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Non-Calculator Questions

## **Functions**

Introduction to Functions / Domain & Range / Composite Functions / Inverse **Functions** 

Total Marks	/167	
Very Hard (15 questions)	/47	
Hard (15 questions)	/62	
Medium (12 questions)	/58	

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## **Medium Questions**

1 (a) 
$$f(x) = 3 - 2x$$
  $g(x) = 2x + 3$ 

i) Find f(-3).

[1]

ii) Find gf(-3).

[1]

(2 marks)

**(b)** Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

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

(2 marks)

2

$$g(x) = 2x + 7$$
  $h(x) = 3x - 8$ 

i) Find gh(x) in its simplest form.

[2]

ii) Find  $g^{-1}(x)$ .

 $g^{-1}(x)$  ......[2]

3 (a) 
$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$

$$g(x) = 1 - 2x$$

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$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$
  $g(x) = 1 - 2x$   $h(x) = \frac{1}{x}, x \neq 0$   $j(x) = 5^x$ 

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Find the value of

i) 
$$f(3)$$
,

[1]

[1]

**(b)** Find  $g^{-1}(x)$ .

$$g^{-1}(x) = \dots$$

(2 marks)

(c) Find x when h(x) = 2.

$$X = \dots$$

(1 mark)

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

Solve the equation f(x) = g(1).

 $X = \dots$ 

(2 marks)

**(b)** Find 
$$f^{-1}(x)$$
.

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

(2 marks)

(c) Find 
$$gf(x)$$
 in its simplest form.

(3 marks)

5 
$$f(x) = 3x - 5$$
.

Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

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

(2 marks)

$$f(x) = 2x - 3$$
  $g(x) = 9 - x^2$   $h(x) = 3^x$ 

$$g(x) = 9 - x^2$$

$$h(x) = 3^x$$

Find

i) 
$$f(4)$$
,

- 1	_	

ii) hg(3),

[2]

iii) g(2x) in its simplest form,

[1]

iv) fg(x), in its simplest form.

[2]

(6 marks)

**(b)** Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

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

Find gh(2).

(2 marks)

**(b)** Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

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

(2 marks)

8 f(x) = 7 + 3x.

Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

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

(2 marks)

9 
$$f(x) = x^3$$
  $g(x) = 5x + 2$ 

i) Find gf(x).

[1]

ii) Find  $g^{-1}(x)$ .

$$g^{-1}(x) = \dots$$
 [2]

(3 marks)

$$f(x) = 3x + 4$$

$$f(x) = 3x + 4$$
  $g(x) = 2x - 1$   $h(x) = 3^x$ 

$$h(x) = 3^x$$

Find 
$$g\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$$
.

(1 mark)

**(b)** Find 
$$fh(-1)$$
.

(2 marks)

(c) Find 
$$g^{-1}(x)$$
.

$$g^{-1}(x) = \dots$$

(2 marks)

(d) Find 
$$ff(x)$$
 in its simplest form.

(2 marks)

$$f(x) = 2x - 3$$

$$f(x) = 2x - 3$$
  $g(x) = x^2 + 1$ 

i) Find 
$$gg(2)$$
.

[2]

ii) Find 
$$g(x + 2)$$
, giving your answer in its simplest form.

iii) Find x when f(x) = 7.

$$X = \dots [2]$$

iv) Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

$$f^{-1}(x) = \dots [2]$$

(8 marks)

12 (a) 
$$f(x) = 3x - 2$$
$$g(x) = \frac{10}{x+2}$$

Express the inverse function  $f^{-1}$  in the form  $f^{-1}(x) = ...$ 

(2 marks)

**(b)** Find gf(x)Simplify your answer.



## **Hard Questions**

1 (a) 
$$g(x) = 2x + 3$$
  $h(x) = 2^x$ 

Find x when gg(x) = 7.



(3 marks)

**(b)** Find *x* when 
$$h^{-1}(x) = 5$$
.

**2** 
$$f(x) = 3x^2 + a$$
 where *a* is an integer.  $f(-2) = 19$ 

Find the value of *a*.

$$a = \dots$$

(2 marks)

3 (a) 
$$f(x) = 4 - 3x$$
  $g(x) = x^2 + x$   $h(x) = 3^x$ 

Find fh(2).

**(b)** Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

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

(2 marks)

(c) Simplify.

i) 
$$f(1-2x)$$

[2]

ii) 
$$gf(x) - 9g(x)$$

[4]

(6 marks)

4 (a) 
$$f(x) = 4x + 3$$
  $g(x) = 5x - 4$   $fg(x) = 20x + p$ 

Find the value of p.

(2 marks)

**(b)** 
$$h(x) = \frac{5x-1}{3}$$

Find  $h^{-1}(x)$ .

$$h^{-1}(x) = \dots$$

(3 marks)

5 
$$f(x) = 7x - 4$$

Find the value of x when f(x+2) = -11.

(2 marks)

**6** 
$$f(x) = 3x - 5$$
  $g(x) = 2^x$ 

Find fg(3).

(2 marks)

7 
$$g(x) = \frac{10}{x}, x \neq 0$$
.

Solve.

$$g(2x+1)=4$$

*X* = .....

(3 marks)

8 (a) 
$$f(x) = 2x - 3$$
  $g(x) = 9 - x^2$ 

Find x when 5f(x) = 3.

(2 marks)

**(b)** Solve the equation 
$$gf(x) = -16$$
.

$$X = .....$$
 or  $X = ....$ 

(4 marks)

9 
$$f(x) = 2x + 3$$

Find f(1-x) in its simplest form.

(2 marks)

10

$$f(x) = 7 + 3x$$
  $g(x) = x^4$ 

$$g(x) = x^4$$

Find the value of x when f(x) = g(2).



(2 marks)

**11** 
$$h(x) = ax^2 + 1$$

Find the value of a when h(-2) = 21.



(2 marks)

12 
$$f(x) = 3x + 4$$
.

Find  $(f(x))^2$  in the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$ .

(2 marks)

$$f(x) = 5 - 2x$$
  $g(x) = x^2 + 8$ 

$$g(x) = x^2 + 8$$

Calculate ff(-3)

(b) Find

i) g(2x),

[1]

ii)  $f^{-1}(x)$ .

 $f^{-1}(x) = \dots [2]$ 

(3 marks)

14

$$f(x) = 8 - 3x$$

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  $g(x) = \frac{10}{x+1}, x \ne -1$   $h(x) = 2^x$ 

$$h(x) = 2^x$$

Find

i) 
$$hf\left(\frac{8}{3}\right)$$
,

[2]

ii) gh(-2),

[2]

iii) 
$$g^{-1}(x)$$
,

$$g^{-1}(x) = \dots [3]$$

iv) 
$$f^{-1}f(5)$$
.

[1]

(8 marks)

15 (a) 
$$f(x) = 7 - x$$
  $g(x) = 4x + 2$   $h(x) = 15 - x^2$ 

Find ff(2).

(2 marks)

**(b)** Find gf(x) in its simplest form.

(2 marks)

(c) Find h(2x) in its simplest form.

## **Very Hard Questions**

$$g(x) = 1 - 2x$$

Find the value of

Find g(x)g(x) - gg(x), giving your answer in the form  $ax^2 + bx + c$ .

(4 marks)

2 
$$j(x) = 5^x$$
.

Find x when  $j^{-1}(x) = 2$ .

(1 mark)

3 
$$h(x) = 3^x$$
.

Find the value of k for which  $\frac{1}{h(x)} = 9^{kx}$ 

4 
$$f(x) = 3x + 2$$
  $g(x) = x^2 + 1$ 

$$g(x) = x^2 + 1$$

Find 
$$\frac{g(x)}{f(x)} + x$$
.

Give your answer as a single fraction, in terms of x, in its simplest form.

(3 marks)

5 
$$h(x) = x^2$$

Find the values of p that satisfy h(p) = p.

(2 marks)

6 (a) 
$$f(x) = 7 - 2x$$
  $g(x) = \frac{10}{x}, x \neq 0$   $h(x) = 27^x$ 

Simplify, giving your answer as a single fraction.

$$\frac{1}{f(x)} + g(x)$$

(3 marks)

**(b)** Find 
$$h^{-1}(19683)$$
.

(1 mark)

7 
$$h(x) = 3^x$$
.

Find *x* when  $h^{-1}(x) = -2$ .

(1 mark)

$$f(x) = 7x - 2$$

$$g(x) = x^2 + 1$$

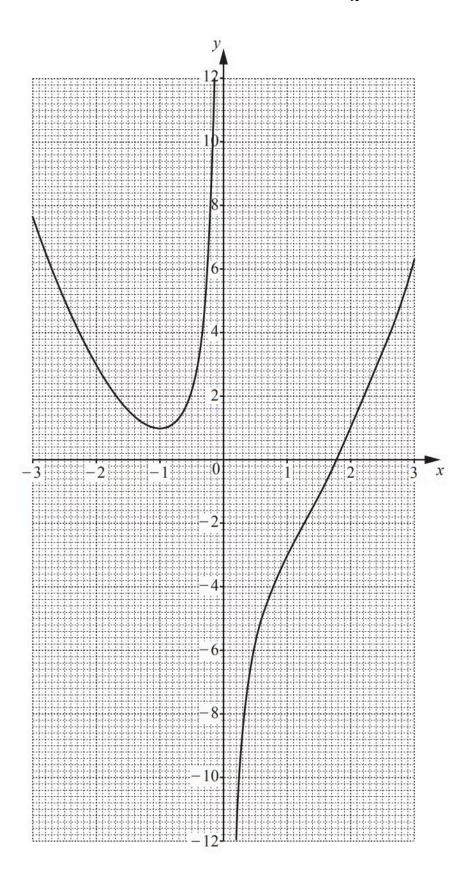
$$h(x) = 3^x$$

 $gg(x) = ax^4 + bx^2 + c$  Find the values of a, b, and c.

**(b)** Find *x* when hf(x) = 81.

(3 marks)

**9** The diagram shows the graph of y = f(x) where  $f(x) = x^2 - \frac{2}{x} - 2$ ,  $x \ne 0$ .



Use the graph to find

i) 
$$f(1)$$
.

[1]

ii) 
$$ff(-2)$$
.

[2]

(3 marks)

**10** 
$$h(x) = 3^x$$
.

If  $h(3x) = k^x$ , find the value of k.

(2 marks)

$$g(x) = 2x - 1$$
  $h(x) = 3^x$ 

$$h(x) = 3^{x}$$

Find *x* when  $h^{-1}(x) = g(2)$ .

(2 marks)

12 The functions  $\boldsymbol{f}$  and  $\boldsymbol{g}$  are such that

f(x) = 5x + 3 g(x) = ax + b where a and b are constants.

$$g(3) = 20$$
 and  $f^{-1}(33) = g(1)$ 

Find the value of a and the value of b.

(5 marks)

**13** 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}x$$
  $g(x) = x - x^2$ 

Solve 
$$f^{-1}(x) = gf(x)$$

(4 marks)

**14** 
$$f(x) = \frac{2x}{5} - 1$$

Work out the value of  $f^{-1}(3) + f(-0.5)$ 

(5 marks)

**15** 
$$f(x) = 5 - x$$
 and  $g(x) = 3x + 7$   
Simplify  $f(2x) + g(x - 1)$ 

(3 marks)