

## 4.3

2. (a)  $g$  is concave upward on  $(-1, 2)$  and  $(7, 8)$ .  
 (b)  $g$  is concave downward on  $(2, 4)$  and  $(4, 7)$ .  
 (c) The only point of inflection is  $(2, 2)$ . Note that 7 is not in the domain of this function.
3. (a) Use the Increasing/Decreasing (I/D) Test.  
 (b) Use the Concavity Test.  
 (c) At any value of  $x$  where the concavity changes, we have an inflection point at  $(x, f(x))$ .
4. (a) See the First Derivative Test.  
 (b) See the Second Derivative Test and the note that precedes Example 5.

6. (a)  $f$  is increasing on the intervals where  $f'(x) > 0$ , namely,  $(2, 4)$  and  $(6, 9)$ .  
 (b)  $f$  has a local maximum where it changes from increasing to decreasing, that is, where  $f'$  changes from positive to negative (at  $x = 4$ ). Similarly, where  $f'$  changes from negative to positive,  $f$  has a local minimum (at  $x = 2$  and at  $x = 6$ ).  
 (c) When  $f'$  is increasing, its derivative  $f''$  is positive and hence,  $f$  is concave upward. This happens on  $(1, 3)$ ,  $(5, 7)$ , and  $(8, 9)$ . Similarly,  $f$  is concave downward when  $f'$  is decreasing — that is, on  $(0, 1)$ ,  $(3, 5)$ , and  $(7, 8)$ .  
 (d)  $f$  has inflection points at  $x = 1, 3, 5, 7$ , and  $8$ , since the direction of concavity changes at each of these values.

7. (a)  $f(x) = x^3 - 12x + 1 \Rightarrow f'(x) = 3x^2 - 12 = 3(x+2)(x-2)$ . So  $f'(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x > 2$  or  $x < -2$  and  $f'(x) < 0 \Leftrightarrow -2 < x < 2$ . So  $f$  is increasing on  $(-\infty, -2)$  and  $(2, \infty)$  and decreasing on  $(-2, 2)$ .  
 (b)  $f$  changes from increasing to decreasing at  $x = -2$  and from decreasing to increasing at  $x = 2$ . Thus,  $f(-2) = 17$  is a local maximum and  $f(2) = -15$  is a local minimum.  
 (c)  $f''(x) = 6x$ .  $f''(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x > 0$  and  $f''(x) < 0 \Leftrightarrow x < 0$ . Thus,  $f$  is concave upward on  $(0, \infty)$  and concave downward on  $(-\infty, 0)$ . There is an inflection point where the concavity changes, at  $(0, f(0)) = (0, 1)$ .

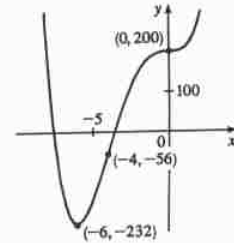
12. (a)  $y = f(x) = x^2 e^x \Rightarrow f'(x) = x^2 e^x + 2x e^x = x(x+2)e^x$ . So  $f'(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x(x+2) > 0 \Leftrightarrow$  either  $x < -2$  or  $x > 0$ . Therefore  $f$  is increasing on  $(-\infty, -2)$  and  $(0, \infty)$ , and decreasing on  $(-2, 0)$ .  
 (b)  $f$  changes from increasing to decreasing at  $x = -2$ , so  $f(-2) = 4e^{-2}$  is a local maximum.  $f$  changes from decreasing to increasing at  $x = 0$ , so  $f(0) = 0$  is a local minimum.  
 (c)  $f'(x) = (x^2 + 2x)e^x \Rightarrow f''(x) = (x^2 + 2x)e^x + e^x(2x + 2) = e^x(x^2 + 4x + 2)$ .  $f''(x) = 0 \Leftrightarrow x^2 + 4x + 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow x = -2 \pm \sqrt{2}$ .  $f''(x) < 0 \Leftrightarrow -2 - \sqrt{2} < x < -2 + \sqrt{2}$ , so  $f$  is concave downward on  $(-2 - \sqrt{2}, -2 + \sqrt{2})$  and concave upward on  $(-\infty, -2 - \sqrt{2})$  and  $(-2 + \sqrt{2}, \infty)$ . There are inflection points at  $(-2 - \sqrt{2}, f(-2 - \sqrt{2})) \approx (-3.41, 0.38)$  and  $(-2 + \sqrt{2}, f(-2 + \sqrt{2})) \approx (-0.59, 0.19)$ .

18. (a)  $g(x) = 200 + 8x^3 + x^4 \Rightarrow g'(x) = 24x^2 + 4x^3 = 4x^2(6+x) = 0$  when  $x = -6$  and when  $x = 0$ .  
 $g'(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x > -6$  ( $x \neq 0$ ) and  $g'(x) < 0 \Leftrightarrow x < -6$ , so  $g$  is decreasing on  $(-\infty, -6)$  and  $g$  is increasing on  $(-6, \infty)$ , with a horizontal tangent at  $x = 0$ .

(b)  $g(-6) = -232$  is a local minimum value. There is no local maximum value.

(c)  $g''(x) = 48x + 12x^2 = 12x(4+x) = 0$  when  $x = -4$  and when  $x = 0$ .  $g''(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow x < -4$  or  $x > 0$  and  $g''(x) < 0 \Leftrightarrow -4 < x < 0$ , so  $g$  is CU on  $(-\infty, -4)$  and  $(0, \infty)$ , and  $g$  is CD on  $(-4, 0)$ . Inflection points at  $(-4, -56)$  and  $(0, 200)$

(d)



29. (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} e^{-1/(x+1)} = 1$  since  $-1/(x+1) \rightarrow 0$ , so  $y = 1$  is a HA.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} e^{-1/(x+1)} = 0$  since  $-1/(x+1) \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^-} e^{-1/(x+1)} = \infty$  since  $-1/(x+1) \rightarrow \infty$ , so  $x = -1$  is a VA.

(b)  $f(x) = e^{-1/(x+1)} \Rightarrow f'(x) = e^{-1/(x+1)} \left[ -(-1) \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \right]$  [Reciprocal Rule]  $= e^{-1/(x+1)} / (x+1)^2$   
 $\Rightarrow f'(x) > 0$  for all  $x$  except  $-1$ , so  $f$  is increasing on  $(-\infty, -1)$  and  $(-1, \infty)$ .

(c) No local maximum or minimum

$$(d) f''(x) = \frac{(x+1)^2 e^{-1/(x+1)} [1/(x+1)^2] - e^{-1/(x+1)} [2(x+1)]}{[(x+1)^2]^2}$$

$$= \frac{e^{-1/(x+1)} [1 - (2x+2)]}{(x+1)^4} = -\frac{e^{-1/(x+1)} (2x+1)}{(x+1)^4} \Rightarrow$$

$f''(x) > 0 \Leftrightarrow 2x+1 < 0 \Leftrightarrow x < -\frac{1}{2}$ , so  $f$  is CU on  $(-\infty, -1)$  and  $(-1, -\frac{1}{2})$ , and CD on  $(-\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$ .  
 $f$  has an IP at  $(-\frac{1}{2}, e^{-2})$ .

