

## Midterm 2 review guide. Math 30 (Precalculus).

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This is a list of topics that you should know well from each section, and which exercises from the book you can do practice that topic.

NOTE: The list of exercises is very long. It does not mean that you have to do all these exercises. Rather, for each topic in each section, try a couple of exercises. If everything is very clear, move on to the next topic; otherwise try a few more exercises and ask for help if you need.

### • Section 3.7

- Understanding the definition of rational functions.
- Horizontal asymptotes of rational functions. Definition and how to find them. *Ex. 10–19, 25–29*
- Vertical asymptotes of rational functions. Definition and how to find them.
- $x$  and  $y$  intercepts of rational functions. *Ex. 20–24*
- Graphing rational functions. *Ex. 39–49, odd numbered*
- Writing a rational function given the graph. *Ex. 51, 57, 59*

### • Section 4.1

- Definition of exponential functions. *Ex. 44–50*
- Properties of exponential functions.
- The number  $e$  and the exponential with base  $e$ .
- Graphs of exponential functions.

### • Section 4.2

- Understand what graphs of exponential functions look like.
- Graph an exponential function by making a table of values and plotting points. *Ex. 11, 13–18, 43, 45*

### • Section 4.3

- Definition of logarithm in base  $b$ .
- Converting between logarithmic form and exponential form of an equation. *Ex. 6–41*
- Evaluating simple logarithms without a calculator. *Ex. 42–53*
- Evaluating any logarithm with a calculator. *Ex. 54–58*

### • Section 4.4

- Understand what graphs of logarithmic functions look like. *Ex. 11, 13, 26–30*
- Graph an logarithmic function by making a table of values and plotting points. *Ex. 35, 37, 41, 43*

### • Section 4.5

- Understand and apply the product, quotient, and power rules for logarithms. *Ex. 30–32*
- Expanding logarithmic expressions. *Ex. 3–8, 15–19*
- Condensing logarithmic expressions. *Ex. 9–14, 20–24*
- Understand and apply the change of base formula for logarithms. *Ex. 25–29, 33–37*

- **Section 4.6**

- Solving different kinds of exponential equations:
  - \* With common base. *Ex. 5, 7, 9*
  - \* With non-common base using logarithms. *Ex. 11–28*
- Solving different kinds of logarithmic equations:
  - \* When there are logarithms and numbers (write it in exponential form). *Ex. 31–35*
  - \* When there are only logarithms. *Ex. 36–50*