

A function $y=f(x)$ has the second order derivatives $f''(x) = 6(x-1)$. If its graph passes through the point $(2,1)$ and at that point the tangent to the graph is $y=3x-5$, then the function is —

Solution:

$$\text{Given } f''(x) = 6(x-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 3(x-1)^2 + c_1$$

But at point $(2,1)$, the line $y=3x-5$ is tangent to the graph $f(x)=y$.

$$\therefore \left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{x=2} = 3$$

$$\text{or } f'(2) = 3.$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 = 3(2-1)^2 + c_1$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{c_1 = 0}$$

$$\therefore f'(x) = 3(x-1)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = (x-1)^3 + c_2$$

\because It is given that $f(2) = 1$

$$\Rightarrow f(2) = (2-1)^3 + c_2$$

$$\Rightarrow c_2 = 0$$

$$\boxed{\therefore f(x) = (x-1)^3}$$