

Function Analysis Free Response

#1

- (a) f has horizontal tangent when $f'(x) = 0$.
This occurs at $x = -7, -1, 4, 8$.
- (b) f has a relative maxima when $f'(x)$ changes from positive to negative. This occurs at $x = -1, 8$.
- (c) f is concave down when the slope of $f'(x)$ is negative (where $f'(x)$ is decreasing). This occurs in the intervals $(-3, 2)$ and $(6, 10)$.

#2

- (a) f attains a relative minimum when $f'(x)$ changes from negative to positive. This occurs at $x = -1$.
- (b) f attains a relative maximum when $f'(x)$ changes from positive to negative. This occurs at $x = -5$.
- (c) $f''(x) < 0$ when $f'(x)$ is decreasing.
This occurs in the intervals $(-7, -3)$, $(2, 3)$ and $(3, 5)$.
Note: 3 is not included because there is a vertical tangent at $x = 3$, therefore $f'(x)$ is not differentiable at $x = 3$.
- (d) f attains its absolute maximum at an endpoint or at its relative maxima at $x = -5$.
 $f(-5) > f(-7)$ because $f(x)$ is increasing on $(-7, -5)$ ($f'(x) > 0$ there).
The graph shows that the net change from $x = -5$ to $x = 7$ is positive, so the absolute maximum is at $x = 7$.

#3

Ⓐ Points of inflection occur when f' changes from increasing to decreasing at $x=1$ and when f' changes from decreasing to increasing at $x=3$.

Ⓑ Absolute minimum occurs at an endpoint or at the relative minima at $x=4$. Because the graph of f decreases from $x=-1$ to $x=4$, and then increases from $x=4$ to $x=5$, the absolute minimum must occur at $x=4$.

• The absolute maximum must occur at $x=-1$ or $x=5$ because there are no relative maxima in the interval $[-1, 5]$.

$$\int_{-1}^5 f'(t) dt = f(5) - f(-1) < 0 \quad (\text{more area under the } x\text{-axis})$$

Because $f(5) - f(-1) < 0$,

then $f(5) < f(-1)$

so the absolute maximum occurs at $x=-1$.

Ⓒ $g(x) = x f(x)$

$$g'(x) = x f'(x) + f(x)$$

$$g'(2) = 2(f'(2)) + f(2)$$

(Note: find $f'(2)$ on the graph!) $\rightarrow = 2(-1) + 6$
 $= 4$

slope of the tangent = 4

(Note: this info. given)

point: $g(2) = 2 f(2) = 2(6) = 12$

$$y - 12 = 4(x - 2)$$

#4

$$f(0)=5 \quad f'(x) = e^{-\frac{x}{4}} \sin(x^2)$$

(a) f' is decreasing on the interval $(1.7, 1.9)$ so f is concave down on the interval.

(b) There is a relative maxima when $f'(x)=0$. This occurs at $x=1.772$. The absolute maximum will occur at an endpoint or at $x=1.772$. Because $f' > 0$ on the interval $(0, 1.772)$, f is increasing on the interval, therefore $f(0) < f(1.772)$.

$$f(1.772) = f(0) + \int_0^{1.772} f'(x) dx = 5 + \int_0^{1.772} f'(x) dx = 5.679$$

$$f(3) = f(0) + \int_0^3 f'(x) dx = 5 + \int_0^3 f'(x) dx = 5.579$$

This shows that f has an absolute maximum at $x=1.772$.

(c) $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \quad m = f'(2) = -0.459$

$$f(2) = f(0) + \int_0^2 f'(x) dx = 5.623$$

$$y - 5.623 = -0.459(x - 2)$$