

**PRECALC JOURNAL**  
**Graphing Common Functions**

1. Use the given function to write a new function (using numbers) that would cause the graph of  $f$  to change in each of the following ways:
  - a)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2}$  Move left. \_\_\_\_\_
  - b)  $f(x) = |x|$  Stretch the graph vertically \_\_\_\_\_
  - c)  $f(x) = \sqrt[3]{x}$  Stretch the graph horizontally. \_\_\_\_\_
  - d)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$  Reflect over the  $x$ -axis \_\_\_\_\_
  - e)  $f(x) = x^3$  Move right. \_\_\_\_\_
  - f)  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$  Reflect over the  $y$ -axis. \_\_\_\_\_
2. How do you determine if a graph has each of the following symmetries given its equation?
3. a)  $y$ -axis \_\_\_\_\_  
 b) origin \_\_\_\_\_  
 c)  $x$ -axis \_\_\_\_\_
4. a) A function is odd if \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 b) A function is even if \_\_\_\_\_ .
5. Even functions have \_\_\_\_\_ symmetry while odd functions have \_\_\_\_\_ symmetry.
6. Decreasing intervals occur where \_\_\_\_\_  
 while increasing intervals occur where \_\_\_\_\_
7. Relative maximums and minimums are \_\_\_\_\_  
 while absolute maximums and minimums are \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .
8. a) Given the graph of a function, you can determine that its inverse will be a function by \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 b) Given the graphs of two functions, you can determine that they are inverses of each other by \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .
9. a) The two steps for finding the inverse equation of a function are \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ .  
 b) Given the equations of two relations, you can determine if they are inverses of each other by \_\_\_\_\_  
 \_\_\_\_\_ .

10. Given a quadratic equation in standard form, the  $x$ -coordinate of the vertex is found by \_\_\_\_\_  
while the  $y$ -coordinate is found by \_\_\_\_\_

11. a) The vertical asymptotes of a rational function are found by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) The horizontal asymptotes of a rational function are found by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

12. a) Slant (oblique) asymptotes occur when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

b) Slant asymptotes are found by \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

13. A hole occurs in a graph when \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

14. Create a piecewise function on a piece of graph paper that meets the following conditions. ***It must be written in proper form including the inequalities!*** Do not attempt to copy one from your notes or assignment—create your own!

- a) has at least 3 different functions
- b) contains no more than 1 linear piece
- c) passes the vertical line test!!!
- d) has at least two pieces with a vertical shift
- e) has at least two pieces with a horizontal shift
- f) has at least one piece that flips horizontally or vertically
- g) all pieces connect with each other

$$f(x) = \left\{ \begin{array}{l} \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \\ \end{array} \right.$$

***Attach your graph paper showing all of the common graphs and the transformation rules!***