

**Palomar College Math Placement Test Study Guide**  
**Intermediate Algebra**

**Topic 12: Functions**

1. Let  $f(x) = x^2 + 3x$  and  $g(x) = 2x - 3$ . Find the following:

- a.  $f(-3)$
- b.  $(f + g)(1)$
- c.  $(f - g)(0)$
- d.  $(fg)(-2)$
- e.  $\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(5)$
- f.  $g(f(-4))$
- g.  $f(g(-4))$
- h.  $g^{-1}(2)$

2. Given the tables below, find

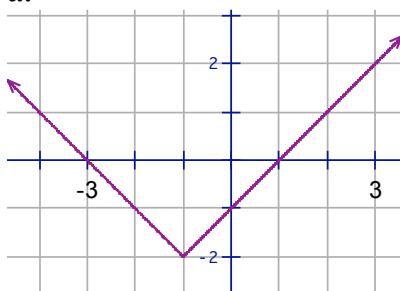
- a.  $f(g(1))$
- b.  $g^{-1}(0)$

x	f(x)
-2	0
-1	-2
0	1
1	2
2	-1

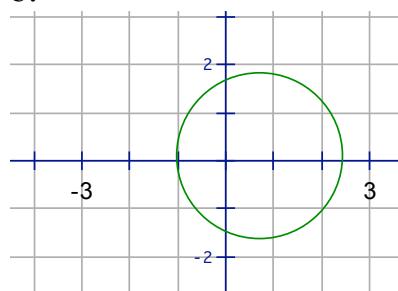
x	g(x)
-2	2
-1	0
0	-2
1	-1
2	1

3. State whether each graph is the graph of a function.

a.



b.



4. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - 4$ .

- a. Find the x-intercept.
- b. Find the y-intercept.
- c. Find the domain.
- d. Find the range.
- e. Graph the function.
- f. Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

5. Find the domain of  $g(t) = \frac{1}{t+3}$

6. Find the domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{2-x}$

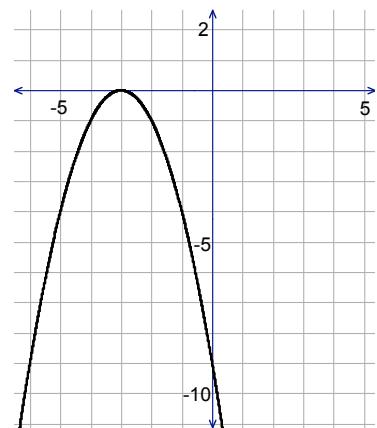
7. Let  $f(x) = (x-2)^2 - 4$

- a. Find the vertex.
- b. Find the axis of symmetry.
- c. Find the x-intercepts of the graph of f.
- d. Find the domain of f.
- e. Find the range of f.
- f. Graph the function.

8. Let  $g(x) = -3x^2 - 6x + 7$

- a. Find the y-intercept.
- b. Find the axis of symmetry.
- c. Find the vertex.
- d. Find the x-intercepts.
- e. Find the domain.
- f. Find the range.
- g. Graph the function.

9. Write an equation for the function  $h(x)$  whose graph is shown below.

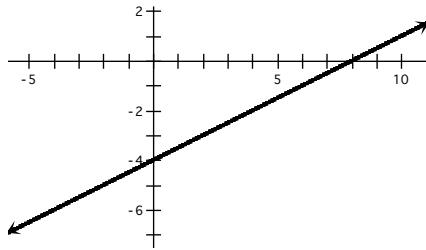


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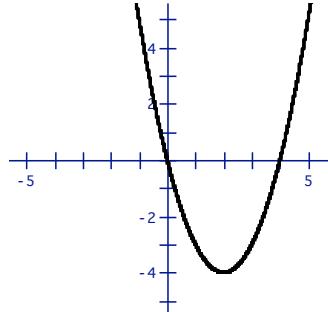
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#### Answers:

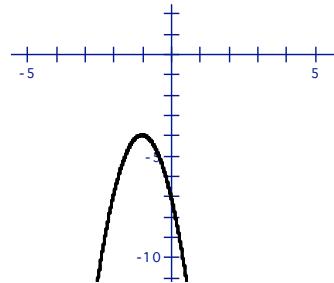
1. a) 0 b) 3 c) 3 d) 14 e)  $40/7$  f) 5 g) 88 h)  $5/2$
2. a) -2 b) -1
3. a) is a function b) is not a function
4. a)  $(8, 0)$  b)  $(0, -4)$  c) All real numbers d) All real numbers  
e) f)  $f^{-1}(x) = 2x + 8$



5.  $\{ t \mid t \neq -3 \}$
6.  $\{ x \mid x \leq 2 \}$
7. a)  $(2, -4)$  b)  $x = 2$  c)  $(0, 0), (4, 0)$  d) All real numbers  
e)  $f(x) \geq -4$  f)



8. a)  $(0, 7)$  b)  $x = -1$  c)  $(-1, 10)$  d)  $\left(-1 + \frac{\sqrt{30}}{2}, 0\right), \left(-1 - \frac{\sqrt{30}}{2}, 0\right)$   
e) All real numbers f)  $g(x) \leq 10$  g)



9.  $h(x) = -(x + 3)^2$