

## Test 1

This Test is graded out of 50. No books, notes or cell phones are allowed. You must show all your work, the correct answer is worth 1 mark the remaining marks are given for the work.

Question 1. (3 marks) Simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{(-2xy^{-3}z^0)^{-3}}{(3xy^{-1}(xy)^{-1})^{-2}} &= \frac{(-2)^{-3} x^{-3} y^9}{3^{-2} x^{-2} y^2 (xy)^2} \\ &= \frac{9 x^2 y^7}{-8 x^3 x^2 y^2} \\ &= \frac{-9 y^5}{8 x^3} \end{aligned}$$

Question 2. (3 marks) Expand and simplify:

$$\begin{aligned} (x^2 + y^2)[(x-y)(x+y)] &= (x^2 + y^2)(x^2 - y^2) \\ &= (x^4 - y^4) \end{aligned}$$

Question 3. (3 marks) Use long division to find the quotient and remainder:

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

$$\begin{array}{r} x^3 + 2x^2 - 2x + 1 \\ x-2 \overline{) x^4 + 0x^3 - 6x^2 + 5x + 4} \\ \underline{-(x^4 - 2x^3)} \phantom{+ 4} \\ 2x^3 - 6x^2 \phantom{+ 5x} \\ \underline{-(2x^3 - 4x^2)} \phantom{+ 4} \\ -2x^2 + 5x \phantom{+ 4} \\ \underline{-(-2x^2 + 4x)} \phantom{+ 4} \\ x + 4 \\ \underline{-(x - 2)} \\ 6 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{x^4 - 6x^2 + 5x + 4}{x - 2} = x^3 + 2x^2 - 2x + 1 + \frac{6}{x - 2}$$

**Question 4.** (1 mark) Factor:

$$\begin{aligned}16 - 9x^2 &= 4^2 - 3^2x^2 \\ &= 4^2 - (3x)^2 \\ &= (4 - 3x)(4 + 3x)\end{aligned}$$

**Question 5.** (2 marks) Factor:

$$\begin{aligned}4x^2 - 12x + 9 &= (2x - 3)(2x - 3) \\ &= (2x - 3)^2\end{aligned}$$

**Question 6.** (1 mark) Factor:

$$x^2 - 13x + 42 = (x - 6)(x - 7)$$

**Question 7.** (2 mark) Factor:

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

**Question 8.** (3 marks) Factor:

$$\begin{aligned}16x^5 + 48x^4 + 36x^3 &= 4x^3(4x^2 + 12x + 9) \\ &= 4x^3(2x + 3)(2x + 3) \\ &= 4x^3(2x + 3)^2\end{aligned}$$

Question 9. (5 marks) Simplify:

$$\frac{2x^2 - x}{4x^2 - 1} \times \frac{4x^2 + 4x + 1}{3x} \div \frac{4x^2 - 2x - 2}{6x^2 - 6x} = \frac{x \cancel{(2x-1)}}{\cancel{(2x-1)}(2x+1)} \cdot \frac{\cancel{(2x+1)}(2x+1)}{3x} \cdot \frac{6x \cancel{(x-1)}}{2 \cancel{(2x+1)} \cancel{(x-1)}}$$

$$= x$$

Question 10. (5 marks) Simplify:

$$\frac{x^2 - 11}{x^2 + 7x + 6} - \frac{x}{x+6} + \frac{2}{x+1} \quad \begin{array}{l} \text{LCD} \\ = (x+6)(x+1) \end{array}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 11}{(x+6)(x+1)} - \frac{x}{(x+6)} + \frac{2}{(x+1)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 11}{(x+6)(x+1)} - \frac{x(x+1)}{(x+6)(x+1)} + \frac{2(x+6)}{(x+6)(x+1)}$$

$$= \frac{x^2 - 11 - x^2 - x + 2x + 12}{(x+6)(x+1)}$$

$$= \frac{x+1}{(x+6)(x+1)} = \frac{1}{x+6}$$

Question 11. (3 marks) Simplify:

$$\sqrt{\frac{3}{x}} \left(1 + \frac{3}{x}\right) \frac{2x^{3/2}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{x}} \left(1 + \frac{3}{x}\right) \frac{2x^{3/2}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{x+3}{x}\right) \frac{2\sqrt{x}x}{\sqrt{x}}$$

$$= 2x + 6$$

**Question 12.** (2 marks) Solve for x:

$$5(x-2) = 10 - (x+2)$$

$$5x - 10 = 10 - x - 2$$

$$6x = 18$$

$$x = 3$$

**Question 13.** (2 marks each) Rationalize the denominator:

a.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \left( \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} \right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

b.

$$\frac{a}{1+\sqrt{a}} \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{a}}{1-\sqrt{a}} \right) = \frac{a(1-\sqrt{a})}{1-a}$$

**Question 14.** (2 marks) Solve for x by factoring:

$$4x^2 - 9 = 0$$

$$0 = (2x-3)(2x+3)$$



$$2x-3=0$$

$$2x=3$$

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

$$2x+3=0$$

$$2x=-3$$

$$x = -\frac{3}{2}$$

**Question 15.** (2 marks) Solve for x using the quadratic formula:

$$39 = 3(x^2 + 1)$$

$$39 = 3x^2 + 3$$

$$0 = 3x^2 - 36$$

$$0 = x^2 - 12$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

$$= \frac{-0 \pm \sqrt{0^2 - 4(1)(-12)}}{2}$$

$$= \pm \frac{\sqrt{16 \cdot 3}}{2}$$

$$= \pm \frac{4\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

Question 16. (4 marks) Solve for  $x$  using the quadratic formula (if needed):

$$(x^2 - 8)(4x^2 - 20x + 25) = 0$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x^2 - 8 = 0$$

$$x^2 = 8$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{8}$$

$$\searrow$$

$$4x^2 - 20x + 25 = 0$$

$$(2x - 5)^2 = 0$$

$$2x - 5 = 0$$

$$2x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\therefore x = \pm\sqrt{8}, 2$$

Question 17. (5 marks) Solve for  $x$ :

$$x + \frac{14}{x-2} = \frac{7x}{x-2} + 1$$

$$\text{LCD} = x-2$$

$$x(x-2) + \frac{14(x-2)}{(x-2)} = \frac{7x(x-2)}{x-2} + (x-2)$$

$$x^2 - 2x + 14 = 7x + x - 2$$

$$0 = x^2 - 10x + 16$$

$$0 = (x-2)(x-8)$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x-2=0$$

$$x=2$$

$$\downarrow$$

$$x-8=0$$

$$x=8$$

check solution

	$x=2$	$x=8$
$x-2$	$=0$ not valid	$=6$ ok

$$\therefore x = 8$$

**Bonus**

Let  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  be a quadratic equation.

- (1 mark) Define the discriminant  $\Delta$  in terms of  $a, b, c$ .
- (1 mark) Rewrite the quadratic formula using the discriminant  $\Delta$ .
- (3 marks) State the conditions on  $\Delta$  for the number of solution of the quadratic equation, justify.
- (1 mark) What is the condition on the discriminant,  $\Delta$ , for the quadratic equation to be factorable over the integers, justify.

$$a) \Delta = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$b) x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{\Delta}}{2a}$$

c)  $\Delta > 0$ , two solutions caused by the  $\pm$  in front of the radical

$\Delta = 0$ , one solution since  $\pm$  has no effect.

$\Delta < 0$ , no real solution since the radicand is negative

d)  $\Delta = (\text{perfect square})$  which will eliminate the radical hence a rational solution.  
The quadratic equation can be rewritten as

$$(2ax - (-b + \sqrt{\Delta})) (2ax - (-b - \sqrt{\Delta})) = 0$$