

## 2.3 | Solutions

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1. (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} [f(x) + 5g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} [5g(x)]$  [Limit Law 1]  
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x) + 5 \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x)$  [Limit Law 3]  
 $= 4 + 5(-2) = -6$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} [g(x)]^3 = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x) \right]^3$  [Limit Law 6]  
 $= (-2)^3 = -8$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \sqrt{f(x)} = \sqrt{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)}$  [Limit Law 11]  
 $= \sqrt{4} = 2$

(d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{3f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} [3f(x)]}{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x)}$  [Limit Law 5]  
 $= \frac{3 \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x)}$  [Limit Law 3]  
 $= \frac{3(4)}{-2} = -6$

(e) Because the limit of the denominator is 0, we can't use Limit Law 5. The given limit,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{g(x)}{h(x)}$ , does not exist because the denominator approaches 0 while the numerator approaches a nonzero number.

(f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} \frac{g(x)h(x)}{f(x)} = \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} [g(x)h(x)]}{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)}$  [Limit Law 5]  
 $= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} g(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} h(x)}{\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} f(x)}$  [Limit Law 4]  
 $= \frac{-2 \cdot 0}{4} = 0$

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -2} (3x^4 + 2x^2 - x + 1) = \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} 3x^4 + \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} 2x^2 - \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} 1$  [Limit Laws 1 and 2]  
 $= 3 \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} x^4 + 2 \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} x^2 - \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} x + \lim_{x \rightarrow -2} 1$  [3]  
 $= 3(-2)^4 + 2(-2)^2 - (-2) + (1)$  [9, 8, and 7]  
 $= 48 + 8 + 2 + 1 = 59$

8.  $\lim_{u \rightarrow -2} \sqrt{u^4 + 3u + 6} = \sqrt{\lim_{u \rightarrow -2} (u^4 + 3u + 6)}$  [11]  
 $= \sqrt{\lim_{u \rightarrow -2} u^4 + 3 \lim_{u \rightarrow -2} u + \lim_{u \rightarrow -2} 6}$  [1, 2, and 3]  
 $= \sqrt{(-2)^4 + 3(-2) + 6}$  [9, 8, and 7]  
 $= \sqrt{16 - 6 + 6} = \sqrt{16} = 4$

$$11. \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + x - 6}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x + 3)(x - 2)}{x - 2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x + 3) = 2 + 3 = 5$$

$$17. \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(4 + h)^2 - 16}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(16 + 8h + h^2) - 16}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{8h + h^2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h(8 + h)}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} (8 + h) = 8 + 0 = 8$$

$$\begin{aligned}30. \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + 9} - 5}{x + 4} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{(\sqrt{x^2 + 9} - 5)(\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 5)}{(x + 4)(\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{(x^2 + 9) - 25}{(x + 4)(\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 5)} \\&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x^2 - 16}{(x + 4)(\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 5)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{(x + 4)(x - 4)}{(x + 4)(\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 5)} \\&= \lim_{x \rightarrow -4} \frac{x - 4}{\sqrt{x^2 + 9} + 5} = \frac{-4 - 4}{\sqrt{16 + 9} + 5} = \frac{-8}{5 + 5} = -\frac{4}{5}\end{aligned}$$