Worksheet – Piecewise functions Mr. Chvatal

Please graph the following piecewise functions.

1.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x+6 & \text{if } -5 < x < -3 \\ -\frac{2}{3}x-1 & \text{if } -3 \le x < 3 \\ x-5 & \text{if } x \ge 3 \end{cases}$$



2.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{2}x+5 & \text{if } x \le -2 \\ -\frac{2}{3}x-2 & \text{if } -2 < x < 0 \\ 4x-4 & \text{if } x \ge 0 \end{cases}$$



3.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 - 2x + 1 & \text{if } -1 \le x < 2\\ \frac{1}{2}x + 1 & \text{if } x \ge 2 \end{cases}$$



4. Please model a piecewise function from the graph below.



5. Volume purchasing allows a manufacturer to reduce its production costs. If the company buys less than 20 red widgets, a key component of their product, they pay \$10 per piece. The price drops to \$8 if they purchase any amount from 20 to less than 50. The best price they can get is \$7 per red widget for orders of 50 or more. Model a piecewise function and graph below.



6. A planetary explorer module enters the atmosphere of the planet Goobertron at a speed of 500 km/hr and immediately begins decelerating by 50 km/hr. After one hour, the propulsion system slows it to a deceleration rate of 150 km/hr. After another two hours, the rate of deceleration becomes 300 km/hr. Please model its speed vs. time with a piecewise function and graph below. After how many hours does the module hit the planet surface?



7. The rate of decay of a certain sub-atomic particle at a temperature of 0° C and lower is modeled by the equation $f(x) = x^2 + 4x$. At temperatures above 0° C its rate of decay is modeled by the equation $f(x) = -x^2 + 4x + 2$. Please model the rate of decay with a piecewise function and graph below.



8. Create your own real-world problem, model it with a piecewise function and graph below.

