

- 7. Carbon-14 has a half-life of 5700 years. Consider a sample of fossilized wood that when alive would have contained 24g of C-14. It now contains 1.5g. How old is the sample?

  1. 5 = 24 (1) × (5700) 0.0625 = (1/2) × (5700) 20 (1/2) × (1/
- 8. The half-life of a radioactive element is 133 days, but your sample will not be useful to you after 65% of the radioactive nuclei originally present have disintegrated. About how

many days can you use the sample? 
$$(5) = 100 (\frac{1}{2})^{1/33}$$
  $(1) = 100 (\frac{1}{2})^{1/33}$   $(1) = 100$ 

## 6.7 COMBINATIONS AND COMPOSITIONS OF FUNCTIONS

If  $f(x) = x^2 - 1$ , g(x) = 2x - 3, and h(x) = 1 - 4x, find the following functions, as well as any values indicated.

1. 
$$(f-g)(x) = (x^2-1)-(2x-3) = x^2-2x+2$$

2. 
$$(f-g)(3) = (3)^2 - 2(3) + 2 = 5$$

3. 
$$(f+h)(x) = (\chi^2 - 1) + (1 - 4\chi) = \chi^2 - 4\chi$$

4. 
$$(f+h)(-2) = (-2)^2 - 4(-2) = 12$$

5. 
$$(g \cdot h)(x) = (2x-3)(1-4x) = [-8x^2+14x-3]$$
  
 $2x-6x^2-3+12x$ 

6. 
$$(g \cdot h)(4) = -8(4)^2 + |4(4) - 3| = -75$$

7. 
$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(x) = \frac{\chi^2 - 1}{2\chi - 3}$$

8. 
$$\left(\frac{f}{g}\right)(-1) = \frac{(-1)^2 - 1}{2(-1)^2 - 3} = \frac{0}{-6} = \boxed{0}$$

Let f(x) = 2x - 1, g(x) = 3x, and  $h(x) = x^2 + 1$ . Compute the following:

9. 
$$f(g(x)) = 2(3x) - 1 = 6x - 1$$

10.
$$(h \circ g)(x) = (3x)^2 + | = \boxed{9x^2 + |}$$

$$11.h(f(9)) = (2 \cdot 9 - 1)^{2} + |= 290$$

$$12.f(g(-3)) = \lambda (3 \cdot -3) - 1$$

$$2(-9) + 1 = (-17)$$

13.
$$g(f(h(-6))) = \boxed{219}$$
  
 $h(-6) = (-6)^2 + 1 = 37$   
 $f(37) = 2(37) - 1 = 73$   
 $g(73) = 3.73 = 219$ 

For #'s 14 & 15,  $h(x) = (f \circ g)(x)$ 

14. Let 
$$h(x) = \sqrt{x-5}$$
 and  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ , find  $g(x)$ .  $g(x) = x-5$   
15. Let  $h(x) = (5x+1)^2 - (5x+1)$  and  $f(x) = x^2 - x$ , find  $g(x)$ .  $g(x) = 5x+1$