

**COLLEGE ALGEBRA EXAM 1 LG**

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**SHOW ALL WORK ON THIS TEST OR ON SEPARATE PAPER.** Circle answers.  
**TURN IN ALL WORKSHEETS.** GRAPHING CALCULATORS ARE REQUIRED ON THIS TEST. (WHEN CALCULATORS ARE USED, SKETCH THE GRAPH, DESCRIBE THE WINDOW, OR OTHERWISE INDICATE WHAT YOU DID!!)

In 1 - 4, factor completely and simplify if possible:

1.  $2x^4 - 54x$

2.  $(x+2y)^2 - 10(x+2y) + 25$

3.  $x^5 + 9x^4 - 4x - 36$

4.  $(x^2 - 7x)^2 + 16(x^2 - 7x) + 60$

5.  $x^{\frac{3}{2}} - 36x^{\frac{1}{2}}$

6.  $x^3 - 16x^{-1}$

7. Simplify:  $\frac{x}{x^2 - 4} + \frac{2}{x^2 - 6x + 8} - \frac{1}{x^2 - 2x - 8}$

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8. Simplify:  $[3x^{-1} - (3y)^{-1}]^{-2}$

In 9 – 12, give simplest radical form. Rationalize all denominators.

9a)  $\sqrt{250x^7y^9}$       b)  $\sqrt[3]{250x^7y^9}$

10a)  $\sqrt{46} \cdot \sqrt{69}$       b)  $\sqrt[3]{98} \cdot \sqrt[3]{14}$

11.  $\frac{15}{\sqrt{72x^3}}$

12.  $\frac{5\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{6}}{5\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{6}}$

In 13 – 16, solve the equations for x. (Give complex or radical form when appropriate.)

13.  $|2x - 3| = |x + 6|$

14.  $x^2 + 20 = 4x$

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15.  $x^2 = 4(x + 2)$

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

In 17 – 19, use a calculator to calculate the value. Give scientific notation or round to nearest hundredth.

17a)  $\sqrt{1,000,000}$

18a)  $\frac{4.5 \cdot 10^8}{5.4 \cdot 10^{-8}}$

19a) Give scientific notation: 0.0000042

b)  $\sqrt[5]{1,000,000}$

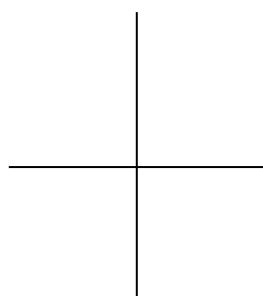
b)  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{3500 \cdot 850}{0.0042 \cdot 98}}$

b) Give in the form  $a+bi$ :  $\frac{9+16i}{2-8i}$

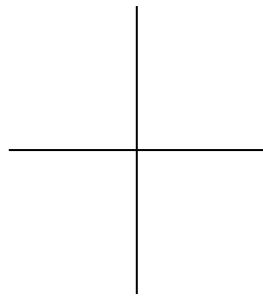
(Fractional form)

In 20 – 21, graph each of the following.

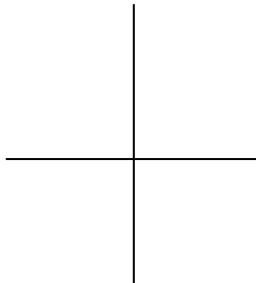
20a)  $y = x^2$



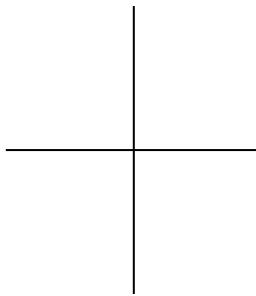
b)  $y = -x^2$



21a)  $y = |x|$



b)  $y = |x + 4|$



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22.  $\sqrt{x+4} - \sqrt{3x} = -2$

23.  $(x^2 - 6x)^2 + 13(x^2 - 6x) + 40 = 0$

24.  $\frac{x^2 - 12}{x} - \frac{20x}{x^2 - 12} = 1$

$$1. 2x^4 - 54x$$

$$2x(x^3 - 27)$$

$$2x(x-3)(x^2 + 3x + 9)$$

$$4. (x^2 - 7x)^2 + 16(x^2 - 7x) + 60$$

$$(x^2 - 7x + 10)(x^2 - 7x + 6)$$

$$(x-5)(x-2)(x-6)(x-1)$$

$$7. \frac{x}{(x-2)(x+2)} + \frac{2}{(x-4)(x-2)} - \frac{1}{(x+2)(x-4)}$$

$$\frac{x}{(x-2)(x+2)(x-4)} + \frac{2}{(x-4)(x-2)(x+2)} - \frac{1}{(x+2)(x-4)(x-2)}$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 2x + 4 - x + 2$$

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

$$x^2 - 3x + 6$$

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

$$10. a) \sqrt{46} \sqrt{69} \quad b) \sqrt[3]{98} \sqrt[3]{14}$$

$$\frac{\sqrt{23 \cdot 2 - 23 \cdot 3}}{23 \sqrt{6}} = \frac{\sqrt{2 \cdot 7^2 - 2 \cdot 7}}{7 \sqrt[3]{4}}$$

$$13. |2x-3| = |x+6|$$

$$2x-3 = x+6 \quad \text{or} \quad 2x-3 = -x-6$$

$$x=9 \quad 3x=-3$$

$$x=-1$$

$$15. x^2 = 4x + 8$$

$$x^2 - 4x + \underline{\quad} = 8 + \underline{\quad}$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 8 + 4$$

$$(x-2)^2 = 12$$

$$x-2 = \pm \sqrt{12}$$

$$x = 2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

$$17. a) 1000$$

$$b) 15.85$$

$$18. a) 8.3 \times 10^{15}$$

$$b) 1.9 \times 10^{-2}$$

$$\text{or } 193.35$$

$$2. (x+2y)^2 - 10(x-2y) + 25$$

$$(x+2y-5)(x+2y-5)$$

$$5. x^{3/2} - 36x^{1/2}$$

$$x^{1/2}(x-36)$$

$$3. x^5 + 9x^4 + x - 36$$

$$x^4(x+9) - 4(x+9)$$

$$(x+9)(x^4 - 4)$$

$$(x+9)(x^2 - 2)(x^2 + 2)$$

$$6. x^3 - 16x^{-1}$$

$$x^{-1}(x^4 - 16)$$

$$x^{-1}(x^2 - 4)(x^2 + 4)$$

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

$$8. [3x^{-1} - (3y)^{-1}]^{-2}$$

$$\left[ \frac{3}{x} - \frac{1}{3y} \right]^{-2}$$

$$9. a) \sqrt{250x^7y^9} \quad b) \sqrt[3]{250x^7y^9}$$

$$\sqrt{25x^6y^8} \sqrt{10xy}$$

$$5x^3y^4 \sqrt{10xy}$$

$$\sqrt[3]{125x^6y^9} \sqrt[3]{2x}$$

$$5x^2y^3 \sqrt[3]{2x}$$

$$\left[ \frac{9y-x}{3xy} \right]^{-2}$$

$$\left( \frac{3xy}{9y-x} \right)^{-2} \text{ or } \frac{9xy^2}{(9y-x)^2}$$

$$11. \frac{15}{\sqrt{72x^3}} = \frac{15}{\sqrt{36x^2}\sqrt{2x}\sqrt{2x}}$$

$$= \frac{15\sqrt{2x}}{6x \cdot 2x} = \frac{5\sqrt{2x}}{4x^2}$$

$$12. \frac{(5\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{6})(5\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{6})}{(5\sqrt{3} - 2\sqrt{6})(5\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{6})}$$

$$= \frac{25 \cdot 3 + 10\sqrt{18} + 10\sqrt{18} + 48}{25 \cdot 3 - 4 \cdot 6}$$

$$= \frac{75 + 24 + 20\sqrt{18}}{75 - 24}$$

$$= \frac{99 + 60\sqrt{2}}{51}$$

$$= \frac{3(33 + 20\sqrt{2})}{51}$$

$$= \frac{33 + 20\sqrt{2}}{17}$$

$$16. \frac{(x+1)(x-5)}{x^2} + \frac{x-5}{x+5} = \frac{(x+1)(x-5)}{(x-1)(x+5)}$$

$$x-5x + 2x - 2 = -4 \quad (x \neq 1, 5)$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-1) = 0$$

$$x=2 \quad x \neq 1 \quad \text{Reject.}$$

$$20. a) y = x^2$$

$$20. b) y = -x^2$$

$$21. a) y = |x|$$

$$21. b) y = |(x+4)|$$

$$19. a) 4.2 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$b) \left( \frac{-55}{34} + \frac{26}{17} i \right)$$

$$22. \sqrt{x+4} - \sqrt{3x} = -2$$

$$\sqrt{x+4} = -2 + \sqrt{3x}$$

$$(\sqrt{x+4})^2 = (-2 + \sqrt{3x})^2$$

$$\frac{x+4}{-3x} = \frac{4}{-3x} - \frac{4\sqrt{3x}}{-3x} + \frac{3x}{-3x}$$

$$\frac{-2x}{(-2)} = \frac{-4\sqrt{3x}}{-2}$$

$$(x)^2 = (2\sqrt{3x})^2$$

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

$$x^2 - 12x = 0$$

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

$$x=0 \quad x=12$$

$$\text{Q.E.D. } x=0$$

$$\sqrt{4} - \sqrt{0} = -2 \quad \sqrt{16} - \sqrt{36} = -2$$

$$2 = -2 \quad 4 - 6 = -2$$

$$-2 = 2 \quad \checkmark$$

Reject!

$$x=12$$

$$23. (x^2 - 6x)^2 + 13(x^2 - 6x) + 40 = 0$$

$$[(x^2 - 6x) + 8][(x^2 - 6x) + 5] = 0$$

$$(x^2 - 6x + 8)(x^2 - 6x + 5) = 0$$

$$(x-4)(x-2)(x-5)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x=4 \quad x=2 \quad x=5 \quad x=1}$$

$$24. \frac{x^2 - 12}{x} - \frac{20x}{x^2 - 12} = 1$$

$$\text{Let } u = \frac{x^2 - 12}{x} \quad \frac{1}{u} = \frac{x}{x^2 - 12}$$

$$u(u - 20 \cdot \frac{1}{u}) = (1)$$

$$u^2 - 20 = u$$

$$u^2 - u - 20 = 0$$

$$(u-5)(u+4) = 0$$

$$u=5 \quad u=-4$$

$$x \cdot \frac{x^2 - 12}{x} = 5 \quad x \cdot \frac{x^2 - 12}{x} = -4$$

$$x^2 - 12 = 5x \quad x^2 - 12 = -4x$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 12 = 0 \quad x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$$

$$a=1 \quad b=-5 \quad c=-12 \quad (x+6)(x-2) = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad \boxed{x=-6 \quad x=2}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{(5)^2 - 4(1)(-12)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25 + 48}}{2} = \boxed{\frac{5 \pm \sqrt{73}}{2}}$$