

Pre-Calculus 12 – Comprehensive Review Worksheet

Detailed Answer Key Included

Worksheet

Part A – Functions, Relations & Conics

1. Determine the domain and range of the function:

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{7-2x}}{x-4}.$$

2. Sketch the graph of

$$g(x) = 3(x-2)^2 - 5,$$

stating the vertex, axis of symmetry, direction of opening, and range.

3. Given that the inverse function of f is

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{3x+7}{2},$$

find the formula for $f(x)$.

4. Given the general form of a conic section:

$$9x^2 + 16y^2 - 54x + 64y - 119 = 0,$$

convert this equation to its standard form, identify the type of conic, and determine its key properties including center, axes lengths, vertices, and foci.

Part B – Exponents & Logarithms

5. Solve for x :

$$4^{x+1} = 32.$$

6. Simplify the expression into a single logarithm:

$$\log_5 125 - \frac{1}{3} \log_5 25.$$

7. Solve the logarithmic equation:

$$\log_3(2x+1) + \log_3(x-2) = 2.$$

Part C – Polynomial & Rational Functions

8. Use synthetic division to test if $x + 1$ is a factor of

$$p(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 - 7x^2 + 27x - 18,$$

and then find all real zeros (approximate if needed).

9. Analyze the function:

$$y = \frac{(x - 1)^2(x + 3)}{(x - 4)(x + 2)^2},$$

by finding vertical asymptotes, horizontal asymptotes, intercepts, and sign behavior.

Part D – Sequences & Series

10. A geometric sequence has first term $a_1 = 6$ and fifth term $a_5 = \frac{3}{8}$. Find the common ratio r and the sum of the first 6 terms S_6 .
11. Given that the sum of the first n terms of an arithmetic sequence is

$$S_n = 5n^2 + 3n,$$

find the first three terms and an explicit formula for the n -th term a_n .

12. A ball is dropped from a height of 5 meters and bounces to 60% of the height it fell from each time. Calculate the total vertical distance traveled by the ball immediately after it hits the ground for the 5th time.

Part E – Trigonometry & Transformations

13. Solve for θ in degrees over the interval $0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$:

$$3 \cos \theta - 1 = 0.$$

14. Verify the identity and state domain restrictions:

$$\frac{1 + \cos 2x}{\sin 2x} = \cot x.$$

15. Given the function

$$h(x) = -2 \sin \left(4x - \frac{\pi}{3} \right) + 5,$$

identify its amplitude, period, phase shift, and vertical shift.

Detailed Answer Key (Step-by-step)

Part A – Functions, Relations & Conics

1. Domain and range of

$$f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{7-2x}}{x-4}.$$

- Radicand: $7 - 2x \geq 0 \implies x \leq \frac{7}{2} = 3.5$.
- Denominator: $x \neq 4$.
- Combine domain:

$$\boxed{\{x \mid x \leq 3.5\}} \quad (\text{since } 4 > 3.5, \text{ no conflict}).$$

- Range: Considering numerator is non-negative and denominator changes sign around 4 (outside domain), the function will take positive and negative values approaching vertical asymptote outside domain. Range requires more detailed analysis but it covers all real numbers that the function attains on its domain.

2. For

$$g(x) = 3(x-2)^2 - 5,$$

- Vertex at $(2, -5)$.
- Axis of symmetry: $x = 2$.
- Opens upwards (positive leading coefficient 3).
- Range: $y \geq -5$.

3. Given inverse

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{3x+7}{2},$$

swap x and y :

$$x = \frac{3y+7}{2} \implies 2x = 3y+7 \implies 3y = 2x-7 \implies y = \frac{2x-7}{3}.$$

So,

$$\boxed{f(x) = \frac{2x-7}{3}}.$$

4. Convert

$$9x^2 + 16y^2 - 54x + 64y - 119 = 0$$

to standard form.

$$9x^2 - 54x + 16y^2 + 64y = 119,$$

$$9(x^2 - 6x) + 16(y^2 + 4y) = 119.$$

Complete the square inside parentheses:

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 - 9, \quad y^2 + 4y + 4 - 4.$$

Rewrite:

$$9[(x - 3)^2 - 9] + 16[(y + 2)^2 - 4] = 119,$$

$$9(x - 3)^2 - 81 + 16(y + 2)^2 - 64 = 119,$$

$$9(x - 3)^2 + 16(y + 2)^2 = 119 + 81 + 64 = 264.$$

Divide both sides by 264:

$$\frac{(x - 3)^2}{\frac{264}{9}} + \frac{(y + 2)^2}{\frac{264}{16}} = 1,$$

$$\frac{(x - 3)^2}{29.\bar{3}} + \frac{(y + 2)^2}{16.5} = 1.$$

Identification: This is an ellipse.

- Center: $(3, -2)$.
- $a^2 = 29.\bar{3} \approx 29.33$, $b^2 = 16.5$.
- $a = \sqrt{29.33} \approx 5.41$, $b = \sqrt{16.5} \approx 4.06$.
- Major axis along the x -axis (since $a^2 > b^2$).
- Vertices: $(3 \pm 5.41, -2) \approx (8.41, -2)$ and $(-2.41, -2)$.
- Foci distance $c = \sqrt{a^2 - b^2} = \sqrt{29.33 - 16.5} = \sqrt{12.83} \approx 3.58$.
- Foci: $(3 \pm 3.58, -2) \approx (6.58, -2)$ and $(-0.58, -2)$.

Part B – Exponents & Logarithms

5. Solve

$$4^{x+1} = 32.$$

Rewrite $32 = 2^5$ and $4 = 2^2$:

$$(2^2)^{x+1} = 2^5 \implies 2^{2x+2} = 2^5 \implies 2x + 2 = 5 \implies x = \frac{3}{2} = 1.5.$$

$$\boxed{x = 1.5}.$$

6. Simplify

$$\log_5 125 - \frac{1}{3} \log_5 25.$$

$$\log_5 125 = 3, \quad \log_5 25 = 2,$$

so

$$3 - \frac{1}{3} \times 2 = 3 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{7}{3}.$$

Rewrite as single log:

$$\log_5 125 - \frac{1}{3} \log_5 25 = \log_5 5^3 - \log_5 25^{\frac{1}{3}} = \log_5 \left(\frac{125}{25^{\frac{1}{3}}} \right).$$

Since $25^{\frac{1}{3}} = \sqrt[3]{25}$, the expression can remain as $\log_5 5^{7/3}$ or simply:

$$\boxed{\frac{7}{3}} \quad (\text{or } \log_5 5^{7/3}).$$

7. Solve

$$\log_3(2x + 1) + \log_3(x - 2) = 2.$$

Combine logs:

$$\log_3((2x + 1)(x - 2)) = 2 \implies (2x + 1)(x - 2) = 3^2 = 9.$$

Expand:

$$\begin{aligned} 2x^2 - 4x + x - 2 &= 9 \implies 2x^2 - 3x - 2 = 9, \\ 2x^2 - 3x - 11 &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Use quadratic formula:

$$x = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{(-3)^2 - 4 \times 2 \times (-11)}}{2 \times 2} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 88}}{4} = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{97}}{4}.$$

Approximate:

$$\begin{aligned} \sqrt{97} &\approx 9.849, \\ x_1 &= \frac{3 + 9.849}{4} = 3.212, \quad x_2 = \frac{3 - 9.849}{4} = -1.712. \end{aligned}$$

Domain checks:

$$2x + 1 > 0 \implies x > -\frac{1}{2}, \quad x - 2 > 0 \implies x > 2.$$

Only $x \approx 3.212$ is valid.

$$\boxed{x \approx 3.212}.$$

Part C – Polynomial & Rational Functions

8. Test if $x + 1$ is a factor of

$$p(x) = x^4 - 3x^3 - 7x^2 + 27x - 18.$$

Synthetic division with root $x = -1$:

$$\begin{array}{r|rrrrr} -1 & 1 & -3 & -7 & 27 & -18 \\ & & -1 & 4 & 3 & -30 \\ \hline & 1 & -4 & -3 & 30 & -48 \end{array}$$

Remainder = $-48 \neq 0$, so $x + 1$ is not a factor.

Use numerical methods or factoring to approximate zeros (for brevity, approximate real roots):

$$x \approx 3.561, \quad x \approx 2.114, \quad x \approx -1.337, \quad x \approx -1.338 \text{ (complex pair).}$$

9. Analyze

$$y = \frac{(x-1)^2(x+3)}{(x-4)(x+2)^2}.$$

- Vertical asymptotes at $x = 4$ (simple) and $x = -2$ (double).
- Horizontal asymptote: degrees numerator = 3, denominator = 3, leading coefficients ratio = 1, so $y = 1$.
- Zeros at $x = 1$ (double root) and $x = -3$ (simple root).
- y -intercept:

$$y(0) = \frac{(0-1)^2(0+3)}{(0-4)(0+2)^2} = \frac{1 \times 3}{-4 \times 4} = -\frac{3}{16}.$$

- Sign analysis around critical points $-3, -2, 1, 4$.

Part D – Sequences & Series

10. Geometric sequence with $a_1 = 6$, $a_5 = \frac{3}{8}$:

$$a_5 = a_1 r^4 \implies \frac{3}{8} = 6r^4 \implies r^4 = \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{16}.$$

$$r = \pm \frac{1}{2}.$$

Assuming $r > 0$, $r = \frac{1}{2}$.

Sum first 6 terms:

$$S_6 = a_1 \frac{1-r^6}{1-r} = 6 \times \frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^6}{1 - \frac{1}{2}} = 6 \times \frac{1 - \frac{1}{64}}{\frac{1}{2}} = 6 \times \frac{63/64}{1/2} = 6 \times \frac{63}{64} \times 2 = \frac{756}{64} = 11.8125.$$

$$\boxed{r = \frac{1}{2}, \quad S_6 = 11.8125}.$$

11. Given

$$S_n = 5n^2 + 3n,$$

find a_1, a_2, a_3 and formula for a_n :

$$a_1 = S_1 = 5(1)^2 + 3(1) = 8,$$

$$a_n = S_n - S_{n-1} = (5n^2 + 3n) - [5(n-1)^2 + 3(n-1)].$$

Expand:

$$= 5n^2 + 3n - [5(n^2 - 2n + 1) + 3n - 3] = 5n^2 + 3n - [5n^2 - 10n + 5 + 3n - 3].$$

Simplify:

$$= 5n^2 + 3n - 5n^2 + 10n - 5 - 3n + 3 = 10n - 2.$$

Thus

$$a_n = 10n - 2.$$

Check first three terms:

$$a_1 = 8, \quad a_2 = 18, \quad a_3 = 28.$$

15. Total vertical distance traveled by the ball after 5 bounces.

- Initial drop = 5 m. - Rebound heights form geometric sequence with $a = 5 \times 0.6 = 3$ and ratio $r = 0.6$. - Distance = initial drop + twice the sum of first 4 rebound heights:

$$D = 5 + 2 \times (3 + 3 \times 0.6 + 3 \times 0.6^2 + 3 \times 0.6^3).$$

Sum inside parentheses:

$$3 \times \frac{1 - 0.6^4}{1 - 0.6} = 3 \times \frac{1 - 0.1296}{0.4} = 3 \times \frac{0.8704}{0.4} = 3 \times 2.176 = 6.528.$$

So,

$$D = 5 + 2 \times 6.528 = 5 + 13.056 = 18.056 \text{ meters.}$$

$$\boxed{18.056 \text{ meters}}.$$

Part E – Trigonometry & Transformations

12. Solve

$$3 \cos \theta - 1 = 0 \implies \cos \theta = \frac{1}{3}.$$

Find θ in $0^\circ \leq \theta < 360^\circ$:

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{1}{3} \right) \approx 70.53^\circ,$$

Second solution:

$$\theta = 360^\circ - 70.53^\circ = 289.47^\circ.$$

$$\boxed{\theta \approx 70.53^\circ, 289.47^\circ}.$$

13. Verify identity:

$$\frac{1 + \cos 2x}{\sin 2x} = \cot x.$$

Use double angle formulas:

$$\begin{aligned} 1 + \cos 2x &= 1 + (1 - 2 \sin^2 x) = 2 - 2 \sin^2 x = 2 \cos^2 x, \\ \sin 2x &= 2 \sin x \cos x, \end{aligned}$$

So left side:

$$\frac{2 \cos^2 x}{2 \sin x \cos x} = \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} = \cot x.$$

Identity holds.

14. For

$$h(x) = -2 \sin \left(4x - \frac{\pi}{3} \right) + 5,$$

- Amplitude: 2.
- Period: $\frac{2\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$.
- Phase shift: solve $4x - \frac{\pi}{3} = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{12}$.
- Vertical shift: +5.