AP CALCULUS BC Derivative Worksheet 3.1

Use the limit definition of the derivative to find f'(x). Show all of your work. Do not use any shortcuts for differentiation that you may have learned, except to check your answers.

1.
$$f(x) = 3x + 2$$

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

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

$$4. \quad f(x) = \sqrt{x-4}$$

5.
$$f(x) = x^3$$

$$6. \quad f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$$

Find an equation of the tangent line to the graph of f at the indicated point. (Check your answer by graphing the graph of f and the tangent line on your calculator.)

8.
$$f(x) = x^2 + 1$$
; (2, 5)

9.
$$f(x) = x + \frac{1}{x}$$
; (1, 2)

10. The graph of a function, f(x) is represented at the right. What is the value of

$$\lim_{h\to 0}\frac{f(3+h)-f(3)}{h}?$$

- (A) 0
- (B) ½
- (C) 1
- (D) 1 ½
- (E) DNE

