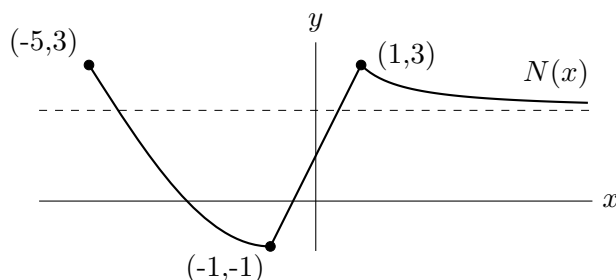**7.** [14 points]  Consider the graph of the function $N(x)$ and the formula for the function $L(t)$ represented below. $N(x)$ is linear on $[-1, 1]$, and the dotted line is a horizontal asymptote of $N(x)$ at $y = 2$. You do not need to show your work for this problem.



$$L(t) = \begin{cases} \dfrac{-8(t+2)(t+1)}{t^2+4} & \text{for } t < 0 \\[2ex] \dfrac{9(t-4)}{t^2-9} & \text{for } t \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

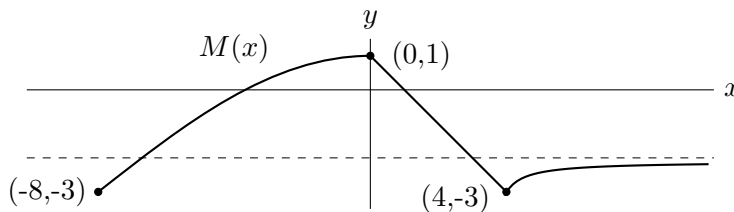**a.** [6 points]  Find the following (write "DNE" if the quantity does not exist):

- $L(N(-1)) =$ _____.

- $N(L(5)) =$ _____.

- $\lim\limits_{t\to\infty} L(t) =$ _____.

- $\lim\limits_{t\to-\infty} L(t) =$ _____.

- $\lim\limits_{x\to\infty} N(x) =$ _____.

- The average rate of change of $N(x)$ between $x = -5$ and $x = 0$ is_____.

**b.** [5 points]  Find all vertical asymptotes and zeros of $L(t)$. If there are none, write "none" in the corresponding blank

The vertical asymptote(s) of $L(t)$ is/are _____.

The zero(s) of $L(t)$ is/are _____.

**c.** [3 points]  Find a formula for $M(x)$, graphed below, as a transformation of $N(x)$.



$M(x) =$_____.