

CALCULATORS ARE NOT PERMITTED ON THIS EXAM

PART I: Answer ALL questions on your NCS Scantron Form. Darken the letter preceding the number or expression that best answers the question. [4 points each]

1. When $36x^3 - 45x^2 - 16x + 20$ is factored completely one factor is:

- (A) $9x^2 - 4$ (B) $9x^2 + 4$ (C) $3x - 2$ (D) $9x - 2$ (E) $4x + 5$

2. Which of the following is not equal to 4^8 ?

- (A) 2^{16} (B) $\sqrt[4]{2^{64}}$ (C) $\frac{4^{10}}{2^4}$ (D) $8^{\frac{16}{3}}$ (E) $\frac{8^{32}}{4^{16}}$

3. Find the center of the circle with equation $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 20 = 0$.

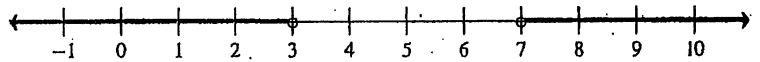
- (A) $(-3, -2)$ (B) $(-3, 2)$ (C) $(2, -3)$ (D) $(-2, 3)$ (E) $(2, 3)$

4. What are the roots of the equation $x^2 + (x - 3)(x + 1) = 1 - 5x$?

- (A) $\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}$ (B) $\frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}$ (C) $\frac{3 \pm \sqrt{41}}{4}$ (D) $\frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{41}}{4}$ (E) $\frac{-3 \pm i\sqrt{23}}{4}$

5. Which absolute value inequality is equivalent to the solution shown by the number line graph?

- (A) $|5 - x| < 1$ (B) $|x + 5| > 1$
(C) $|x - 5| < 2$ (D) $|x + 5| > 2$
(E) $|x - 5| > 2$



6. The equation $x - \sqrt{x^2 + 15} = -3$ has

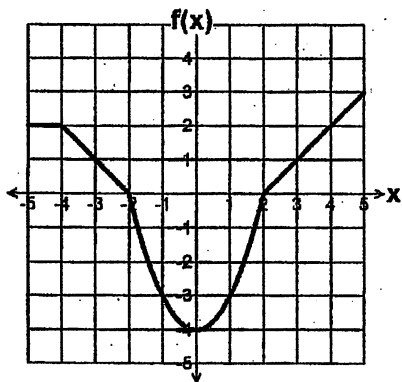
- (A) no real solutions (B) two positive solutions (C) two negative solutions
(D) exactly one positive solution (E) exactly one negative solution

7. What are all the values of x for which $(x + 1)(x + 5)$ is negative?

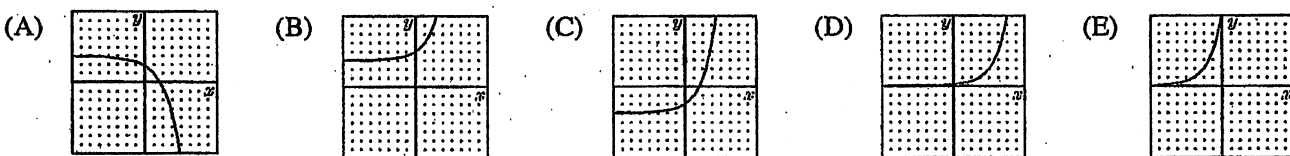
- (A) $x < -5$ or $x > -1$ (B) $-5 < x < -1$ (C) $x < -5$
(D) $x < -1$ (E) $x > -5$ or $x < -1$

8. What is the simplified form of $\left(5\sqrt[3]{-32AB^2}\right)\left(2\sqrt[3]{\frac{1}{2}A^2B}\right)$?

- (A) $20A^3B^3$ (B) $10\sqrt[6]{-16A^3B^3}$ (C) $-20AB\sqrt[3]{2}$ (D) $40AB\sqrt[3]{AB}$ (E) $-20AB\sqrt{2}$



9. The figure above shows the graph of function f . What is the range of function f ?
- (A) $f(x) \leq 3$ (B) $0 \leq f(x) \leq 3$ (C) $-4 \leq f(x) \leq 3$
 (D) $-5 \leq f(x) \leq 5$ (E) all real numbers
10. The product of $(3 + 2i^7)$ and $(7 + 6i^5)$ is
- (A) $21 - 12i$ (B) $33 + 4i$ (C) $9 + 4i$ (D) $21 + 16i$ (E) $10 + 8i$
11. If the sum of the roots of the equation $x^2 + kx - 3 = 0$ is equal to the product of the roots, the value of k is
- (A) -6 (B) -3 (C) 3 (D) 6 (E) 1
12. The expression $\frac{1}{2} \log a - 2 \log b$ is equivalent to
- (A) $\log \frac{\sqrt{a}}{b^2}$ (B) $\log \sqrt{ab}$ (C) $\log \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{b}}$ (D) $\log(\sqrt{a} - b^2)$ (E) $\log\left(\frac{a}{2} - 2b\right)$
13. If $3^{2x-1} = \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)^2$, then what is the value of x ?
- (A) $-\frac{3}{2}$ (B) $-\frac{5}{3}$ (C) $-\frac{2}{3}$ (D) $-\frac{3}{5}$
 (E) no solution
14. Which one of the following sketches is a reasonable graph of $y = 2^x + 3$?



15. If $f(x) = 5x - 2$ and $g(x) = 2 - x$, what is the value of $g(f(x - 2))$?
- (A) $18 - 5x$ (B) $5x - 14$ (C) $5x - 8$ (D) $14 - 5x$ (E) $5x - 18$

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PART II: Select TWO of the following three problems, and answer both parts, (a) and (b), of each. Use the provided space to show your work. [20 points each]

1. a) Solve for x :

$$\frac{x}{x+4} + \frac{4}{x-2} = \frac{8-4x}{x^2+2x-8}$$

b) Solve for x :

$$|4x - 9| - 5x = 4$$

2. a) Combine rational expressions and express in simplest form:

$$\frac{8}{x^2+2x-15} - \frac{3}{x^2-3x}$$

b) Find the solution set and express your answer using set-builder notation:

$$\frac{(x-1)^2(x-2)}{x-3} \leq 0$$

3. a) Solve for x :

$$\log_3(2x + 3) + \log_3(x - 2) = 2$$

b) The amount, A , in grams, of the radioactive isotope hydrogen-3 remaining after t years fits the model: $A(t) = 600e^{rt}$. Given the table below, if 100 grams remain after 32 years, find the annual rate, r , of the element's decay. Express your answer as a percentage.

$\ln 1$	$\ln 2$	$\ln 3$	$\ln 4$	$\ln 5$	$\ln 6$	$\ln 7$	$\ln 8$	$\ln 9$	$\ln 10$
0	0.693	1.099	1.386	1.609	1.792	1.946	2.079	2.197	2.303