

**Instruction:** Show all work. Answers without work will not receive full credit. Provide exact answers unless specifically asked to round.

1. Factor out the GCF. (3 points each)

a.  $6x^2y^2 - 3xy^3$

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

b.  $11x(4x - 3) - 6(4x - 3)$

$$(4x - 3)(11x - 6)$$

2. Factor by grouping. (4 points each)

a.  $3a^2 + 9ab + 3b^2 + ab$

$$3a(a + 3b) + b(3b + a)$$

$$(a + 3b)(3a + b)$$

b.  $3x^3 - 4x^2 + 6x - 8$

$$x^2(3x - 4) + 2(3x - 4)$$

$$(x^2 + 2)(3x - 4)$$

3. Factor each trinomial. (5 points each)

a.  $x^2 - 11x + 24$

$$(x - 3)(x - 8)$$

d.  $2x^2 + 13x + 6$

$$(2x + 1)(x + 6)$$

b.  $x^2 - x + 2$

prime

e.  $x^2 + 8xy + 15y^2$

$$(x + 5y)(x + 3y)$$

c.  $4x^2 - 28xy + 49y^2$

$$(2x - 7y)(2x - 7y)$$

4. Factor each binomial. (5 points each)

a.  $4x^2 - 9$

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

b.  $8x^3 + 27$

$$(2x+3)(4x^2 - 6x + 9)$$

c.  $16x^2 + y^2$

prime

d.  $16x^4 - 1$

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

5. Solve the equation. (6 points each)

a.  $(x+6)(x-2) = 0$

$$x = -6, x = 2$$

c.  $x^2 + 10x = -25$

$$x^2 + 10x + 25 = 0$$

$$(x+5)(x+5) = 0$$

$$x = -5$$

b.  $4t^3 - 5t^2 - 21t = 0$

$$t(4t^2 - 5t - 21) = 0$$

$$t(4t+7)(t-3) = 0$$

$$t = 0, t = -\frac{7}{4}, t = 3$$

6. A rocket is fired from the ground with an initial velocity of 440 feet per second. Its height after  $t$  seconds is given by  $h = -16t^2 + 440t$ .

a. How many seconds pass before the rocket reaches 2800 feet? (7 points)

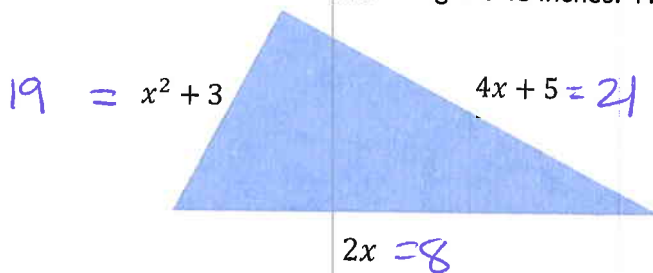
$$\begin{aligned} -16t^2 + 440t &= 2800 \\ -16t^2 + 440t - 2800 &= 0 \\ -8(2t^2 - 55t + 350) &= 0 \\ -8(2t^2 - 20t - 35t + 350) &= 0 \\ -8[2t(t-10) - 35(t-10)] &= 0 \\ -8(2t-35)(t-10) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$t = 10, t = \frac{35}{2}$  Seconds  
going up      coming down  
17.5

b. How many seconds pass before the rocket hits the ground? (7 points)

$$\begin{aligned} -16t^2 + 440t &= 0 \\ -8t(2t - 55) &= 0 \\ t &= 0 \text{ (launch)} \\ t &= \frac{55}{2} \text{ Seconds} \\ &27.5 \end{aligned}$$

7. The perimeter of the triangle is 48 inches. Find the lengths of the sides. (9 points)



$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 3 + 4x + 5 + 2x &= 48 \\ x^2 + 6x + 8 &= 48 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 + 6x - 40 &= 0 \\ (x+10)(x-4) &= 0 \\ x &= -10 \quad x = 4 \\ \text{disregard} & \end{aligned}$$

BONUS: Factor the polynomial  $x^6 - 1$  completely. [Hint: you should end up with 4 factors.] (8 points)

$$\begin{aligned} (x^3-1)(x^3+1) \\ (x-1)(x^2+x+1)(x+1)(x^2-x+1) \end{aligned}$$