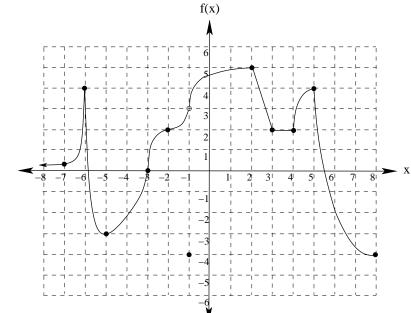
Show all work for credit. Also, give exact answers unless otherwise noted.

- 1. Answer the following questions based on the graph of f(x) shown below:
 - (a) Find the intervals on which f is increasing.





- (c) Find the x-values at which a local maximum of f occurs?
- (d) Find the x-values at which a local minimum of f occurs?
- (e) Find the absolute maximum of f, if it exists, along with the x-value(s) where it occurs.
- (f) Find the absolute minimum of f, if it exists, along with the x-value(s) where it occurs.

2. Find the critical numbers for each of the following functions:

(a)
$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 - 4x + 12$$

(b)
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 - x + 4}{x - 1}$$

(c)
$$f(x) = \sin^2 x - \cos x$$

(d)
$$f(x) = \frac{x^2}{x-2}$$

3. Find the absolute extrema of each function on the given interval:

(a)
$$f(x) = x^3 - 7x^2 - 5x + 10$$
 on $[-1, 8]$

(b)
$$f(x) = 3x^4 - 54x^2 - 7$$
 on $[-5, 4]$

(c)
$$f(x) = x\sqrt{x+1}$$
 on $[-1, 2]$

(d)
$$f(x) = \frac{4}{x-3} + 9x + 2$$
 on $[0, \frac{7}{2}]$