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Quiz 3: No calculators. Justify all answers. No partial credit is given for an answer that is both unexplained and incorrect.

1. (2pts) What does it mean for a real function f to be continuous at 11?

It means the function is defined at 11 and the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 11} f(x)$ exists and they are equal:

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 11} f(x) = f(11)$$

2. (3pts) Find the value of the number a that makes the function g defined below continuous.

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} \sqrt{x} - 5 & \text{if } x \geq 4 \\ ax & \text{if } x < 4 \end{cases}$$

In order to be continuous at 4, the function must satisfy

$$-3 = \sqrt{4} - 5 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 4^+} g(x) = a4$$

so it must be that $a = -\frac{3}{4}$.