

MATHEMATICS

PLACEMENT TEST

1.) (10 points) Perform the indicated operations and express the final result in simplest form:

$$\text{a) } \frac{a^2 - 9}{a^4 - 5a^3 + 6a^2} \div \frac{a + 3}{a^3 - a^2 - 2a} \qquad \text{b) } \frac{2x}{x+2} + \frac{2x}{6-3x} + \frac{8x}{x^2 - 4}$$

2.) (10 points) Solve the following system of equations:

$$x - y = 1, \quad \log_2(5x - 1) = 2 \log_2(y - 2).$$

3.) (22 points) Solve the following equations:

$$\begin{array}{ll} \text{a) } \frac{x+1}{x^2+3x} + \frac{x-2}{x^2-3x} = \frac{1}{x} & \text{b) } \sqrt{3-x} - \sqrt{3+x} = \sqrt{x} \\ \text{c) } \frac{\cos x}{\sin x} + \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} = 4 \sin x \cdot \cos x. & \end{array}$$

4.) (12 points) Give the domain of the following functions:

$$\text{a) } f(x) = \sqrt{2x+6} + \frac{1}{3^x - 9} \qquad \text{b) } f(x) = \log_5 \frac{x}{x^2 - 7x + 10}$$

5.) (10 points) Given the points A(2,2), B(6,4) and C(5,6).

a) Show that the points A, B and C are vertices of a right triangle.

b) Give the equation of the circle through the points A, B and C.

6.) (10 points) Determine the equation of the circle whose center is the point (1,2) and touches the line $y - x + 1 = 0$.

7.) (14 points) Find the solution set of the following inequalities:

$$\text{a) } x + |2x - 3| \leq 4 \qquad \text{b) } 2^{2x} - 2 \cdot 2^x - 8 \geq 0.$$

8.) (12 points) Find the values of the real parameter k for which the equation

$$(1-k)x^2 - 4kx + 4(1-k) = 0$$

has at least one real root.