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Show all work, clearly and legibly, to receive full credit. Correct spelling, organization of your solution, and proper use of mathematical notation all count. You may use a stand-alone graphing calculator, but not any internet-based calculators. No notes, books, or other additional resources are permitted. Good luck!

1.) (4 pts.) Let $f(x) = x^2$. The limit definition of the derivative at $x = 3$ is

$$f'(3) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(3+h) - f(3)}{h}.$$

Work through *just the first step* of computing $f'(3)$ using this definition, substituting in for $f(3+h)$ and $f(3)$. *You should not compute further.*

2.) (4 pts.) Let $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x + 3}$.

a.) What is $f(-3)$?

b.) What is $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} f(x)$, that is, what is $\lim_{x \rightarrow -3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x + 3}$? Justify your answer using a graph and/or algebra.

3.) (2 pts.) Simplify any negative exponents by writing an equivalent fraction having only positive exponents: klm^{-9} .