

Calculus Practice: Derivatives of Functions 1a

For each problem, find the derivative of the function at the given value.

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- A) $f'(-1) = -1$
- B) $f'(-1) = -2$
- C) $f'(-1) = 2$
- D) $f'(-1) = 1$

2) $f(x) = -\frac{x^2}{2} - x + \frac{3}{2}$ at $x = -5$

- A) $f'(-5) = 4$
- B) $f'(-5) = -3$
- C) $f'(-5) = -7$
- D) $f'(-5) = -5$

3) $f(x) = -x^3 + 4x^2 - 6$ at $x = 3$

- A) $f'(3) = -3$
- B) $f'(3) = -28$
- C) $f'(3) = 4$
- D) $f'(3) = -35$

4) $f(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 15x + 9$ at $x = -2$

- A) $f'(-2) = 20$
- B) $f'(-2) = 160$
- C) $f'(-2) = -1$
- D) $f'(-2) = 4$

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

- A) $f'(-4) = -\frac{1}{9}$
- B) $f'(-4) = -\frac{3}{128}$
- C) $f'(-4) = -\frac{4}{9}$
- D) $f'(-4) = -\frac{12}{25}$

6) $f(x) = -\frac{x^2}{4x + 4}$ at $x = -2$

- A) $f'(-2) = -\frac{3}{16}$
- B) $f'(-2) = -\frac{15}{64}$
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- D) $f'(-2) = 0$

7) $f(x) = (x + 4)^{\frac{2}{3}}$ at $x = 4$

- A) $f'(4) = -\frac{2}{3}$
- B) $f'(4) = \frac{\sqrt[3]{36}}{9}$
- C) $f'(4) = \frac{1}{3}$
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8) $f(x) = -(-x + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}$ at $x = -1$

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11) $f(x) = e^{x+2}$ at $x = -3$

A) $f'(-3) = \frac{1}{e}$

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C) $f'(-3) = \frac{1}{e^2}$

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13) $f(x) = e^{x-3}$ at $x = 1$

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15) $f(x) = 2\csc(x)$ at $x = -\frac{5\pi}{6}$

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