Practice Prelim 3, Math 191, Fall 2005

No calculators. Clearly mark each answer.

1. Decide, giving reasons, whether the following series converges absolutely, converges conditionally, or diverges?

a)
$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(\ln n)^2}{n^{3/2}}$$
 [10 points]
b) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n+\sin n}$ [5 points]
c) $\sum_{n=2}^{\infty} \frac{n\sqrt{n+1}}{n^3+3n+1}$ [5 points]
d) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(2n+1)!^2}{(3n)!}$ [10 points]

2. a) Find the Maclaurin series for the function

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

For what values of x does the series converge absolutely?

b) Does the series converge at x = 1? Explain. [20 points]

3. a) Find the sum of the series

$$1 + \frac{2}{10} + \frac{3}{10^2} + \frac{2}{10^4} + \frac{3}{10^5} + \frac{2}{10^7} + \frac{3}{10^8} + \dots \qquad [10 \ points]$$

b) Does the series

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$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\sin \frac{1}{2n} - \sin \frac{1}{2n+1} \right)$$
 [10 points]

converge? Why or why not?

4. Evaluate the integral

$$-\int_0^1 \ln x \, dx \qquad [10 \, points]$$

5. According to the error-bound formula for Simpson's rule (the formula would be given on the actual exam), how many sub-intervals should you use to be sure of estimating the value of

$$\ln 3 = \int_1^3 \frac{1}{x} \, dx$$

by Simpson's rule with an error no more than 10^{-2} in absolute value? (Remember that for Simpson's rule, the number of sub-intervals has to be even). [20 points]