

## 8.1A Graphs of Absolute Value Functions

#1 – 6: Using a graphing utility, determine whether the graph of each equation opens up or down. Identify the vertex and the axis of symmetry.

1.  $y = |x + 2| - 6$

Opens: upAxis of symmetry:  $x = -2$ Vertex:  $(-2, -6)$ 

2.  $y = -|x - 3| + 4$

Opens: downAxis of symmetry:  $x = 3$ Vertex:  $(3, 4)$ 

3.  $y = 2|x - 5| - 4$

Opens: upAxis of symmetry:  $x = 5$ Vertex:  $(5, -4)$ 

4.  $y = -2|x - 2| - 5$

Opens: downAxis of symmetry:  $x = 2$ Vertex:  $(2, -5)$ 

5.  $y = -\frac{1}{2}|x - 1| - 4$

Opens: downAxis of symmetry:  $x = 1$ Vertex:  $(1, -4)$ 

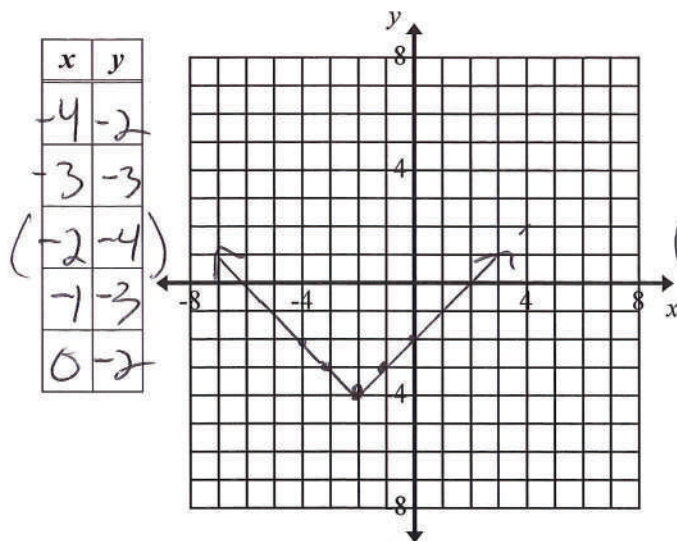
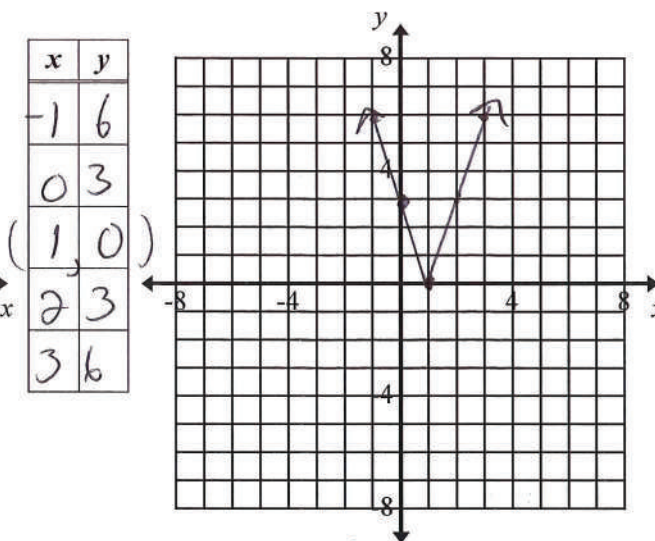
6.  $y = \frac{1}{4}|x - 2| + 4$

Opens: upAxis of symmetry:  $x = 2$ Vertex:  $(2, 4)$ 

#7 – 12: Graph the absolute value function AND identify the domain and range.

7.  $y = |x + 2| - 4$

8.  $y = 3|x - 1|$

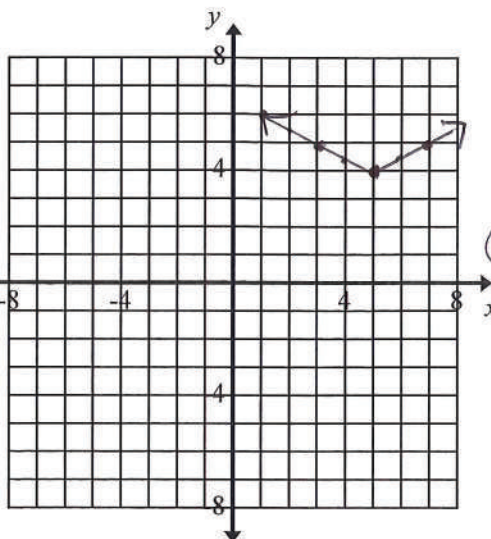
Domain:  $\mathbb{R}$ Range:  $y \geq -4$ Domain:  $\mathbb{R}$ Range:  $y \geq 0$

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#7 – 12 (continued): Graph the absolute value function AND identify the domain and range.

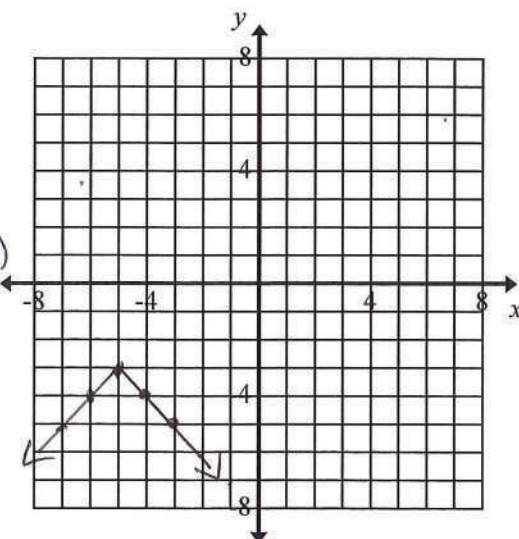
9.  $y = \frac{1}{2}|x-5| + 4$

x	y
3	5
4	4.5
(5) 4	
6	4.5
7	5

Domain:  $\mathcal{R}$ Range:  $y \geq 4$ 

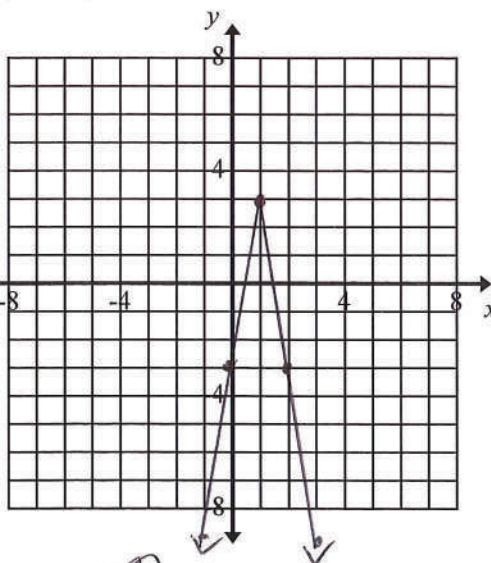
10.  $y = -|x+5| - 3$

x	y
-7	-5
-6	-4
(-5) -3	
-4	-4
-3	-5

Domain:  $\mathcal{R}$ Range:  $y \leq -3$ 

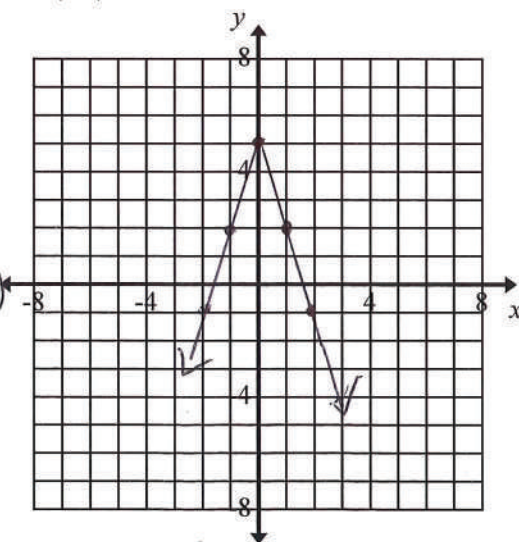
11.  $y = -2|3x-3| + 3$

x	y
1	-9
0	-3
(1) 3	
2	-3
3	-9

Domain:  $\mathcal{R}$ Range:  $y \leq 3$ 

12.  $y = 5 - |3x|$

x	y
-2	-1
-1	2
(0) 5	
1	2
2	-1

Domain:  $\mathcal{R}$ Range:  $y \leq 5$ 13. Without graphing the equation  $y = 2|x-4| + 3$ , answer the following:What is the domain of the graph of the equation?  $\mathcal{R}$ What is the range of the graph of the equation?  $y \geq 3$

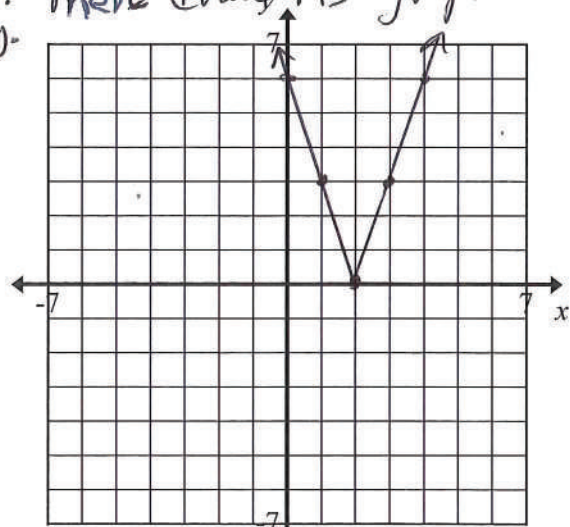


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#14 – 15: Identify several significant features (vertex location, opening, domain, range, steepness, etc.) of the graph of the equation, then match the function and the graph (draw a line from the equation to the correct graph): *the absolute value function. Then draw its graph without a graphing utility.*

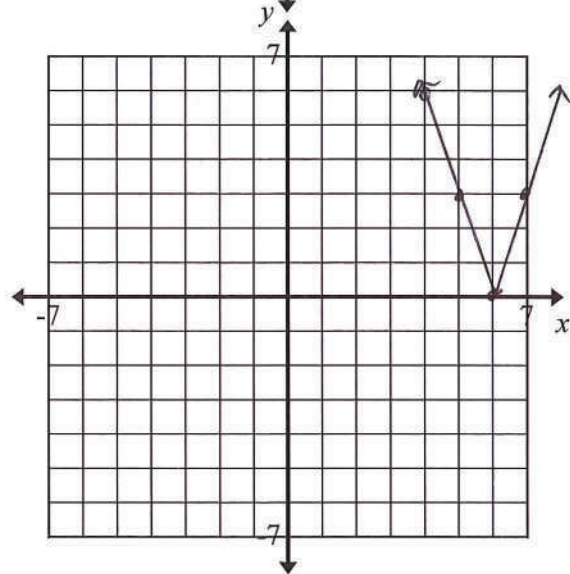
14.  $y = |3x - 6|$

- > vertex (2, 0)
- > opens up
- > domain all  $\mathbb{R}$
- > range  $y \geq 0$
- > fairly steep with slope of 3 on one side



15.  $y = 3|x - 6|$

- > vertex 6, 0
- > opens up
- > domain all  $\mathbb{R}$
- > range  $y \geq 0$
- > fairly steep with a slope of 3 on one side.



16. What do you notice that is the same between the **equations** of problems 14 and 15?

*Same Domain and range, opening up, same steepness (slope 3)*

17. What do you notice that is different between the **equations** of problems 14 and 15?

*There are 2 different expressions inside the absolute value.*

*Second equation has a coefficient of 3 outside the absolute value.*

18. How do the differences influence the x-coordinate of the vertex?

*Setting 2 unequal expressions inside the absolute value equal to zero and solving gives 2 different x-coordinates for the vertex.*

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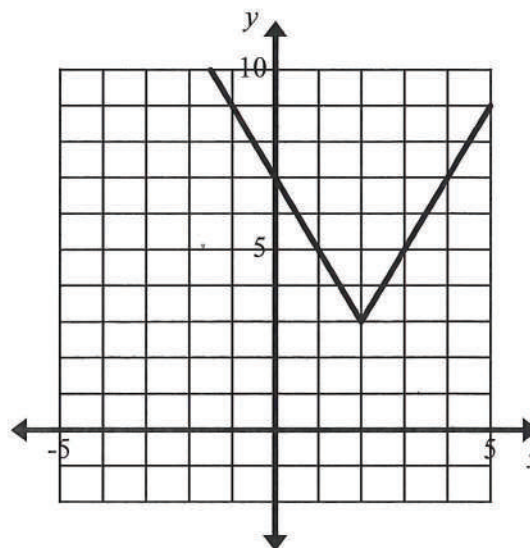
19. Which of the following equation(s) is/are graphed to the right?

[A]  $y = |2x - 1| + 3$

[B]  $y = 2|x - 2| + 3$

[C]  $y = |2x - 2| + 3$

[D]  $y = 2|x - 3| + 3$



20. Which pair of linear equations, along with restrictions, represents the equation:  $y = |x + 4| - 5$ ?

[A]  $y = x - 1$  for  $x \geq -4$

$y = -x - 1$  for  $x < -4$

[B]  $y = -x - 9$  for  $x \geq -4$

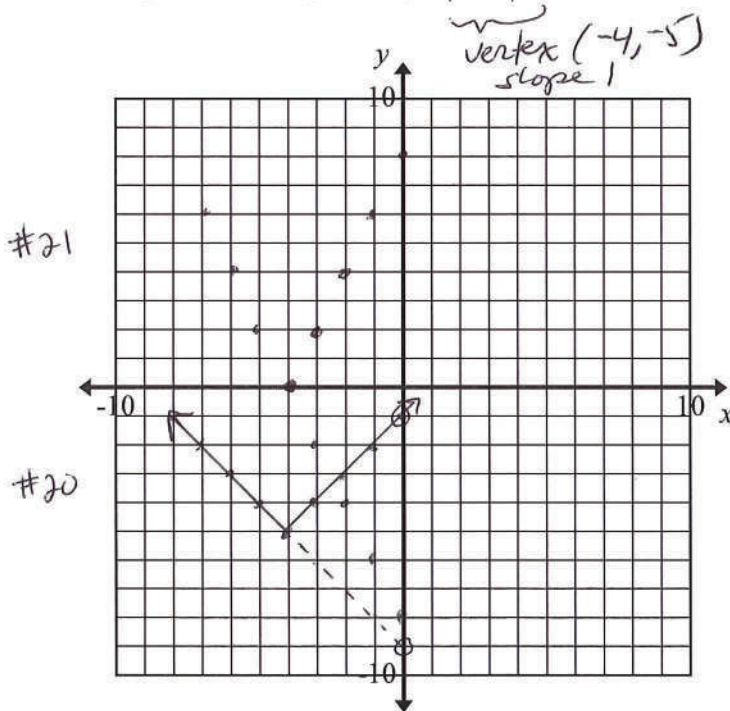
$y = x - 1$  for  $x < -4$

[C]  $y = -x - 1$  for  $x \geq -4$

$y = x - 1$  for  $x < -4$

[D]  $y = x - 1$  for  $x \geq -4$

$y = -x - 9$  for  $x < -4$



21. What two linear equations, along with restrictions, duplicates the graph of  $y = |2x + 8|$ ?

$y = 2x + 8$  for  $x \geq -4$

$y = -2x - 8$  for  $x < -4$

vertex  $(-4, 0)$   
slope 2  
 $y = 2|x + 4|$

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