

Present neatly on separate paper. Justify for full credit. No Calculators.

Name SHUBLEKA / KEY Score _____ ~10 minutes

1. Consider the function $f(x) = \frac{2}{x} + \sqrt{x}$. Use the definition of slope to determine the equation of the tangent line at the point on the curve where $x = a$. [8 points]

2. Each limit represents the derivative of some function at some number. State such an f and a in each case. [2 points]

a)

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt[4]{16+h} - 2}{h} \quad f(x) = \sqrt[4]{x} \\ x = a = 16$$

b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^{17} - 1}{x - 1} \quad f(x) = x^{17} \\ x = a = 1$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad f'(a) = \text{slope} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{x - a} = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\left(\frac{2}{x} + \sqrt{x}\right) - \left(\frac{2}{a} + \sqrt{a}\right)}{x - a} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[\frac{\frac{2}{x} - \frac{2}{a}}{x - a} + \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a}}{x - a} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{2(a-x)}{ax(x-a)} + \frac{(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{a})(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a})}{(x-a)(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a})} \right) \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(\frac{-2}{ax} + \frac{(x-a)}{(x-a)(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{a})} \right) = \frac{-2}{a^2} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}} \\ \text{Point: } &\left(a, \frac{2}{a} + \sqrt{a}\right) \quad \text{Slope: } \frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}} - \frac{2}{a^2} \quad \text{Equation of Tangent:} \\ &y - \left(\frac{2}{a} + \sqrt{a}\right) = \left(\frac{1}{2\sqrt{a}} - \frac{2}{a^2}\right)(x - a) \end{aligned}$$

As an exercise, try the other definition:

$$f'(a) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(a+h) - f(a)}{h} = \dots$$