State the transformations required to obtain  $g$  from the base/parent/mother function  $f(x) = x^3$ .

Horizontal	Vertical
1. No horizontal stretch or compression	1. Stretch vertically by a factor of -12
2. Translate one unit to the left.	2. Translate 5 units down

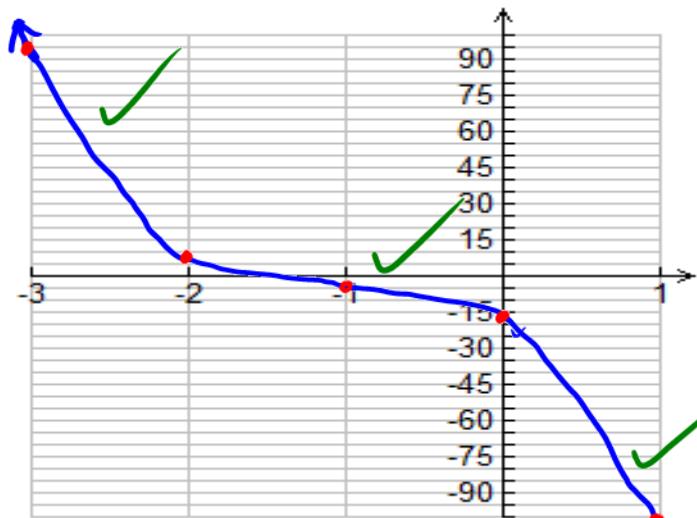
(b) Express the transformation in *mapping notation*.

$$(x, y) \rightarrow (x-1, -12y-5)$$

(c) Apply the transformation to a few key points on the graph of the base function  $f(x) = x^3$

Pre-image Point on $y = f(x)$	Image Point on $y = g(x)$
$(-2, -8)$	$(-3, 91)$
$(-1, -1)$	$(-2, 7)$
$(0, 0)$	$(-1, -5)$
$(1, 1)$	$(0, -17)$
$(2, 8)$	$(1, -101)$

Rough Work

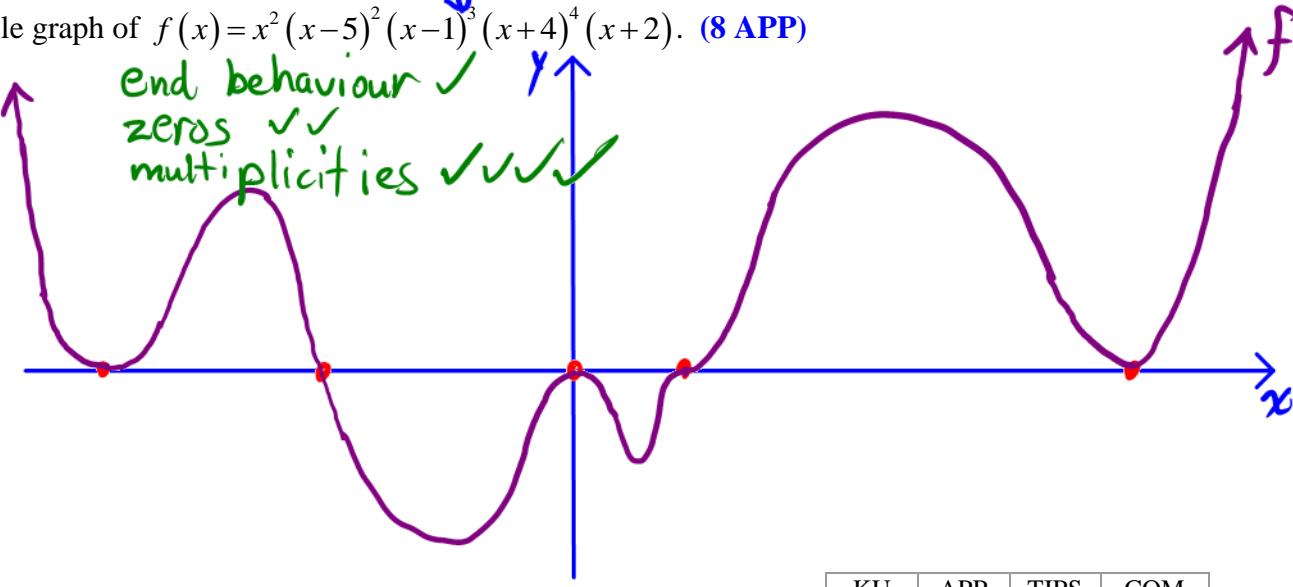


5. Sketch a possible graph of  $f(x) = x^2(x-5)^2(x-1)^3(x+4)^4(x+2)$ . (8 APP)

Zero	Mult.
-4	4
-2	1
0	2
1	3
5	2

end behaviour ✓  
zeros ✓✓  
multiplicities ✓✓✓✓

Degree  
 $= 4 + 1 + 2 + 3 + 2$   
 $= 12$  ✓



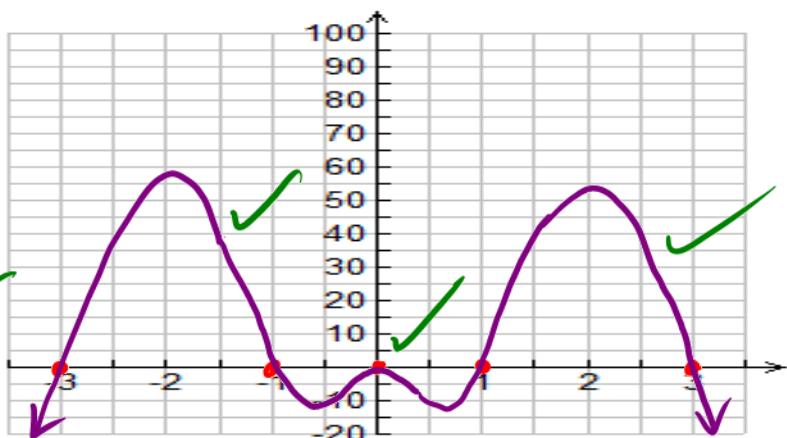
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6. Consider the sixth-degree polynomial function  $p(x) = -x^6 + 10x^4 - 9x^2$ .

(a) Fully factor the polynomial. (3 APP)

$$\begin{aligned} p(x) &= -x^6 + 10x^4 - 9x^2 \\ &= -x^2(x^4 + 10x^2 - 9) \\ &= -x^2(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 9) \\ &= -x^2(x-1)(x+1)(x-3)(x+3) \end{aligned}$$

(b) Use the factored form of the polynomial to sketch the graph of  $y = p(x)$ . (3 APP)



(c) Use the factored form to solve the equation  $-x^6 + 10x^4 - 9x^2 = 0$ . (3 APP)

$$-x^2(x-1)(x+1)(x-3)(x+3) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 0 \text{ or } x-1=0 \text{ or } x+1=0 \\ \text{or } x-3=0 \text{ or } x+3=0$$

$$\therefore x = 0, 1, -1, 3, -3 \quad \checkmark \checkmark$$

(d) Use the factored form and the graph to solve the inequality  $-x^6 + 10x^4 - 9x^2 \geq 0$ . State the solution set using both set notation and interval notation. (4 APP)

$$-x^2(x-1)(x+1)(x-3)(x+3) \geq 0 \quad \checkmark$$

From the graph it's clear that  $p(x) \geq 0$  if  $-3 \leq x \leq -1$ ,  $x = 0$  or  $1 \leq x \leq 3$ . Therefore, the solution set is  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid -3 \leq x \leq -1, x = 0, 1 \leq x \leq 3\}$  or  $[-3, -1] \cup \{0\} \cup [1, 3]$

7. Solve the polynomial equation  $x^3 - 7x^2 + 16x = 12$ . Include a graph that clearly shows the solutions of the equation. (10 TIPS)

$$x^3 - 7x^2 + 16x - 12 = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 + 16x - 12$$

Since  $f(2) = 0$ ,  $x-2$  is a factor of  $f(x)$

By long division,  $f(x) = (x-2)(x^2 - 5x + 6)$

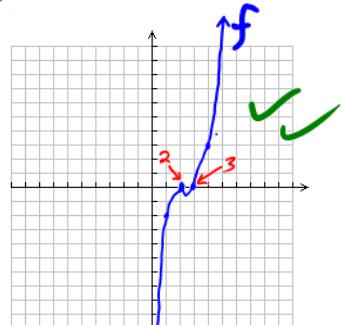
$$\therefore (x-2)(x^2 - 5x + 6) = 0$$

$$\therefore (x-2)(x-2)(x-3) = 0 \quad \checkmark$$

$$\therefore (x-2)^2(x-3) = 0$$

$$\therefore (x-2)^2 = 0 \text{ or } x-3 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 2 \text{ or } x = 3 \quad \checkmark$$



$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 - 7x^2 + 16x - 12 \\ x-2 \overline{)x^3 - 7x^2 + 16x - 12} \\ \underline{x^3 - 2x^2} \\ -5x^2 + 16x \\ \underline{-5x^2 + 10x} \\ 6x - 12 \\ \underline{6x - 12} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

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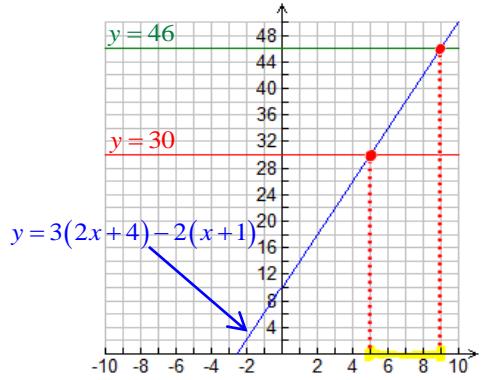
8. Write an inequality that corresponds to the diagram given at the right. In addition, state the solution set using both set-builder notation and interval notation. (Do not solve the inequality. You should be able to see the solution just by looking at the graphs.) (5 TIPS)

$$30 \leq 3(2x+4) \leq 46$$

From the graph, it's clear that

$$5 \leq x \leq 9$$

Solution Set:  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid 5 \leq x \leq 9\}$  or  $[5, 9]$



9. The polynomial function  $f(x) = -x^n + kx^2 - (2k+2)x + 12$  has two turning points,

**odd degree** Hint: There is no way to calculate the value of  $n$ . The best approach is to choose the simplest possible value of  $n$ . (8 TIPS)

Since  $f(x)$  can be divided exactly by  $x-3$ ,  $f(3)=0$ .

$$\therefore -3^n + k(3^2) - (2k+2)(3) + 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore -3^n + 9k - 6k - 6 + 12 = 0$$

$$\therefore 3k + 6 - 3^n = 0$$

Since the polynomial has no global extreme points and an even number of turning points, the degree of  $f$  must be odd. Therefore, a good candidate for the value of  $n$  is 3. If  $n=3$ ,

$$3k + 6 - 3^3 = 0$$

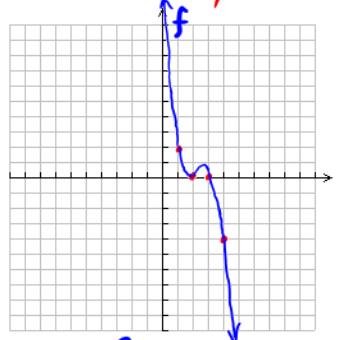
$$\therefore 3k - 21 = 0$$

$$\therefore k = 7$$

$$\begin{aligned}\therefore f(x) &= -x^3 + 9x^2 - 16x + 12 \\ &= -(x-3)(x^2 - 4x + 4) \quad \text{by long division} \\ &= -(x-3)(x-2)^2\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{zeros are } x=3 \text{ and } x=2$$

→ odd degree, possibly 3



$$\begin{array}{r} -x^2 + 4x - 4 \\ x-3 ) -x^3 + 7x^2 - 16x + 12 \\ \underline{-x^3 + 3x^2} \\ 4x^2 - 16x \\ \underline{4x^2 - 12x} \\ -4x + 12 \\ \underline{-4x + 12} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

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