

GRADE 12 CALCULUS ASSIGNMENT  
CHAIN RULE AND A BIT MORE

[45 Marks]

1. Differentiate the following functions of  $x$ . Use Leibniz notation for  $c$  and  $d$ .

[3&4] a)  $f(x) = (x^2 - 3x + 6)^{-3}$       b)  $f(x) = x^2(\cos^4 x)$

[4&6] c)  $f(x) = \sqrt{7x^3 - 2x}$       d)  $f(x) = [\sin(\sqrt{7x^3 - 2x})]^4$

2. Find the equation of the normal to the tangent of the following function at  $x = 2$ .

$$f(x) = \frac{x^4}{(x^2 - 1)^4}$$

[8]

Demonstrate this problem and its solution with a sketch.

3. Find all values of  $x$  where the following function has zero derivative.

[5]  $f(x) = x^2(x^2 - 1)^{\frac{4}{3}}$

4. The following represents a derivative function. Determine  $f(x)$ .

[3]  $f'(x) = -5x^2[\cos(\cos(x^3 + 1))]\sin(x^3 + 1)$

5. Suppose an ant is crawling along the function  $y = (1 + 0.1x^2)^5$ , and at  $x = -2$  the ant's height ( $y$  value) is decreasing at the rate of 3cm/s. At this instant what is the ant's rate of change in its  $x$  position?

[5]

6. Use implicit differentiation to find a formula for slope of the curve in terms of  $x$  and  $y$  and evaluate it at the given point.

[4]

$$x^2y + \sin(xy) = \pi \quad \text{at } x = 1, y = \pi$$

7. Derive the Quotient Rule from the Product Rule. Consider that if  $Q$  is the quotient of  $y$  and  $z$ :  $Q = \frac{y}{z}$  then  $y$  is the product of  $Q$  and  $z$ , and if you use the Product Rule on

[3] that, and solve for  $\frac{dQ}{dx}$ , you should get the Quotient Rule.