



Math 521B
Selected Response
Item Bank

Course: Math 521B

Outcome: AN3

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-63-AN3-2

Which of the following equations has no solution?

Ⓐ $-8\sqrt{4+x} + 5 = -3$

Ⓑ $2\sqrt{x-5} - 6 = -2$

Ⓒ $6 + 2\sqrt{x-8} = 4$

Ⓓ $2 - 3\sqrt{x+4} = -7$

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Outcome: AN3

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-64-AN3-2

Which of the following equations has no solution?

Ⓐ $\sqrt{2x+1} - 9 = -2$

Ⓑ $-\sqrt{2x+1} + 9 = -2$

Ⓒ $\sqrt{2x+1} + 9 = 2$

Ⓓ $9 - \sqrt{2x+1} = 2$

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Outcome: AN4

Level: 1

Item #: 2015-61-AN4-1

Identify the non-permissible values for the following ration expression:

$$\frac{x-2}{x^2-5x+6}$$

- Ⓐ $x \neq 2, 3$
- Ⓑ $x \neq 3$
- Ⓒ $x \neq 0, 2, 3$
- Ⓓ $x \neq -3, -2$

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Outcome: AN4

Level: 1

Item #: 2015-62-AN4-1

Identify the non-permissible values for the following ration expression:

$$\frac{x-3}{2x^2-6x}$$

- Ⓐ $x \neq 0, -3$
- Ⓑ $x \neq 0, 3$
- Ⓒ $x \neq 0$
- Ⓓ $x \neq 3$

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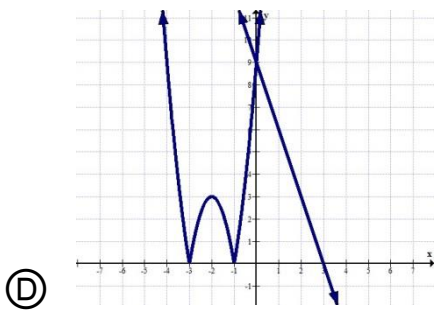
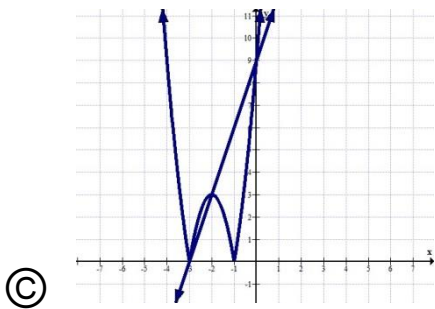
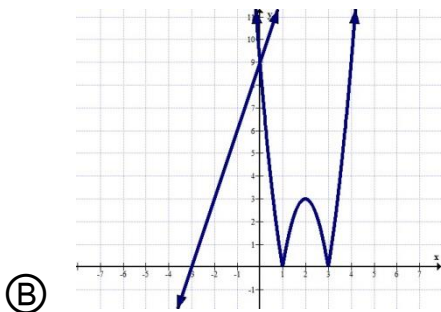
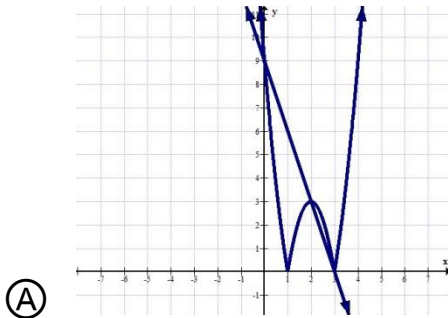
Outcome: RF2

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-72-RF2-2

Détermine le graphique qui correspond à la solution de l'équation suivante:

$$|3(x-2)^2 - 3| = -3x + 9$$



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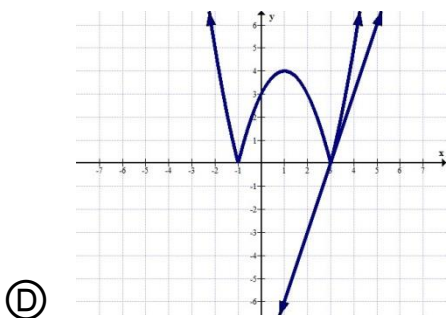
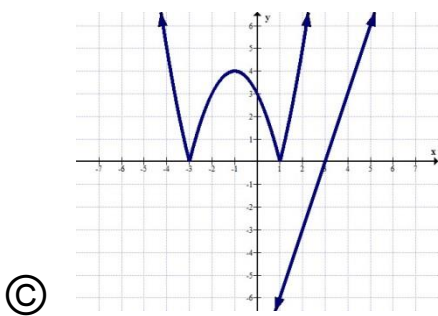
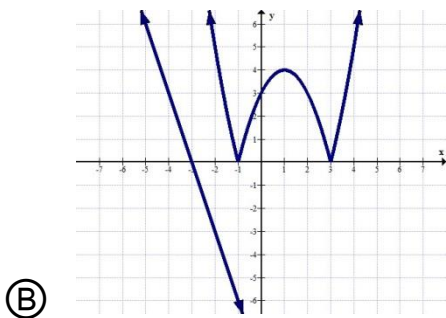
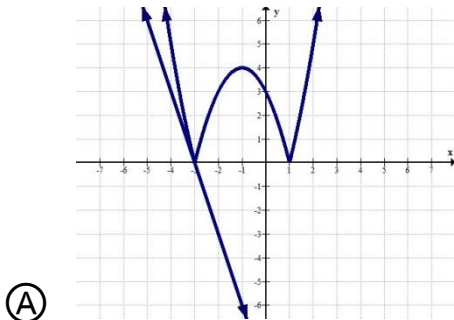
Outcome: RF2

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Item #: 2015-71-RF2-2

Détermine le graphique qui correspond à la solution de l'équation suivante:

$$|x^2 - 2x - 3| = 3x - 9$$



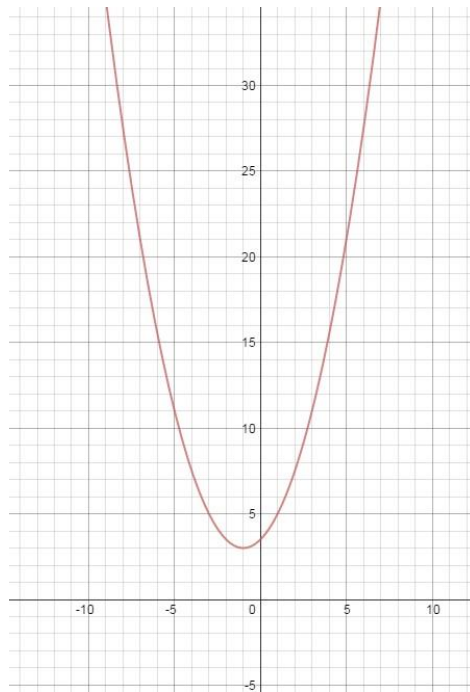
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Item #: 2015-69-RF3-2

À partir de ce graphique, détermine l'équation de la fonction quadratique de la form canonique.



Ⓐ $y = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)^2 + 3$

Ⓑ $y = 2(x + 1)^2 + 3$

Ⓒ $y = \frac{1}{2}(x + 1)^2 + 3$

Ⓓ $y = 2(x - 1)^2 + 3$

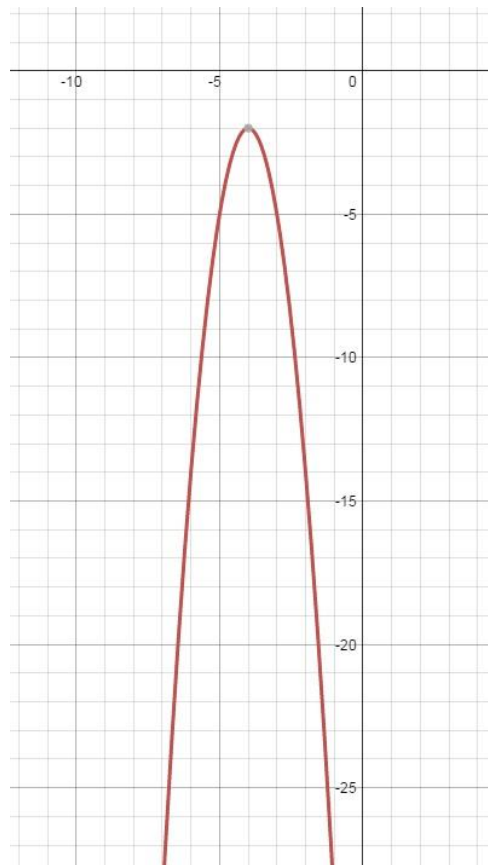
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Level: 2

Item #: 2015-68-RF3-2

a partir de ce graphique, determine l'equation de la fonction quadratique de la form canonique.



- Ⓐ $f(x) = -3(x - 4)^2 - 2$
- Ⓑ $f(x) = -3(x + 4)^2 - 2$
- Ⓒ $f(x) = -3(x - 4)^2 + 2$
- Ⓓ $f(x) = 3(x + 4)^2 - 2$

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Outcome: RF3

Level: 3

Item #: 2015-66-RF3-3

A pelican dives from the top of a bridge towards the water to catch a salmon. The height, h in meters, of the pelican above the water, t seconds after it begins its dive can be approximated by the function $h(t) = 3t^2 - 15t + 12$.

What is the height of the bird in relation to the bridge after 2 seconds?

- Ⓐ The pelican is below the water level.
- Ⓑ The pelican is in the air above the height of the bridge.
- Ⓒ The pelican is at the surface level of the water.
- Ⓓ The pelican is in the air below the height of the bridge but above the water.

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Outcome: RF3

Level: 3

Item #: 2015-65-RF3-3

A meatball is tossed upward from the stage in the cafeteria and falls to the ground. The approximate height, h in meters, of the meatball above the floor t seconds after being tossed is modelled by the function $h(t) = -5t^2 + 9t + 2$

What is the height of the meatball in relation to the cafeteria stage after 1 second?

- Ⓐ The meatball has hit the ground.
- Ⓑ The meatball is in the air below the height of the stage.
- Ⓒ The meatball is in the air above the stage.
- Ⓓ The meatball is in the air at the same height as the stage.

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Outcome: RF4

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-10-RF4-2

Fireworks launched from a platform are modelled by the quadratic $h(t) = -0.05t^2 + 3t + 15$. What is the max height that the fireworks will reach?

- Ⓐ 15 m
- Ⓑ 60 m
- Ⓒ 345 m
- Ⓓ 845 m

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Outcome: RF4

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-9-RF4-2

Place the following quadratic function into vertex form.

$$y = -4x^2 - 8x + 2$$

Ⓐ $y = -4(x + 1)^2 + 6$

Ⓑ $y = -4(x - 4)^2 + 66$

Ⓒ $y = -4(x + 1)^2 + 1$

Ⓓ $y = -4(x - 1)^2 + 6$

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Outcome: RF6

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-37-RF6-2

Solve the following system of equations:

$$y = 2x + 2$$

$$y = x^2 + 6x + 5$$

- Ⓐ $x = -7$ or $x = -1$
- Ⓑ $(-3, -4)$ and $(-1, 1)$
- Ⓒ $(-7, -12)$ and $(-1, 1)$
- Ⓓ $x = -3$ or $x = -1$

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Outcome: RF6

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-36-RF6-2

Solve the following system of equations:

$$y = x + 3$$

$$y = x^2 + 4x + 3$$

- Ⓐ No solution
- Ⓑ $(-3,0)$ and $(-2,1)$
- Ⓒ $x = 0$ and $x = 3$
- Ⓓ $(0,3)$ and $(-3,0)$

Course: Math 521B

Outcome: RF8

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-53-RF8-2

Which of the following inequalities would have the given solution:

$$1 \leq x \leq 3$$

Ⓐ $x^2 - 4x + 3 \leq 0$

Ⓑ $x^2 - 4x + 3 \geq 0$

Ⓒ $x^2 - 4x + 3 < 0$

Ⓓ $x^2 - 4x + 3 > 0$

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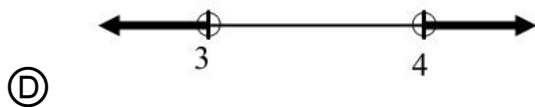
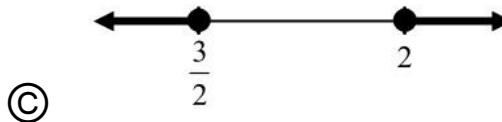
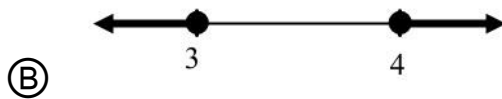
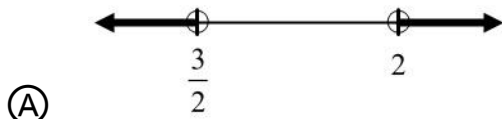
Outcome: RF8

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-56-RF8-2

Solve by number line:

$$2x^2 - 7x + 6 \geq 0$$



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Outcome: RF8

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-55-RF8-2

Solve:

$$-x^2 - 8x - 7 < 0$$

- Ⓐ $-7 < x < -1$
- Ⓑ $x < 1$ or $x > 7$
- Ⓒ $x > -1$ or $x > -7$
- Ⓓ $1 < x < 7$

Course: Math 521B

Outcome: RF8

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-54-RF8-2

Which of the following inequalities would have the given solution:

$$x < 2 \text{ or } x > 3$$

- Ⓐ $-x^2 + 5x - 6 > 0$
- Ⓑ $-x^2 + 5x - 6 \leq 0$
- Ⓒ $-x^2 + 5x - 6 \geq 0$
- Ⓓ $-x^2 + 5x - 6 < 0$

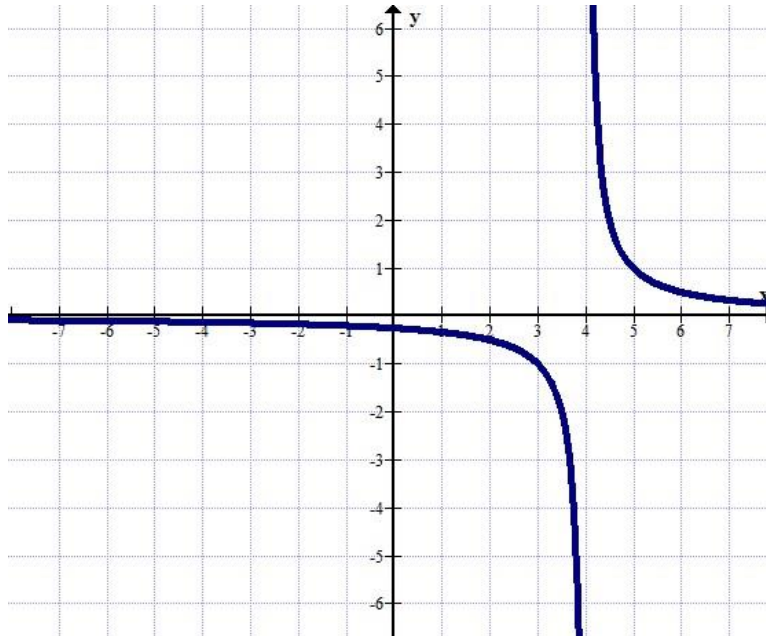
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Outcome: RF11

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-70-RF1-2

Shown is a graph at $y = \frac{1}{f(x)}$. What is the x-intercept of the graph at $y = f(x)$?



Ⓐ $x = 4$

Ⓑ $x = 1$

Ⓒ $x = -1$

Ⓓ $x = 0$

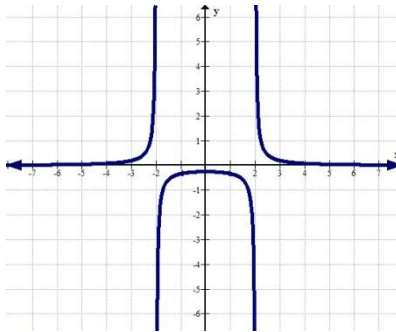
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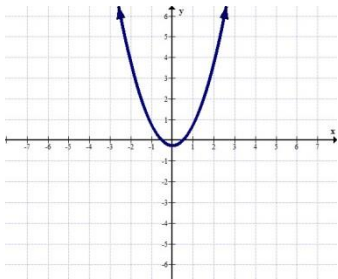
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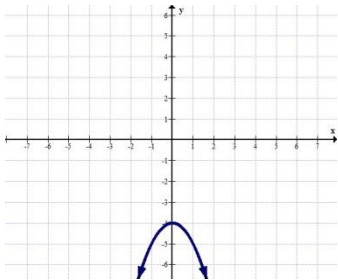
The graph of $y = \frac{1}{f(x)}$ is shown. Identify the graph at $y = f(x)$.



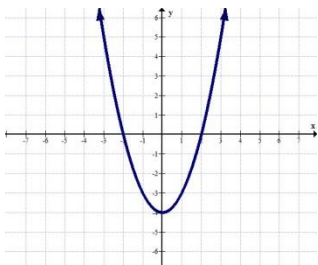
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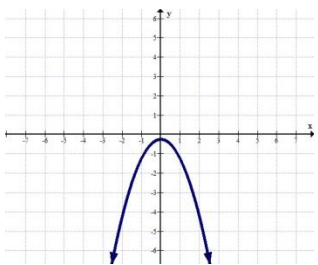
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(C)



(D)



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Outcome: T2

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-60-T2-2

Given the point $(-3,4)$, determine the exact ratio for $\cos \theta$.

Ⓐ $\frac{-3}{\sqrt{7}}$

Ⓑ $\frac{-3}{5}$

Ⓒ $\frac{4}{5}$

Ⓓ $\frac{4}{\sqrt{7}}$

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Outcome: T2

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-59-T2-2

Given $\sin\theta = \frac{-2}{5}$ and θ is a quadrant III angle, determine the exact ratio for $\tan\theta$.

Ⓐ $\frac{-2}{\sqrt{21}}$

Ⓑ $\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}$

Ⓒ $\frac{-2}{\sqrt{29}}$

Ⓓ $\frac{2}{\sqrt{21}}$

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Outcome: T2

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-58-T2-2

Determine the exact ratio for $\sin \theta$ when $\theta = 300^\circ$.

Ⓐ $\frac{-1}{2}$

Ⓑ $\frac{1}{2}$

Ⓒ $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Ⓓ $\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$

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Outcome: T2

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-57-T2-2

Determine the exact ratio for $Tan \theta$ when $\theta = 135^\circ$.

Ⓐ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Ⓑ -1

Ⓒ 1

Ⓓ $\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$



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Outcome: AN3

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-63-AN3-2

Which of the following equations has no solution?

Ⓐ $-8\sqrt{4+x} + 5 = -3$

= -, not possible

Ⓑ $2\sqrt{x-5} - 6 = -2$

= -, not possible

Ⓒ $6 + 2\sqrt{x-8} = 4$

Correct Answer

Ⓓ $2 - 3\sqrt{x+4} = -7$

= -, think no solution

Which of the following equations has no solution?

Ⓐ $\sqrt{2x+1} - 9 = -2$

= -, so think it's not possible, didn't isolate radical

Ⓑ $-\sqrt{2x+1} + 9 = -2$

= -, so think it's not possible, didn't isolate radical

Ⓒ $\sqrt{2x+1} + 9 = 2$

Correct Answer

Ⓓ $9 - \sqrt{2x+1} = 2$

Forgot to divide by the negative

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Outcome: AN4

Level: 1

Item #: 2015-61-AN4-1

Identify the non-permissible values for the following ration expression:

$$\frac{x-2}{x^2-5x+6}$$

Ⓐ $x \neq 2, 3$

Correct Answer

Ⓑ $x \neq 3$

They are reducing the rational expression before determining the non-permissible value

Ⓒ $x \neq 0, 2, 3$

Students believe all rational expressions must have a non-permissible value of x not equal 0, because it is not possible to divide by zero.

Ⓓ $x \neq -3, -2$

Students are forgetting to solve the quadratic by setting each factored binomial equal to zero.

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Outcome: AN4

Level: 1

Item #: 2015-62-AN4-1

Identify the non-permissible values for the following ration expression:

$$\frac{x-3}{2x^2-6x}$$

Ⓐ $x \neq 0, -3$

Using the wrong value of x

Ⓑ $x \neq 0, 3$

Correct Answer

Ⓒ $x \neq 0$

Stating the non-permissible after cancelling

Ⓓ $x \neq 3$

They forget to include the factored monomial expression "2x" on the bottom

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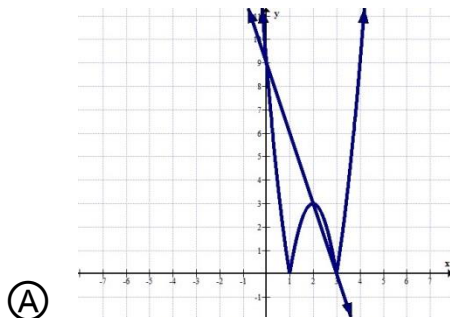
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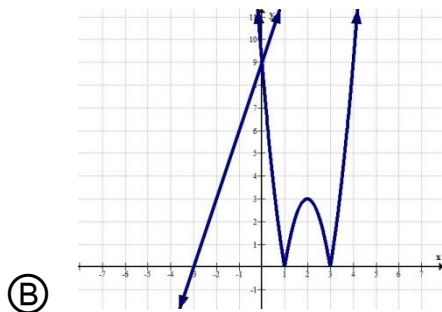
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Détermine le graphique qui correspond à la solution de l'équation suivante:

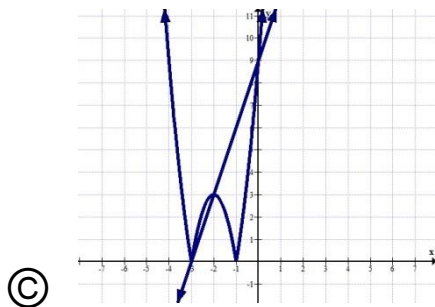
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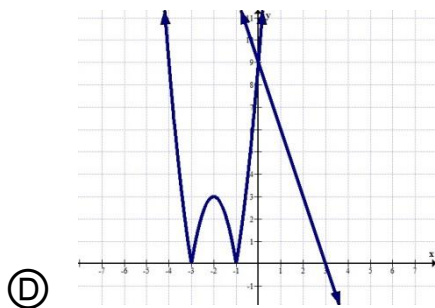
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mauvais sommet et mauvaise pente



mauvais emplacement du sommet

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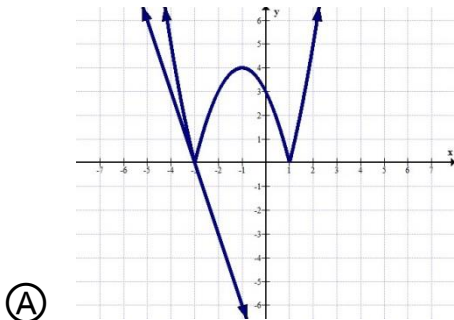
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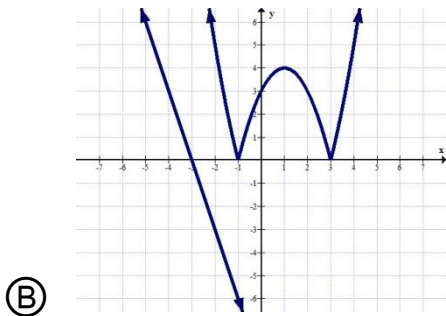
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Détermine le graphique qui correspond à la solution de l'équation suivante:

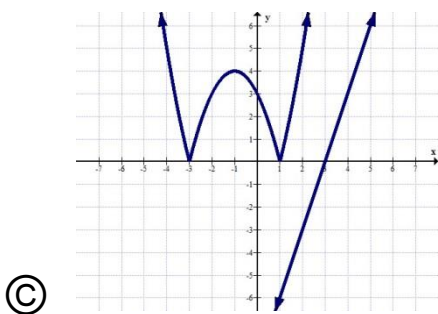
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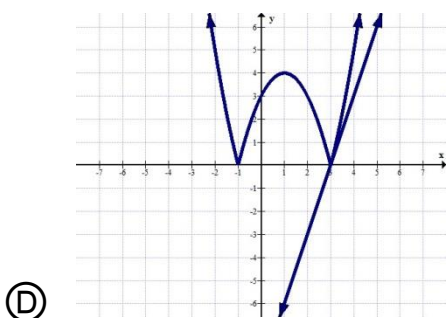
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Pente inversée



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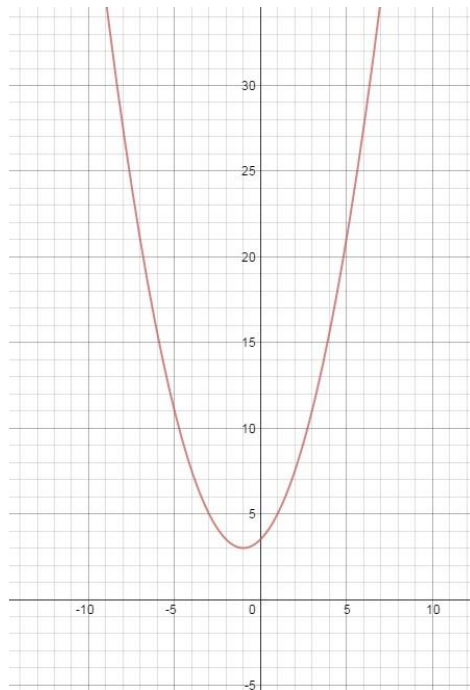
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Outcome: RF3

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-69-RF3-2

À partir de ce graphique, détermine l'équation de la fonction quadratique de la form canonique.



Ⓐ $y = \frac{1}{2}(x - 1)^2 + 3$

Erreur du signe de "p"

Ⓑ $y = 2(x + 1)^2 + 3$

Erreur de calcul pendant la détermination de la valeur de "a"

Ⓒ $y = \frac{1}{2}(x + 1)^2 + 3$

Bonne réponse

Ⓓ $y = 2(x - 1)^2 + 3$

Combinaison des deux erreurs.

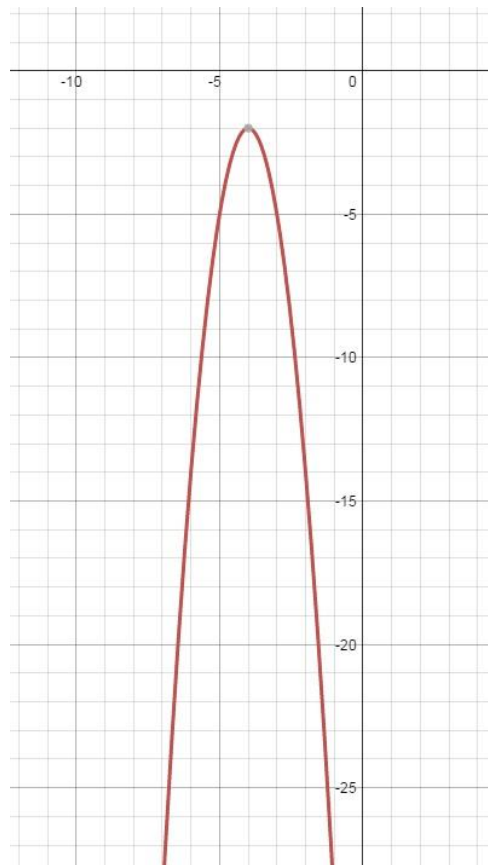
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Outcome: RF3

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-68-RF3-2

a partir de ce graphique, determine l'equation de la fonction quadratique de la form canonique.



Ⓐ $f(x) = -3(x - 4)^2 - 2$

Parfois les eleves regardent rapidement le graphique, ils voient que la valeur de "x" est negatif, et ils oublient qu'il faut changer le sign quand ils ecrivent l'equation.

Ⓑ $f(x) = -3(x + 4)^2 - 2$

Correct Answer

Ⓒ $f(x) = -3(x - 4)^2 + 2$

Erreur +/- des valeurs de p et q.

Ⓓ $f(x) = 3(x + 4)^2 - 2$

Erreur de transcription de signes (a)

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Outcome: RF3

Level: 3

Item #: 2015-66-RF3-3

A pelican dives from the top of a bridge towards the water to catch a salmon. The height, h in meters, of the pelican above the water, t seconds after it begins its dive can be approximated by the function $h(t) = 3t^2 - 15t + 12$.

What is the height of the bird in relation to the bridge after 2 seconds?

- (A) The pelican is below the water level. Correct Answer
- (B) The pelican is in the air above the height of the bridge.
- (C) The pelican is at the surface level of the water.
- (D) The pelican is in the air below the height of the bridge but above the water.

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Outcome: RF3

Level: 3

Item #: 2015-65-RF3-3

A meatball is tossed upward from the stage in the cafeteria and falls to the ground. The approximate height, h in meters, of the meatball above the floor t seconds after being tossed is modelled by the function $h(t) = -5t^2 + 9t + 2$

What is the height of the meatball in relation to the cafeteria stage after 1 second?

- Ⓐ The meatball has hit the ground.
- Ⓑ The meatball is in the air below the height of the stage.
- Ⓒ The meatball is in the air above the stage.
- Ⓓ The meatball is in the air at the same height as the stage.

Correct Answer

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Outcome: RF4

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-10-RF4-2

Fireworks launched from a platform are modelled by the quadratic $h(t) = -0.05t^2 + 3t + 15$. What is the max height that the fireworks will reach?

Ⓐ 15 m

Students sub in $t=0$

Ⓑ 60 m

Correct Answer

Ⓒ 345 m

Students use $x = -b/2a$ and make a negative mistake

Ⓓ 845 m

Students don't multiply -900 by -0.05

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Outcome: RF4

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-9-RF4-2

Place the following quadratic function into vertex form.

$$y = -4x^2 - 8x + 2$$

Ⓐ $y = -4(x + 1)^2 + 6$

Correct Answer

Ⓑ $y = -4(x - 4)^2 + 66$

Students don't divide out the -4 from the first 2 terms

Ⓒ $y = -4(x + 1)^2 + 1$

Students miss mult the -1 by -4

Ⓓ $y = -4(x - 1)^2 + 6$

Student miss dividing out the negative to get +2

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Outcome: RF6

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-37-RF6-2

Solve the following system of equations:

$$y = 2x + 2$$

$$y = x^2 + 6x + 5$$

Ⓐ $x = -7$ or $x = -1$

Does not perform the elimination or substitution method properly and does not substitute the x-value into an equation to solve y

Ⓑ $(-3, -4)$ and $(-1, 1)$

Correct Answer

Ⓒ $(-7, -12)$ and $(-1, 1)$

Does not perform elimination or substitution properly.

Ⓓ $x = -3$ or $x = -1$

Does not substitute x into equation to solve for y

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Outcome: RF6

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-36-RF6-2

Solve the following system of equations:

$$y = x + 3$$

$$y = x^2 + 4x + 3$$

Ⓐ No solution

thinks that when you factor to get $x=0$, there is no solution

Ⓑ $(-3,0)$ and $(-2,1)$

Performed the algebra incorrectly. Moved the equation incorrectly.

Ⓒ $x = 0$ and $x = 3$

Not substitute back to find y .

Ⓓ $(0,3)$ and $(-3,0)$

Correct Answer

Which of the following inequalities would have the given solution:

$$1 \leq x \leq 3$$

Ⓐ $x^2 - 4x + 3 \leq 0$

Misinterpreted inequality

Ⓑ $x^2 - 4x + 3 \geq 0$

Correct Answer

Ⓒ $x^2 - 4x + 3 < 0$

Misinterpreted inequality

Ⓓ $x^2 - 4x + 3 > 0$

Misinterpreted inequality

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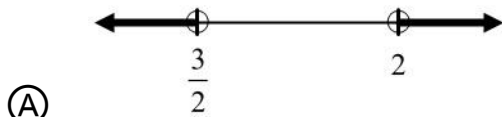
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Item #: 2015-56-RF8-2

Solve by number line:

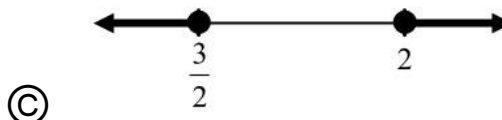
$$2x^2 - 7x + 6 \geq 0$$



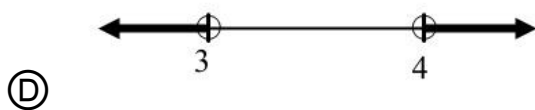
Misinterpreted inequality



Dropped "a" coefficient when factoring



Correct Answer



Same initial mistake in factoring and misinterpreted inequality

Course: Math 521B

Outcome: RF8

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-55-RF8-2

Solve:

$$-x^2 - 8x - 7 < 0$$

Ⓐ $-7 < x < -1$

Forgot to change the direction of inequality

Ⓑ $x < 1$ or $x > 7$

Factored out the negative from only the first term and not the others.

Ⓒ $x > -1$ or $x > -7$

Correct Answer

Ⓓ $1 < x < 7$

Misinterpreted inequality with two mistakes above.

Course: Math 521B

Outcome: RF8

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-54-RF8-2

Which of the following inequalities would have the given solution:

$$x < 2 \text{ or } x > 3$$

Ⓐ $-x^2 + 5x - 6 > 0$

Misinterpret inequality

Ⓑ $-x^2 + 5x - 6 \leq 0$

Misinterpret inequality

Ⓒ $-x^2 + 5x - 6 \geq 0$

Misinterpret inequality

Ⓓ $-x^2 + 5x - 6 < 0$

Correct Answer

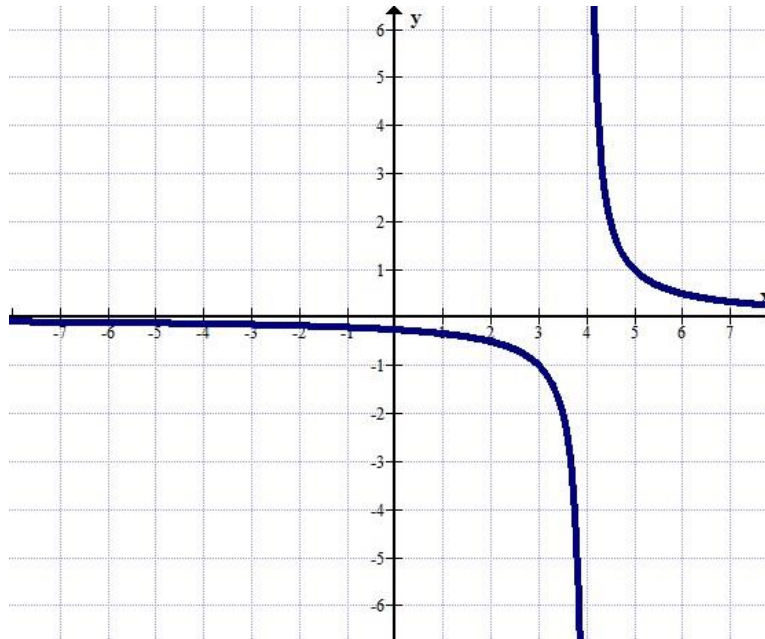
Course: Math 521B

Outcome: RF11

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-70-RF1-2

Shown is a graph at $y = \frac{1}{f(x)}$. What is the x-intercept of the graph at $y = f(x)$?



Ⓐ $x = 4$

Correct Answer

Ⓑ $x = 1$

Students use other points on the provided graph.

Ⓒ $x = -1$

Students use other points on the provided graph.

Ⓓ $x = 0$

many students use $x=0$ as on-permissible value regardless of original equation.

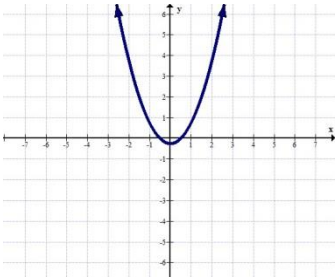
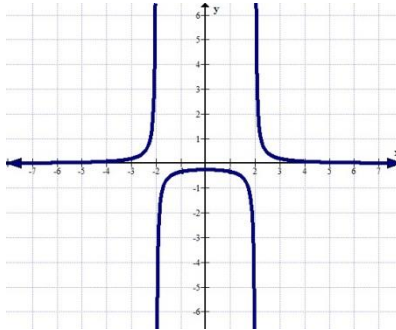
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Outcome: RF11

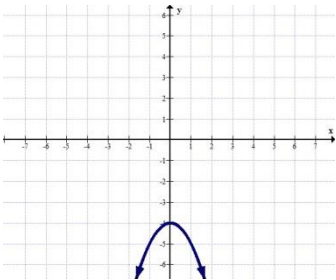
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Item #: 2015-67-RF11-2

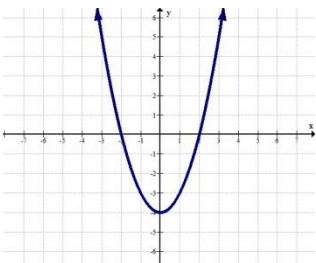
The graph of $y = \frac{1}{f(x)}$ is shown. Identify the graph at $y = f(x)$.



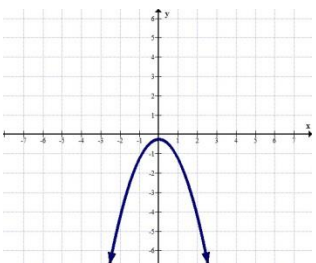
Neglected to use point (0,-4) and instead using point (0,-1/4)



Mistakenly considering a negative coefficient



Correct Answer



Both negative coefficient and using point (0,-1/4)

Course: Math 521B

Outcome: T2

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-60-T2-2

Given the point $(-3,4)$, determine the exact ratio for $\cos \theta$.

Ⓐ $\frac{-3}{\sqrt{7}}$

Found r value

Ⓑ $\frac{-3}{5}$

Correct Answer

Ⓒ $\frac{4}{5}$

Used wrong ratio

Ⓓ $\frac{4}{\sqrt{7}}$

Found wrong r value and used wrong ratio

Course: Math 521B

Outcome: T2

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-59-T2-2

Given $\sin\theta = \frac{-2}{5}$ and θ is a quadrant III angle, determine the exact ratio for $\tan\theta$.

Ⓐ $\frac{-2}{\sqrt{21}}$

Wrong sign

Ⓑ $\frac{2}{\sqrt{29}}$

Kept -4

Ⓒ $\frac{-2}{\sqrt{29}}$

Kept -4 and wrong sign

Ⓓ $\frac{2}{\sqrt{21}}$

Correct Answer

Course: Math 521B

Outcome: T2

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-58-T2-2

Determine the exact ratio for $\sin \theta$ when $\theta = 300^\circ$.

Ⓐ $\frac{-1}{2}$

Used wrong reference angle

Ⓑ $\frac{1}{2}$

Wrong reference angle and wrong sign

Ⓒ $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Wrong sign

Ⓓ $\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Correct Answer

Course: Math 521B

Outcome: T2

Level: 2

Item #: 2015-57-T2-2

Determine the exact ratio for $Tan \theta$ when $\theta = 135^\circ$.

- Ⓐ $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ Wrong ratio and sign
- Ⓑ -1 Correct Answer
- Ⓒ 1 Wrong sign
- Ⓓ $\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}$ Wrong ratio