

Answers for class prep quiz on sections 2.2–2.3, Stewart's Calculus (8th ed.)

1. **Answer:** (d). As  $x$  approaches  $-1$ , it appears that  $g(x)$  approaches  $-1$  on the left and  $+1$  on the right, so there is no single  $y$  value that  $g(x)$  approaches. In other words, the limit does not exist. The fact that  $g(-1) = 0$  is irrelevant.
2. **Answer:** (b). It seems that for some values of  $x > 0$ , as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $f(x)$  approaches a value around 1.7 or 1.8; and for other values of  $x > 0$ , as  $x \rightarrow 0^+$ ,  $f(x)$  approaches a value around 0.2. Therefore, as  $x \rightarrow 0$ ,  $f(x)$  approaches multiple  $y$  values, which means that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist.
3. **Answer:** (c). The quantities in (a) and (b) are determined by  $A$  and  $B$ , because of the sum and product limit laws, but the quotient limit law does not apply in (c) if  $B = 0$ . (And in fact, if  $A = 0$  as well, we can choose  $f$  and  $g$  to get the value in (c) to be whatever we like.)
4. **Answer:** (c). If the numerator is 0 at  $x = 3$ , the limit is 0; if only the denominator is 0 at  $x = 3$ , the limit does not exist. The only ambiguous scenario is the so-called  $\frac{0}{0}$  scenario, i.e., the case where both the numerator and denominator are 0 at  $x = 3$ . Of course, this is the most useful scenario, and the whole reason we bother to study limits in calculus in the first place.