



IG.M14 Functions: Domain and Range Restrictions

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Total Marks

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Answer ALL questions. Show all your working.

- 1** The function $f(x) = 5$ has domain all real numbers. State the value of $f(2)$ for this constant function and explain why there is no domain restriction in this context.

(Total for Question 1 is 1 mark)

- 2** Consider $g(x) = 3/(x - 4)$. State the single value of x that must be excluded from the domain because it makes the expression undefined.

(Total for Question 2 is 1 mark)

- 3** $h(x) = \sqrt{x + 2}$. State the restriction on x so that $h(x)$ is real, and give the domain in inequality form.

(Total for Question 3 is 1 mark)

- 4** For the function $p(x) = (x^2 - 1)/(x + 1)$, state any value(s) excluded from the domain and give the domain in set notation.

(Total for Question 4 is 2 marks)

- 5** The function $r(x) = \sqrt{4 - x}$. State the domain in inequality form and give one example value of x inside the domain and one outside.

(Total for Question 5 is 2 marks)

- 6** Given $s(x) = 2/(x^2 - 9)$, find all x excluded from the domain and give the domain in interval notation.

(Total for Question 6 is 2 marks)

- 7** A mapping diagram shows function $T: \{-1, 0, 1, 2\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ with arrows $T(-1) = 4$, $T(0) = 1$, $T(1) = 0$, $T(2) = -3$. State the domain and range of T using set notation.

(Total for Question 7 is 3 marks)

- 8** Consider the linear function $L(x) = -2x + 5$ with domain x in $[0, 3]$. Find the range of L over this restricted domain and give it in inequality form.

(Total for Question 8 is 3 marks)

- 9** Let $Q(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$. The domain of Q is restricted to $1 \leq x \leq 4$ for this question. Find the range of Q on this restricted domain by locating its vertex and evaluating Q at the vertex and at the domain endpoints. Give the range in inequality form.

(Total for Question 9 is 8 marks)

- 10** Consider the rational function $R(x) = (2x + 1)/(x - 2)$. (a) State all values excluded from the domain because they make the denominator zero. (b) For the domain $x > 2$, find the range of R . You should show algebraic reasoning: consider behaviour as $x \rightarrow 2^+$ and $x \rightarrow \infty$, and check whether R takes any finite minimum or maximum on the domain $x > 2$. Give the final range in inequality or interval notation.

(Total for Question 10 is 12 marks)

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Question 1

- **B1** $f(2) = 5$ cao
- **Answer:** $f(2) = 5$

Question 2

- **B1** $x = 4$ cao
- **Answer:** $x = 4$

Question 3

- **B1** $x \geq -2$ or domain $x \geq -2$ cao
- **Answer:** $x \geq -2$

Question 4

- **M1** identifies $x = -1$ as a value making denominator zero
- **A1** domain = $\{x : x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}, x \neq -1\}$ or written as $(-\infty, -1)$ union $(-1, \infty)$ cao
- **Answer:** Excluded $x = -1$; domain $\{x : x \text{ in } \mathbb{R}, x \neq -1\}$

Question 5

- **M1** states domain $4 - x \geq 0$, leading to $x \leq 4$
- **A1** gives correct examples, e.g. $x = 0$ inside and $x = 5$ outside, or similar, cao
- **Answer:** Domain $x \leq 4$; example inside $x = 0$, outside $x = 5$

Question 6

- **M1** solves $x^2 - 9 = 0$ to get $x = 3$ and $x = -3$
- **A1** domain = $(-\infty, -3)$ union $(-3, 3)$ union $(3, \infty)$ cao
- **Answer:** Excluded $x = -3$ and $x = 3$; domain $(-\infty, -3) \cup (-3, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$

Question 7

- **M1** states domain as $\{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$
- **A1** states range as $\{4, 1, 0, -3\}$ cao
- **B1** both domain and range given in correct set notation
- **Answer:** Domain = $\{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$; Range = $\{4, 1, 0, -3\}$

Question 8

- **M1** evaluates L at the endpoints $x = 0$ and $x = 3$, giving 5 and -1
- **A1** identifies the max and min correctly and orders them for the range, e.g. $-1 \leq L(x) \leq 5$
- **B1** gives the range in correct inequality form, $-1 \leq L(x) \leq 5$ cao
- **Answer:** $-1 \leq L(x) \leq 5$

Question 9

- **M1** completes the square or uses vertex formula to find x-coordinate of vertex $x_v = 2$
- **M1** evaluates Q at the vertex to find $Q(2) = -1$
- **M1** evaluates Q at the endpoints $Q(1) = 0$ and $Q(4) = 3$
- **M1** compares values and identifies minimum and maximum correctly, showing minimum -1 at $x = 2$ and maximum 3 at $x = 4$
- **A1** states the range in correct inequality form, $-1 \leq Q(x) \leq 3$ cao
- **B1** explicit statement that the vertex lies inside the domain and is used to find the minimum, oe
- **A1** correct numerical substitution at endpoints and vertex with no arithmetic error, cao
- **B1** final answer presented clearly as the set of possible outputs, $-1 \leq Q(x) \leq 3$
- **Answer:** $-1 \leq Q(x) \leq 3$

Question 10

- **M1** states $x = 2$ is excluded from the domain because denominator $x - 2 = 0$
- **M1** rearranges $R(x)$ into form $2 + 5/(x - 2)$ or equivalent algebraic manipulation, showing $R(x) = 2 + 5/(x - 2)$
- **M1** uses form to consider limits: as $x \rightarrow 2^+$ then $5/(x - 2) \rightarrow +\infty$ so $R \rightarrow +\infty$, showing no upper bound
- **M1** as $x \rightarrow +\infty$, $5/(x - 2) \rightarrow 0$ so $R \rightarrow 2$, indicating a horizontal asymptote at $y = 2$
- **M1** checks monotonic behaviour on $x > 2$, for example differentiating R or noting $5/(x - 2)$ is positive and decreases on $x > 2$, so R decreases from $+\infty$ toward 2
- **A1** concludes that $R(x)$ takes every value greater than 2 on $x > 2$, so range is $(2, \infty)$ cao
- **B1** correct statement that $y = 2$ is not attained for finite $x > 2$, since $5/(x - 2)$ would have to be 0 which only occurs as $x \rightarrow \infty$
- **A1** final presentation of domain exclusion and range for $x > 2$, domain $x \neq 2$ and range $(2, \infty)$, cao
- **M1** alternative valid reasoning accepted: solves $R(x) = y$ for x and shows for $x > 2$ this yields $y > 2$, oe
- **A1** correct algebraic manipulation in alternative route, e.g. solving $y = (2x + 1)/(x - 2)$ leading to $x = (2 + 2y)/(y - 2)$, and concluding $y > 2$ for $x > 2$, cao
- **B1** clear statement of excluded value(s) in part (a) and clear linking words in part (b) showing consideration of endpoints and limits
- **A1** final boxed answer: Domain excludes $x = 2$; Range for $x > 2$ is $(2, \infty)$ cao
- **Answer: Excluded: $x = 2$. For domain $x > 2$, range is $(2, \infty)$.**