

**Greatest Integer Function Practice**

1.

Johnny rents his camper to Sylvia and Benny under the following terms: the first 500 km are free, but each additional 100 km they travel will cost \$20.

**a )** Find the rule for the greatest integer function that represents this arrangement. \_\_\_\_\_

**b )** How much must Sylvia and Benny pay Johnny if they travel 4174 km in his camper? \_\_\_\_\_

2.

A telephone company offers a promotion on long-distance calls made on Sundays. It charges customers 25¢ for the first 5 min and 10¢ for each additional minute.

**a )** Find the rule for the greatest integer function that calculates the cost of a long-distance call made on a Sunday.  
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**b )** Last Sunday Joanne made a long-distance call that lasted 58 min 40 s. How much will this call cost before taxes?  
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3.

A store manager offers his employees a base commission of \$50, which he will increase by \$25 for every \$1000 worth of merchandise they sell over a one-month period.

**a )** Find the rule for the greatest integer function the manager uses to calculate the total commission he will pay each of his salesclerks.  
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**b )** Hector sells \$6257 worth of merchandise during the month. How much commission will he earn? \_\_\_\_\_

**c )** How much must an employee sell to earn a commission of \$350?  
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4.

Find the range of each of the following functions:

**a)**  $f(x) = -0.5[x - 2] + 5$

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**b)**  $g(x) = \left[\frac{x}{10}\right] + 25$

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**c)**  $h(x) = 5[x + 3] - 5$

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5. For each of the following functions:

a) Sketch

b) Determine the zeros

c) Evaluate  $f(-1)$

d) Evaluate  $f(-12)$

e) Solve for when  $f(x) = 10$

i)  $f(x) = -3\left[\frac{5-x}{4}\right] + 1$

ii)  $f(x) = -2\left[-\frac{1}{4}(x-4)\right] + 1$

iii)  $f(x) = -3[0.1x - 0.5] - 6$

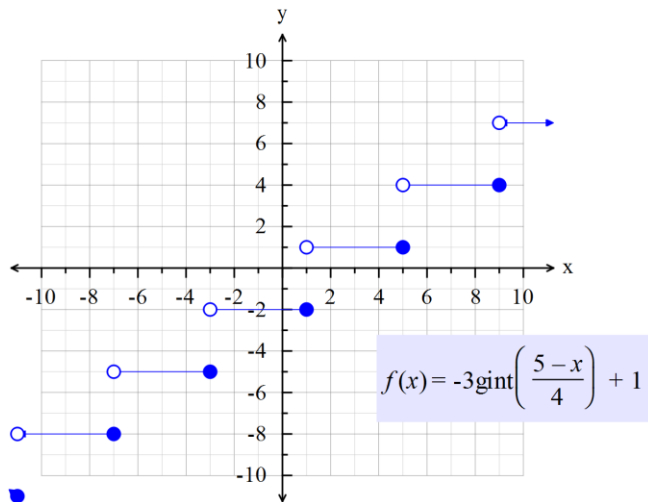
iv)  $f(x) = \frac{1}{2}\left[\frac{3-x}{8}\right] + 5$

## Answers

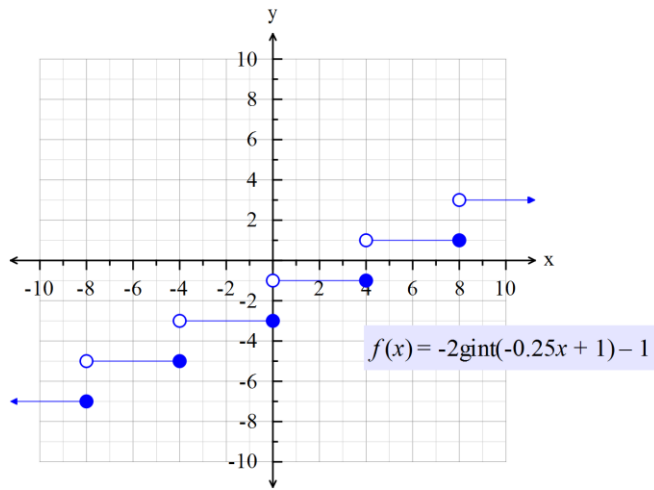
1. a)  $y = -20[-1/100(x-500)]$ ,  $x \geq 500$     b) \$740
2. a)  $y = -0.10[-(x - 5)] + 0.25$ ,  $x \geq 5$     b) \$5.40
3. a)  $y = 25[1/1000(x)] + 50$ ,  $x \geq 0$     b) \$200    c) [\$12 000, \$13 000[
4. a)  $\{y \mid y = \frac{1}{2}n, n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$     b)  $\{y \mid y \in \mathbf{Z}\}$     c)  $\{y \mid y = 5n, n \in \mathbf{Z}\}$

5.

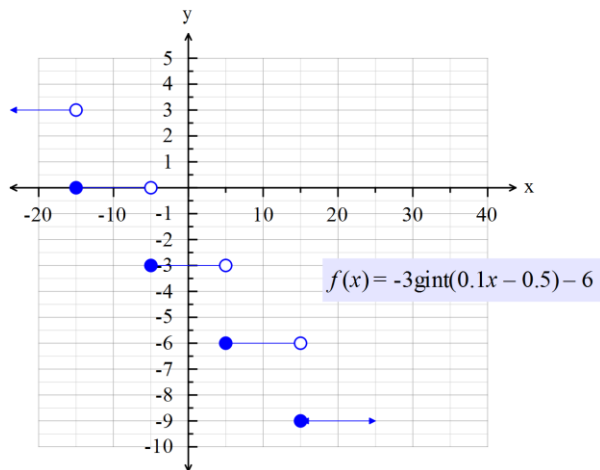
- i) a) see below    b) no zeros    c)  $f(-1) = -2$     d)  $f(-12) = -11$     e)  $x = ]13, 17]$



- ii) a) see below    b) no zeros    c)  $f(-1) = -3$     d)  $f(-12) = -11$     e) *no solution*



- iii) a) see below    b)  $[-15, -5[$     c)  $f(-1) = -3$     d)  $f(-12) = 0$     e) *no solution*



- iv) a) see below    b)  $x = ]75, 83]$     c)  $f(-1) = 5$     d)  $f(-12) = 5\frac{1}{2}$     e)  $x = ]-85, -77]$

