

# HOMEWORK 1 - MATH 151

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Read each problem **very carefully** before starting to solve it. Two out of the eight problems will be chosen at random and graded. Each problem graded will offer you 5 bonus (extra) points towards your class average. It is necessary to show **all** your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points.

GOOD LUCK!!

1. Find the vertex, the axis of symmetry, the opening direction and the intercepts and, then, roughly (but clearly) sketch the graph of the function  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 18x$  indicating all points collected.
2. Find the vertex, the axis of symmetry, the opening direction and the intercepts and, then, roughly (but clearly) sketch the graph of the function  $f(x) = -x^2 - x + 6$  indicating all points collected.
3. The price  $p$  and the quantity  $x$  sold of a certain product obey the demand equation  $x = -20p + 500, 0 \leq p \leq 25$ .
  - (a) Express the revenue  $R$  as a function of  $x$ .
  - (b) What is the revenue if 20 units are sold?
  - (c) What quantity  $x$  maximizes the revenue?
  - (d) What is the maximum revenue?
  - (e) What price should be charged to maximize the revenue?
4. A farmer with 2000 meters of fencing wants to enclose a rectangular plot that borders on a straight highway. If the farmer does not fence the side along the highway, what is the largest area that can be enclosed?
5. Find the values of the function  $f(x) = x^4$  at the points  $x = -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ . Use those points to roughly sketch the graph of the function  $f(x) = x^4$ . Then use shifts and reflections to sketch the graph of the function  $g(x) = -(x + 2)^4 + 16$ .
6. Show in a neat way the end behavior of the polynomial functions  $f(x) = 4x^5 - 6x^3 - x$  and  $g(x) = -3x^6 + 9x - 1$ .
7. Find the domain of the rational function  $f(x) = \frac{x+6}{x^3-8}$ .
8. Find the domain of the rational function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2+1}{3x^2+5x-2}$ .