

Instructions: *Include all relevant work to get full credit.***Homework 1 - Algebra Review (20-points)****1.** Evaluate each expression without using a calculator.

a. $(-2)^3$

b. -2^3

c. 2^{-3}

d. $\frac{3^{25}}{3^{21}}$

e. $\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-2}$

f. $16^{-3/4}$

2. Simplify each expression. Write your answer without negative exponents.

a. $\sqrt{300} - \sqrt{48}$

b. $(3a^3b^4)(2a^2b)^2$

c. $\left(\frac{3x^{3/2}y^3}{x^2y^{-1/2}}\right)^2$

3. Expand and simplify.

a. $3(x + 6) + 4(2x - 5)$

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

c. $(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})$

d. $(2x - 3)^2$

e. $(x - 2)^3$

4. Factor each expression.

a. $9x^2 - 25$

b. $2x^2 + 5x - 12$

c. $x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x + 12$

d. $x^4 + 27x$

e. $3x^{3/2} - 9x^{1/2} + 6x^{-1/2}$

f. $x^3y - 4xy$

5. Simplify the rational expression.

a. $\frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 - x - 2}$

b. $\frac{2x^2 - x - 1}{x^2 - 9} \cdot \frac{x + 3}{2x + 1}$

c. $\frac{x^2}{x^2 - 4} - \frac{x + 1}{x + 2}$

d. $\frac{\frac{y}{x} - \frac{x}{y}}{\frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{x}}$

6. Rationalize the expression and simplify.

a. $\frac{\sqrt{10}}{\sqrt{5}-2}$

b. $\frac{\sqrt{4+h}-2}{h}$

7. Solve the equation. Find only the real solutions.

a. $x+5=14-\frac{1}{2}x$

b. $\frac{2x}{x+1}=\frac{2x-1}{x}$

c. $x^2+x-12=0$

d. $2x^2+4x+1=0$

e. $x^4-3x^2+2=0$

f. $4|x-3|=10$

g. $2x(4-x)^{-1/2}-3\sqrt{4-x}=0$

8. Solve each inequality. Write your answer using interval notation.

a. $-7 < 5-3x \leq 20$

b. $x^2 < x+12$

c. $x(x-1)(x+2) > 0$

d. $|x-5| < 4$

e. $\frac{2x-3}{x+1} \leq 1$

9. State whether each equation is true or false.

a. $(p+q)^2 = p^2 + q^2$

b. $\sqrt{ab} = \sqrt{a}\sqrt{b}$

c. $\sqrt{a^2+b^2} = a+b$

d. $\frac{1+TC}{C} = 1+T$

e. $\frac{1}{x-y} = \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y}$

f. $\frac{1/x}{a/x-b/x} = \frac{1}{a-b}$