

1. The expression  $x^2(x+2) - (x+2)$  is equivalent to

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| 1) $x^2$     | 3) $x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 2$ |
| 2) $x^2 - 1$ | 4) $(x+1)(x-1)(x+2)$    |

2. When factored completely,  $x^3 + 3x^2 - 4x - 12$  equals

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| 1) $(x+2)(x-2)(x-3)$ | 3) $(x^2 - 4)(x+3)$ |
| 2) $(x+2)(x-2)(x+3)$ | 4) $(x^2 - 4)(x-3)$ |

3. Factor:  $a^2 - 3ab - a + 3b$

4. Factored completely, the expression  $12x^4 + 10x^3 - 12x^2$  is equivalent to

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| 1) $x^2(4x+6)(3x-2)$     | 3) $2x^2(2x-3)(3x+2)$ |
| 2) $2(2x^2+3x)(3x^2-2x)$ | 4) $2x^2(2x+3)(3x-2)$ |

5. Factor:  $3a^2 + a - 2$

6. Factor:  $10x^2 + 11x - 6$

7. Factor:  $12a^2 + 14a - 6$

8. Factor:  $16x^2 - 9$

9. Factor:  $a^4 - 16$

10. Express in simplest form:  $\frac{36 - x^2}{x^2 + 8x + 12} \div \frac{x^2 - 6x}{x - 2}$

11. Perform the indicated operation and express in *simplest form*:

$$\frac{x^2 - 3x}{2x^2 + x - 6} \div \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x^2 - 4}$$

12. Perform the indicated operations and express in lowest terms:

$$\frac{x^2 - 9}{2x + 4} \cdot \frac{x^2 + 7x + 10}{x^2 - 3x - 18} \div \frac{x^2 + 2x - 15}{2x^2 - 12x}$$

13. Express in simplest form:  $\frac{x^2 - 16}{2x^2 + 4x} \cdot \frac{x^2 + 9x + 14}{x^2 + 2x - 8} \div \frac{x^2 + 3x - 28}{16x - 8x^2}$

14. Perform the indicated operations and simplify:  $\frac{x^2 + 4xy + 3y^2}{x^2 - y^2} \cdot \frac{x^2 + xy}{x - y} \div \frac{x^2 + 3xy}{(x - y)^2}$

15. Expressed as a single fraction,  $\frac{3}{x-1} - \frac{2}{x}$  is equivalent to

1)  $\frac{1}{x(x-1)}$

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

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

4)  $\frac{3x-2}{x(x-1)}$

16. Expressed as a single fraction,  $\frac{5}{x-3} - \frac{1}{x}$  is equivalent to

1)  $\frac{6x-3}{x^2-3x}$

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

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

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

17. The expression  $\frac{6}{y-5} - \frac{y+5}{y^2-25}$  is equivalent to

1)  $\frac{5}{y-5}$

3)  $\frac{5y}{y-5}$

2)  $\frac{5}{y+5}$

4)  $\frac{5y}{y+5}$

18. The expression  $\frac{x}{x-1} + \frac{x}{x+1}$  is equivalent to

1) 1

3) -2

2)  $\frac{2x}{x^2-1}$

4)  $\frac{2x^2}{x^2-1}$

19. Express in simplest form:  $\frac{3x}{2x-6} + \frac{9}{6-2x}$

20. Express in simplest form:  $\frac{3a+1}{a^2-1} - \frac{1}{a+1}$

21. Simplify:  $\left(\frac{a+2b}{2a+b} - \frac{a-2b}{2a-b}\right)\left(\frac{1}{b} + \frac{b}{2ab}\right)$

22. Reduce to simplest form:  $\left(\frac{x}{x-y} - \frac{y}{x+y}\right) \div \frac{x^2+y^2}{x^2+xy}$