

INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA EXAM 2 S* 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 - 4, factor completely:

1. $y^2 - 8y - 20$

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

3. $40x^5y^3 - 5x^2$

4. $(x^2 - 3x)^2 - 14(x^2 - 3x) + 40$

In 5 - 6, solve for x :

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

6. $(x - 3)(x + 3) = 8x$

In 7 - 10, perform the indicated operations (add, subtract, multiply, or divide.)
REDUCE ALL FRACTIONS COMPLETELY!

7. $\frac{8x^2 - 16x}{x^2 - 4x + 4}$

8. $\frac{7}{10xy^3} + \frac{8}{45x^4y}$

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

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

In 11 - 12, solve the equations for x :

11. $\frac{x}{x+4} = \frac{6}{x-4}$

12. $\frac{1}{x^2 - 4x + 3} - \frac{1}{x^2 + 4x - 5} = \frac{1}{x^2 + 2x - 15}$

13. y varies directly as z and inversely as the square root of x . If $y = 12$ when $z = 3$ and $x = 4$, find y when $z=12$ and $x = 9$.

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14. Divide:

a) $\frac{20x^4 - 4x^2 + 12}{4x^2}$

b) $\frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 10x - 4}{x - 2}$

In 15 - 18, simplify the complex fractions:

15. $\frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{y}{4}}{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{y}{4}}$

16. $\frac{\frac{6x}{x-1} - 3}{4 - \frac{12}{x+4}}$

17. $(x^{-1} - y^{-1})^{-1}$

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

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1. $y^2 - 8y - 20$

$(y-10)(y+2)$

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

$= x^2(x+2) - 4(x+2)$
 $= (x+2)(x^2 - 4)$
 $= (x+2)(x+2)(x-2)$
 $= (x+2)^2(x-2)$

3. $40x^5y^3 - 5x^2$

$= 5x^2(8x^3y^3 - 1)$
 $= 5x^2(2xy-1)(4x^2y^2 + 2xy + 1)$

4. $(x^2 - 3x)^2 - 14(x^2 - 3x) + 40$

$= [(x^2 - 3x) - 10][(x^2 - 3x) - 4]$
 $= (x-5)(x+2)(x-4)(x+1)$

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

$x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$

$(x+4)(x-2) = 0$

$x = -4 \quad x = 2$

6. $(x-3)(x+3) = 8x$

$x^2 - 9 = 8x$

$x^2 - 8x - 9 = 0$

$(x-9)(x+1) = 0$

$x = 9 \quad x = -1$

9. $\frac{5}{(x-5)^2} - \frac{3}{x(x-5)}$

$= \frac{5 \cdot x}{(x-5)^2 \cdot x} - \frac{3}{x(x-5)(x-5)}$

$= \frac{5x - 3x + 15}{x(x-5)^2}$

$= \frac{2x + 15}{x(x-5)^2}$

10. $\frac{x}{(x-5)(x+5)} - \frac{5}{5-x}$

$= \frac{x}{(x-5)(x+5)} + \frac{5(x+5)}{(x-5)(x+5)}$

$= \frac{x + 5x + 25}{(x-5)(x+5)}$

$= \frac{6x + 25}{(x-5)(x+5)}$

11. $\frac{x}{x+4} = \frac{6}{x-4}$

$x(x-4) = 6(x+4)$

$x^2 - 4x = 6x + 24$

$x^2 - 10x - 24 = 0$

$(x-12)(x+2) = 0$

$x = 12 \quad x = -2$

12. $\frac{1}{(x-1)(x-3)} - \frac{1}{(x+5)(x-1)}$

$x+5 - x+3 = x-1$

$8 = x-1$

$x = 9$

13. $y = \frac{8z}{\sqrt{x}}$

$12 = \frac{8 \cdot 3}{\sqrt{4}}$

$24 = 3k$

$k = 8$

$y = \frac{8 \cdot 12}{\sqrt{9}}$

$= \frac{8 \cdot 12}{3} = 32$

17. $(x^{-1} - y^{-1})^{-1}$
 $= (\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y})^{-1}$
 $= (\frac{y-x}{xy})^{-1} = \frac{xy}{y-x}$

14a) $\frac{20x^4 - 4x^2 + 12}{4x^2}$

$= \frac{20x^4}{4x^2} - \frac{4x^2}{4x^2} + \frac{12}{4x^2}$

$= 5x^2 - 1 + \frac{3}{x^2}$

b) $\frac{x^3 + 2x^2 - 10x - 4}{x-2}$

$2 \overline{) 12 - 10 - 4}$
 $\underline{24 8 - 4}$
 $14 - 2 - 8$

$x^2 + 4x - 2 - \frac{8}{x-2}$

18. $\frac{(2x)^{-1} - 2x^{-1}}{(2x)^{-2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{2x} - \frac{2}{x}}{\frac{1}{4x^2}} = \frac{\frac{1-4}{2x}}{\frac{1}{4x^2}} = \frac{-3}{2x} \cdot \frac{4x^2}{1} = -6x$

15. $4x(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{4}{4}) = \frac{4-x4}{4+x4}$

16. $\frac{\frac{6x}{x-1} - 3}{4 - \frac{12}{x+4}} = \frac{(\frac{6x}{x-1} - 3) \div (\frac{4-x12}{x+4})}{\frac{6x-3x+3}{x-1} \div \frac{4x+16-1}{x+4}}$
 $= \frac{3x+3}{x-1} \cdot \frac{x+4}{4x+4}$
 $= \frac{3(x+1)}{x-1} \cdot \frac{x+4}{4(x+1)}$
 $= \frac{3(x+4)}{4(x-1)}$

LCD = 90x^4y^3

8. $\frac{7}{10xy^3} + \frac{8}{45x^4y}$
 $= \frac{7 \cdot 9x^3}{10xy^3 \cdot 9x^3} + \frac{8 \cdot 2y^2}{45x^4y \cdot 2y^2}$
 $= \frac{63x^3 + 16y^2}{90x^4y^3}$