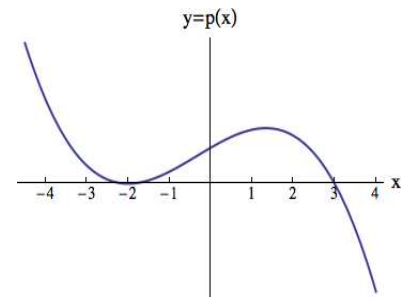


4. [12 points]

a. [4 points] The graph of a polynomial  $p(x)$  is shown below. The following facts are known about  $p(x)$ :

- i) The only zeros of  $p(x)$  are  $x = -2$  and  $x = 3$ .
- ii) The degree of  $p(x)$  is at most four.
- iii) The point  $(1, 9)$  is on the graph of  $p(x)$ .



Find a formula for  $p(x)$ .

$$p(x) = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$

b. [5 points] Let

$$R(x) = \frac{(x^2 + 9)(10x + 1)}{7x^3 - x}.$$

Find all the intercepts and all horizontal and vertical asymptotes of the graph  $y = R(x)$ . If appropriate, write "None" in the answer blank provided. Your answers should be in **exact form**.

i) x-intercept(s): \_\_\_\_\_

ii) y-intercept(s): \_\_\_\_\_

iii) vertical asymptote(s): \_\_\_\_\_

iv) horizontal asymptote(s): \_\_\_\_\_

c. [3 points] A law of physics states that the force  $F$  (in Newtons) exerted between two objects is inversely proportional to the square of the distance  $r$  (in meters) between them, and  $F = 30$  when  $r = 7$ . Find a formula for  $F$  in terms of  $r$ .

$$F(r) = \underline{\hspace{10em}}$$