

MTH 28, Midterm 1, V. 1, 02/26/26

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NAME: _____ SOLUTION _____

There are 18 questions. Some are multiple choice and some are free response.
Each question is worth 6 points over 100 for a total of 108 (so 8 points are extra credit).
For multiple-choice questions, just circle your answer.
For free-response questions, SHOW ALL WORK to receive credit.

1. Factor completely: $6x^4 - 9x^3$

Solution: $3x^3(2x - 3)$

2. Factor completely:

$$y^2 - 7y + 4y - 28$$

Solution: $(y + 4)(y - 7)$.

3. Factor completely:

$$25x^2y^4 + 10xy - 15x$$

Solution: $5x(5xy^4 + 2y - 3)$

4. Factor completely:

$$x^2 - x - 6$$

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

5. Factor completely:

$$x^2 + 8x + 15$$

Solution: $(x + 5)(x + 3)$.

6. Factor completely:

$$8x^2 - 2x - 1$$

Solution: $(2x - 1)(4x + 1)$

7. Factor completely:

$$4x^2 - 9$$

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

8. Factor completely: $45x^2y - 20y^3$

Circle the answer.

Solution:

(a) $5(9x^2y - 4y^3)$

(b) $5y(9x^2 - 4y^2)$

(c) $5y(3x - 2y)^2$

(d) $5y(3x - 2y)(3x + 2y)$

9. Factor completely: $30x^2y + 5xy - 60y$

Circle the answer.

Solution:

(a) $5y(3x - 4)(2x + 3)$

(b) $xy(15x + 65)$

(c) $y(30x^2 + 5x - 60)$

(d) $5y(6x^2 + x - 12)$

10. Solve the equation

$$n^2 + 8n + 7 = 0.$$

Solution: $\boxed{-1 \text{ and } -7}$.

11. Solve the equation

$$7z - z^2 = 0.$$

Solution: $\boxed{0 \text{ and } 7}$.

12. Given the function $f(x) = 3x^2 + 5x - 2$, calculate the following values:

Solution:

• $f(0) = \boxed{-2}$

• $f(2) = \boxed{20}$

• $f(-2) = \boxed{0}$

• $f(x + 1) = \boxed{3(x + 1)^2 + 5(x + 1) - 2}$

• $f(-x) = \boxed{3x^2 - 5x - 2}$

13. For the polynomial $x^2 + x^5 - 3x - 5$,
a) Determine the coefficient and the degree of each term.

Solution:

| Term | Coefficient | Degree |
|-------|-------------|--------|
| x^2 | 1 | 2 |
| x^5 | 1 | 5 |
| $-3x$ | -3 | 1 |
| -5 | -5 | 0 |

- b)
The degree of the polynomial is $\boxed{5}$,
The leading term is $\boxed{x^5}$,
The leading coefficient is $\boxed{1}$.

15. Solve the equation: $6x^2 + 3 = 11x$.

Solution:

$$x = \frac{3}{2}, x = \frac{1}{3}$$

14. Solve the equation

$$x(x - 18) = -72.$$

Solution:

$$x = 6, x = 12$$

16. Evaluate the function $g(x) = -4$ at the given values:

Solution:

• $g(0) = \boxed{-4}$

• $g(2) = \boxed{-4}$

• $g(-5) = \boxed{-4}$

• $g(x + 1) = \boxed{-4}$

17. Solve the equation

$$3w^3 - 27w^2 + 54w = 0.$$

Solution:

$$w = 0, w = 3, w = 6.$$

18. Let $f(x) = \frac{x+7}{3x-3}$.

Compute the following values.

If one is not defined, type *Undefined*.

Solution:

• $f(0) = \boxed{-\frac{7}{3}}$

• $f(2) = \boxed{3}$

• $f(1) = \boxed{\text{Undefined}}$

