

**Math 11 Trimester 1 Practice Exam 1P (319 Points)**  
*N<sup>th</sup> roots, functions, exponential equations*

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**Answers**

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■ **A.**

[1] 5      [2]  $a$       [3] 32

■ **B.**

[1] 1      [2] 1      [3]  $\sqrt{a}$

■ **C.**

[1]  $Q(3, 2)$       [2]  $Q(10, 9)$       [3]  $Q(-3, -1)$

[4] (b) the y-axis.

[5] (d) all of the above.

■ **D.**

[1]  $(0, \infty)$       [2]  $(-\infty, \infty)$

[3]  $P(1, 1)$ ,  $Q(-1, 1)$ ,  $R(0, 0)$  You only need to say two of these.

[4]  $P(1, 1)$ ,  $Q(-1, -1)$ ,  $R(0, 0)$  You only need to say two of these.

[5] Either  $P(0, 0)$  or  $Q(1, 1)$  will do.

■ **E.**

[1]

Proof by counter-example. Let  $f(x) = x + 1$  and  $g(x) = 2x + 1$ . Then  $f(g(x)) = (2x + 1) + 1 = 2x + 2$  and  $g(f(x)) = 2(x + 1) + 1 = 2x + 3$ . In this case  $f(g(x)) \neq g(f(x))$ . Q.E.D.

[2]

$$g(f(x)) = (2x + 1)^2 - 1 = 4x^2 + 4x + 1 - 1 = 4x^2 + 4x.$$

[3]

$$f(f(f(x))) = ((x^{-1})^{-1})^{-1} = \frac{1}{x}$$

[4]

$$f(g(x)) = \sqrt{(x + 2) + 1} = \sqrt{x + 3} \text{ so } f(g(1)) = 2$$

[5]

$$f(x) = x^5 \text{ and } g(x) = 2x^2 + 3$$

[6]

$$D_f = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\} \text{ and } R_f = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \geq 0\}$$

■ **F1**

[1]

Solve  $x = 3y - 2$  for  $y$ . Thus,  $y = f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+2}{3}$

[2]

Solve  $x = \sqrt{y}$  for  $y$ . Thus,  $y = f^{-1}(x) = x^2$ ,  $x \in [0, \infty)$ .

[3]

First, observe that the domain of  $g$  is  $\mathcal{D} = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x \neq \frac{5}{2}\}$ . Then, solve  $x = \frac{1+3y}{5-2y}$  for  $y$ . Thus,  
 $y = f^{-1}(x) = \frac{5x-1}{2x+3}$ .

## ■ F2

[1]

Show that  $f$  is the inverse of  $g$  by demonstrating that  $f(g(x)) = I(x)$ , where  $I(x)$  is the identity element for the set of functions under the operation of composition. Thus,

$$f(g(x)) = 5\left(\frac{x+2}{5}\right) - 2 = x + 2 - 2 = x = I(x). \text{ Q.E.D.}$$

[2]

Show that  $g$  is a 1-1 function, then note that a function is invertible iff it is a 1-1 function, hence  $g$  has an inverse. To show  $g$  is 1-1, show that  $g(x_1) = g(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2$ . Suppose  $g(x_1) = g(x_2)$ . Now,  $g(x_1) = x_1^n$  and  $g(x_2) = x_2^n$ . Then  $x_1^n = x_2^n \implies \sqrt[n]{x_1} = \sqrt[n]{x_2} \implies x_1 = x_2$ . Since  $g(x_1) = g(x_2) \implies x_1 = x_2$ ,  $g$  is, by definition, 1-1, therefore invertible. Q.E.D. (*Where would this proof fail if  $n$  were even instead of odd?*)

## ■ G

[1]  $x = -6 \vee x = 2$       [2]  $x = 6$       [3]  $x = 3$