

**HOWARD UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Mathematics**  
**College Algebra 1 - Math 006**  
**Final Examination**  
**Tuesday April 30, 2013**

**Instructions:** This examination consists of 16 exercises worth a total of 200pts. Answer all questions. Show your work neatly. Calculators are not allowed.

1. [10 points] Find all real solutions. If there are none, say so.

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

(b)  $\frac{x}{x-1} = \frac{x+2}{x-3}$

2. [15 points] How much pure alcohol should be added to 1 liter of a 30% alcohol solution to get a 50% solution?

3. [15 points] Solve the following equations.

(a)  $x^2 - 2x - 24 = 0$

(b)  $\sqrt{x-2} = x - 4$

4. [15 points] Solve the following inequalities, writing your answer in interval notation.

(a)  $2x + 3 < 4x - 1$

(b)  $|3x - 1| < 5$

(c)  $|4 - x| > 2$

5. [10 points] Let  $A = (2, 1)$  and  $B = (-6, 5)$ .

(a) Find the distance between  $A$  and  $B$ .

(b) Find the midpoint of the line segment between  $A$  and  $B$ .

6. [15 points]

(a) Write an equation for the circle with center  $(3, -1)$  and radius  $\sqrt{5}$

(b) Find the center and radius of the circle with equation

$$x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 4y - 3 = 0.$$

7. [10 points] Find an equation for the line through  $(6, 2)$  and perpendicular to the line passing through  $(1, 1)$  and  $(7, 4)$ .

8. [15 points] Write the equation expressing the facts that  $t$  is jointly proportional to  $r$  and  $s$  and inversely proportional to  $u$ , and that if  $r = 3$ ,  $s = 2$ , and  $u = 12$ , then  $t = 15$ .

9. [10 points] Find the domain of the function  $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{4-x^2}}{x}$ .

10. [10 points] Oliver has to borrow \$15,000 for a year in order to pay his school debts. His bank offers to lend him the money at a simple interest rate of 8% per year.

(a) How much money will Oliver owe in interest?

(b) How much does Oliver have to pay the bank at the end of the one year?

11. [10 points] Jasmine deposits \$2,000 in a savings account at the bank. The bank offers 5% interest compounded quarterly. How much will Jasmine have in the savings account after 1 year? Leave your answer as a fraction raised to a power. Do not calculate.

12. [10 points] Find the average rate of change of the function  $f(x) = x^4 - 4x$  between  $x = -1$  and  $x = 3$ .

13. [10 points] How many complete revolutions a circular disk with radius 3 feet would have made when it has rolled 94.2 feet? (Take  $\pi = 3.14$ )

14. [15 points] Let  $f(x) = 3^x$ .

a) What is  $f(4)$ ?

b) If  $f(x) = \frac{1}{9}$ , What is  $x$ ?

c) Sketch the graph of the function  $f$ .

15. [15 points] Sketch the graph of the quadratic function

$f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 2$ , clearly showing the  $x$ - and  $y$ - intercepts, as well as the vertex.

16. [10 points]

a) If  $4^{-x} = 7$ , what is  $4^{2x}$  equal to?

b) If  $2^x = 3$ , what is  $4^{-x}$  equal to?