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 = x2 + 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 = 2x4 - 4x2.

\_\_\_\_\_ 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) = x2 + 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

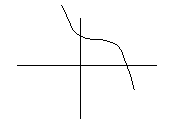
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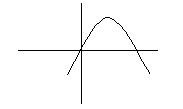
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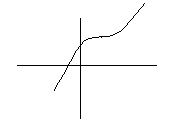
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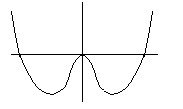
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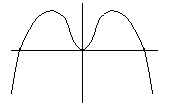
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FORTUNETELLER 

MIDGET 

SMALL 

HE 

STILL 

Question #1

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

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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Question #2

Why does Beethoven now spend all his time erasing music?

Answer: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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