

Do your own work on separate paper. Leave plenty of margin and plenty of room around your work. I'm not impressed if you squeeze more work into a smaller space. To the contrary. At the end, please make sure your problems are in order. I'm too old and ornery to want to go on a scavenger hunt to award you points.

- (20 pts) Starting with  $f(x) = 3^x$ , sketch the graph of  $g(x) = -2 \cdot 3^{6x+18} + 4$  in 5 steps (counting  $f(x) = 3^x$  as the first step). Use  $x = -1, x = 0$ , and  $x = 1$  to find 3 points in the first graph, and show how these 3 points are moved around by each step in the transformation to  $g(x)$ .
- (10 pts) Find the *exact*  $x$ - and  $y$ -intercepts for  $f(x)$  from #1.
- Let  $f(x) = \sqrt{x-6}$  and  $g(x) = x^2 + x - 6$ .
  - (5 pts) What is the domain of  $f$  ?
  - (5 pts) What is the domain of  $g$  ?
  - (5 pts) Determine  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x)$ . (Sometimes just called " $\frac{g}{f}$ " in the text.). Do not simplify.
  - (5 pts) What is the domain of  $\left(\frac{g}{f}\right)(x)$ ?
  - (5 pts) Determine  $(f \circ g)(x)$  (Again, sometimes just called  $f \circ g$ )
- (5 pts) What is the domain of  $\sqrt{\frac{(x-3)(x+5)^3}{(x-4)^2}}$  ?
- (5 pts) What is the domain of  $\ln\left(\frac{(x-3)(x+5)^3}{(x-4)^2}\right)$ ?
- (10 pts) Let  $f(x) = 2^{5x-2} - 8$ . Find  $f^{-1}(x)$ .
- (10 pts) Solve  $\ln(x-3) + \ln(x+2) = \ln(2x+4)$ .
- Suppose the half-life of C-14 is 5500 years. (It isn't, quite, but just suppose...).
  - (10 pts) Derive the exponential decay model,  $A(t) = A_0 e^{kt}$ . The trick is to use the half-life to find the relative decay rate,  $k$ .
  - (5 pts) How old is a sample of charcoal from a prehistoric fire pit, if 37% of the C-14 has decayed (i.e., 63% is left.) ? Round to the nearest year in your final answer.

**Bonus** Answer up to three (3) 5-pointers. That's a total of 15 bonus points possible.

**B 1** (5 pts) Solve the absolute value inequality:  $|-5x + 8| - 11 > -2$

**B 2** (5 pts) Re-write  $f(x) = 5x^2 - 3x + 1$  in the form  $a(x - h)^2 + k$ .

**B 3** (5 pts) Solve the exponential equation  $3 \cdot (7.7)^x = 11 \cdot (2.1)^x$

**B 4** John can finish a job in 6 hours that it takes Bill 11 hours to finish. Suppose Bill shows up and starts working 2 hours before John shows up, and then they work together until the job is done. How many hours does each of the two end up working?

**B 5** Find the geometric sums:

a) (5 pts)  $1 + 49 + 343 + \dots + 5,764,801$

b) (5 pts)  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 5 \cdot \left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^{n-1}$

**B 6** (5 pts) Prove that  $\sum_{k=1}^n a \cdot r^{k-1} = a \left( \frac{1 - r^n}{1 - r} \right)$

**B 7** What's the domain of  $(f \circ g)(x)$  from problem #2e, above?