Maximum / Minimum Problems for Review
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Solve each of the problems below. Find the correct answer from the choices below.

Then place the corresponding word in the appropriate blank to answer the two stupid questions.

_____ 1. Determine the constant a in order that the function $y = x^2 + a/x$ will have a point of inflection at x = 1.

_____ 2. Determine the volume of the largest right circular cylinder that can be inscribed in a given right circular cone with radius 3 inches and height 9 inches. (Answer is in cubic inches)

_____ 3. Determine the minimum point(s) of $y = (x+2)^2$.

_____ 4. Where does the graph of $y = (x-1)^3$ have a point of inflection?

_____ 5. Graph $y = 2x^4 - 4x^2$.

_____ 6. Sketch a smooth curve y = f(x) illustrating

$f(3) = 4$ $f''(x) < 0$ for x < 3

$f'(3) = 0$ $f''(x) > 0$ for x > 3

_____ 7. Determine the constant k in order that function $f(x) = x^2 + k/x$ will have a relative minimum at x = 2.
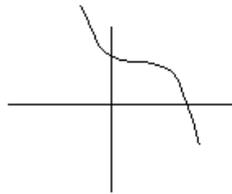
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Answers:

AT	(-2, 0)
BE	(4, 0)
COMPOSING	9π
DECOMPOSING	12π
EXTRA	-54
LARGE	(1, 0)

Answers (continued):

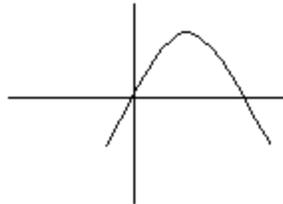MEDIUM   16

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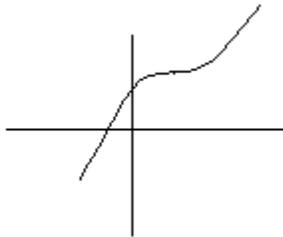
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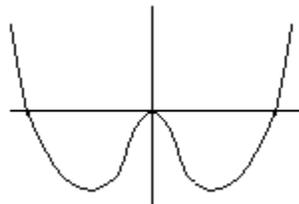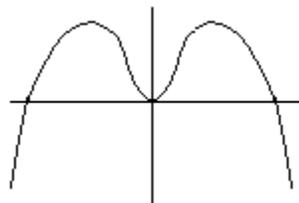
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Question #1

What were the headlines after a midget fortuneteller escaped from jail?

Answer: _____ _____ _____ _____
                #6   #7   #3   #4

Question #2

Why does Beethoven now spend all his time erasing music?

Answer: _____ _____ _____
                #5   #1   #2