

INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA EXAM 2 GR* NAME _____

SHOW ALL WORK ON THIS TEST OR ON SEPARATE PAPER. Circle answers.
TURN IN ALL WORKSHEETS. CALCULATORS ARE PERMITTED ON THIS TEST.

$$x^3 - y^3 = (x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)$$

$$x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x^2 - xy + y^2)$$

In 1 - 6, factor completely:

1. $3x^2 - 3x - 18$

2. $81x^4 - 16$

3. $(3x + y)^2 + 7(3x + y) - 18$

4. $x^3 + 5x^2 - 9x - 45$

5. $5x^2 - 22x + 21$

6. $x^3y^6 - 8x^3$

In 7 - 8, solve for x :

7. $x^2 + 2x = 8$

8. $x^3 - 4x^2 = -4x$

In 9 - 12, perform the indicated operations (add, subtract, multiply, or divide.)

REDUCE ALL FRACTIONS COMPLETELY!

9. $\frac{x^3 - 27}{x^2 - 9}$

10. $\frac{x^2 - 8xy + 16y^2}{x^2 - 3xy - 10y^2} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 4y^2}{x^2 - 5xy + 4y^2}$

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11. $\frac{7}{5xy^2} + \frac{8}{45x^4y^3}$

12. $\frac{5}{x^2 - 10x + 25} - \frac{3}{x^2 - 5x}$

13. If 5 pounds of dog food cost \$3.29, how much should it cost for a 12 pound bag?

14. y varies directly as the square of z and inversely as the cube of x . If $y = 20$ when $z = 2$ and $x = 3$, find y when $z = 3$ and $x = 2$.

In 15 - 18, solve for x :

15. $C = \frac{5}{9}(x - 32)$

16. $\frac{ax + b}{x} = c$

17. $\frac{4}{x} = \frac{x + 2}{2}$

18. $\frac{x}{x - 1} + \frac{2}{x - 5} = \frac{-4}{(x - 5)(x - 1)}$

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In 19 - 20, divide:

19. $\frac{40x^3 + 8x^2 - 12}{8x^2}$

20. Use synthetic division: $\frac{x^3 - 2x^2 + 10x - 4}{x - 2}$

In 21 - 24, simplify the complex fractions (any method you prefer) :

21. $\frac{1 - \frac{5}{x} + \frac{6}{x^2}}{1 - \frac{3}{x} + \frac{2}{x^2}}$

22. $\frac{1 - \frac{2}{x+2}}{1 + \frac{2}{x-2}}$

23. $(x^{-2} - y^{-2})^{-1}$

24. $\frac{1 + (2x)^{-1}}{2x + (2x)^{-2}}$

25. Under what conditions is Method II an advantage (a good shortcut) over Method I?

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1. $3x^2 - 3x - 18$
 $= 3(x^2 - x - 6)$
 $= 3(x-3)(x+2)$

2. $81x^4 - 16$
 $= (9x^2 - 4)(9x^2 + 4)$
 $= (3x-2)(3x+2)(9x^2 + 4)$

3. $(3x+y)^2 + 7(3x+y) - 18$
 $= [(3x+y) + 9][(3x+y) - 2]$
 $= (3x+y+9)(3x+y-2)$

4. $x^3 + 5x^2 - 9x - 45$
 $= x^2(x+5) - 9(x+5)$
 $= (x+5)(x^2 - 9)$
 $= (x+5)(x-3)(x+3)$

5. $5x^2 - 22x + 21$
 $= (5x-7)(x-3)$

6. $x^3y^6 - 8x^3$
 $= x^3(y^6 - 8)$
 $= x^3(y^2 - 2)(y^4 + 2y^2 + 4)$

7. $x^2 + 2x = 8$
 $x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$
 $(x+4)(x-2) = 0$
 $x = -4, x = 2$

8. $x^3 - 4x^2 = 4x$
 $x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x = 0$
 $x(x^2 - 4x + 4) = 0$
 $x(x-2)(x-2) = 0$
 $x = 0, x = 2$

9. $\frac{x^3 - 27}{x^2 - 9}$
 $\frac{(x-3)(x^2 + 3x + 9)}{(x-3)(x+3)}$
 $\frac{x^2 + 3x + 9}{x+3}$

10. $\frac{x^3 - 8xy + 16y^2}{x^2 - 3xy - 10y^2} \cdot \frac{x^2 - 4y^2}{x^2 - 5xy + 4y^2}$
 $\frac{(x-4y)(x-2y)}{(x-5y)(x+y)} \cdot \frac{(x-2y)(x+2y)}{(x-4y)(x-y)}$
 $\frac{(x-2y)(x+2y)}{(x-5y)(x-y)}$

11. $\frac{7}{5xy^2} + \frac{8}{45x^4y^3}$
 $\frac{7 \cdot 9x^3y}{5x^4y^2 \cdot 9x^3y} + \frac{8}{45x^4y^3}$
 $\frac{63x^3y + 8}{45x^4y^3}$

12. $\frac{5}{(x-5)^2} \cdot \frac{x}{x} - \frac{3}{x(x-5)(x-5)}$
 $\frac{5x - 3x + 15}{x(x-5)^2}$
 $\frac{2x + 15}{x(x-5)^2}$

13. $\frac{5}{3.29} = \frac{12}{x}$
 $5x = 12(3.29)$
 $x = \frac{12(3.29)}{5} = 7.90$

14. $y = \frac{rz^2}{x^3}$
 $20 = \frac{rz^2}{3^3}$
 $4r = 20 \cdot 27$
 $r = 135$

15. $c = \frac{5}{9}(x-32)$
 $\frac{9}{5}c = \frac{9}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{9}(x-32)$
 $\frac{9}{5}c = x - 32$
 $\frac{9}{5}c + 32 = x$

16. $\frac{ax+b}{x} = c$
 $ax+b = cx$
 $-cx - cx = -b$
 $x(a-c) = -b$
 $x = \frac{-b}{a-c} \text{ or } \frac{b}{c-a}$

17. $\frac{x+2}{x} = \frac{x+2}{2}$
 $x^2 + 2x = 8$
 $x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$
 $(x+4)(x-2) = 0$
 $x = -4, x = 2$

18. $\frac{x}{x-1} + \frac{2}{x-5} = \frac{-4}{(x-5)(x-1)}$
 $x(x-5) + 2(x-1) = -4$
 $x^2 - 5x + 2x - 2 = -4$
 $x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$
 $(x-2)(x-1) = 0$
 $x = 2, x = 1$

19. $\frac{40x^3 + 8x^2 - 12}{8x^2}$
 $= \frac{40x^3}{8x^2} + \frac{8x^2}{8x^2} - \frac{12}{8x^2}$
 $= 5x + 1 - \frac{3}{2x^2}$

20. $\frac{2}{x-2} \div \frac{1-2}{2} \cdot \frac{10-4}{20}$
 $\frac{2}{x-2} \cdot \frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{6}{20}$
 $\frac{2}{x-2} \cdot \frac{12}{20}$
 $\frac{2}{x-2} \cdot \frac{3}{5}$
 $\frac{6}{5(x-2)}$

23. $(x^2 - y^2)^{-1}$
 $= \left(\frac{1}{x^2 - y^2}\right)^{-1}$
 $= \frac{(y^2 - x^2)^{-1}}{x^2 y^2}$
 $= \frac{y^2 - x^2}{y^2 x^2}$

24. $1 + \frac{1}{2x}$
 $\frac{2x + 1}{2x}$
 $\frac{2x + 1}{2x} \div \frac{2x + 1}{4x^2}$
 $= \frac{2x + 1}{2x} \cdot \frac{4x^2}{2x + 1}$
 $= \frac{2x}{2x} \cdot \frac{4x^2}{2x + 1}$
 $= \frac{4x^2}{2x + 1}$

21. $\frac{x^3}{(1 - \frac{5}{x} + \frac{6}{x^2})}$
 $\frac{x^3}{x^2(1 - \frac{5}{x} + \frac{6}{x^2})}$
 $\frac{x^3}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$
 $\frac{x^3}{(x-2)(x-3)}$
 $\frac{x^3}{(x-2)(x-1)}$

22. $(1 - \frac{2}{x+2}) \div (1 + \frac{2}{x-2})$
 $= \frac{(x+2) - 2}{x+2} \div \frac{(x-2) + 2}{x-2}$
 $= \frac{x}{x+2} \cdot \frac{x-2}{x}$
 $= \frac{x-2}{x+2}$