

**YOU MUST SHOW ALL OF YOUR WORK** to receive full credit for the problem. The more work you show on your paper leading to your solution will give me more opportunity to award partial credit. **Clearly indicate your solution** to the problem.

- 1) (4 points) Find the product.  $[(2x+y)+2]^2$ .

$$[(2x+y)+2]^2 = (2x+y)^2 + 2(2)(2x+y) + 2^2 = 4x^2 + 4xy + y^2 + 4(2x+y) + 4 = 4x^2 + 4xy + y^2 + 8x + 4y + 4$$

- 2) (4 points) Factor  $2(t-s) + 4(t-s)^2 - (t-s)^3 = (t-s)(2+4(t-s)-(t-s)^2) = (t-s)(2+4t-4s-(t^2-2ts+s^2)) = (t-s)(2+4t-4s-t^2+2ts-s^2)$

- 3) (4 points) Factor  $-16m^3 + 4m^2p^2 - 4pm + p^3 = 4m^2(-4m+p^2) + p(-4m+p^2) = (4m^2+p)(-4m+p^2)$

- 4) (4 points) Factor  $5q^{-3} + 8q^{-2} = q^{-3}(5+8q)$

- 5) (4 points) Factor  $r^2(r-s) - 5rs(s-r) - 6s^2(r-s) = r^2(r-s) - 5rs(-1)(r-s) - 6s^2(r-s) = r^2(r-s) + 5rs(r-s) - 6s^2(r-s) = (r-s)(r^2 + 5rs - 6s^2) = (r-s)(r-s)(r+6s)$

- 6) (4 points) Solve the equation.  $2x^2 - 12 - 4x = x^2 - 3x$ .

$$2x^2 - 12 - 4x = x^2 - 3x$$

$$2x^2 - x^2 - 12 - 4x + 3x = 0$$

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

$$(x-4)(x+3) = 0$$

$$x=4 \text{ or } x=-3$$

- 7) (4 points) Multiply and write in lowest terms.  $\frac{a^2 - 1}{4a} \cdot \frac{2}{1-a}$

$$\frac{(a-1)(a+1) \cdot 2}{4a(1-a)} = \frac{-(1-a)(a+1) \cdot 2}{4a(1-a)} = \frac{-(a+1)}{2a} = \frac{-a-1}{2a}$$

- 8) (4 points) Multiply and write in lowest terms.  $\frac{8x^3 - 27}{2x^2 - 18} \cdot \frac{2x + 6}{8x^2 + 12x + 18}$

$$\frac{(2x)^3 - 3^3}{2(x^2 - 9)} \cdot \frac{2x + 6}{2(4x^2 + 6x + 9)} = \frac{(2x-3)((2x)^2 + 2x \cdot 3 + 3^2)}{2(x^2 - 9)} \cdot \frac{2(x+3)}{2(4x^2 + 6x + 9)}$$

$$= \frac{(2x-3)(4x^2 + 6x + 9) \cdot 2(x+3)}{2(x-3)(x+3) \cdot 2(4x^2 + 6x + 9)} = \frac{2x-3}{x-3}$$

9) (4 points) Add or subtract and simplify.  $\frac{x}{x-y} - \frac{y}{y-x}$

$$\frac{x}{x-y} - \frac{y}{y-x} = \frac{x}{x-y} - \frac{y}{-(x-y)} = \frac{x}{x-y} + \frac{y}{x-y} = \frac{x+y}{x-y}$$

10) (4 points) p varies jointly as q and  $r^2$ , and  $p=200$  when  $q=2$  and  $r=3$ . Find p when  $q=5$  and  $r=2$ .

$$p = kqr^2$$

$$200 = k \cdot 2 \cdot 3^2$$

$$200 = 18k$$

$$k = \frac{200}{18} = \frac{100}{9}$$

So the equation of the variation is  $p = \frac{100}{9}qr^2$

$$p = \frac{100}{9} \cdot 5 \cdot 2^2 = \frac{100 \cdot 20}{9} = \frac{2000}{9}$$

11) (4 points) Solve the equation.  $\frac{6}{w+3} + \frac{-7}{w-5} = \frac{-48}{w^2 - 2w - 15}$

$$\frac{6}{w+3} + \frac{-7}{w-5} = \frac{-48}{(w+3)(w-5)}$$

$$(w+3)(w-5) \frac{6}{w+3} + (w+3)(w-5) \frac{-7}{w-5} = \frac{-48(w+3)(w-5)}{(w+3)(w-5)}$$

$$(w-5)6 + (w+3)(-7) = -48$$

$$6w - 30 - 7w - 21 = -48$$

$$-w - 51 = -48$$

$$-w = 3$$

$$w = -3$$

Now we need to check if  $-3$  is in the domain of the equation. When we plug-in

The equation  $-3$  makes one of the denominators  $(w+3)$ , 0, so it's not in the domain.  
Thus the equation has NO SOLUTION.

12) (4 points) Simplify

$$(a) \frac{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}}{\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2}} = \frac{\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)x^2y^2}{\left(\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2}\right)x^2y^2} = \frac{x^2y^2 \frac{1}{x} + x^2y^2 \frac{1}{y}}{x^2y^2 \frac{1}{x^2} + x^2y^2 \frac{1}{y^2}} = \frac{xy^2 + x^2y}{y^2 + x^2}$$

(b) (4 points)  $\frac{m^{-1} + p^{-2}}{2m^{-2} - p^{-1}}$

$$\frac{m^{-1} + p^{-2}}{2m^{-2} - p^{-1}} = \frac{\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{p^2}}{2 \cdot \frac{1}{m^2} - \frac{1}{p}} = \frac{m^2 p^2 \left( \frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{p^2} \right)}{m^2 p^2 \left( 2 \cdot \frac{1}{m^2} - \frac{1}{p} \right)} = \frac{mp^2 + m^2}{2p^2 - m^2 p}$$