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Chapter 3 Practice Test – Products and Factors

Show all of your work for full marks.

1. Factor each polynomial.

a) $9a^2 + 12a^3$

$3a^2(3 + 4a)$

b) $3x^2 + 6x^4$

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

c) $25x^3y + 15x^4y^3 - 30x^2y^2$

$5x^2y(5x + 3x^2y^2 - 6y)$

d) $-4r^2s^2 + 12r^2s^3 - 36rs^2$

$-4rs^2(r - 3rs + 9)$

2. Factor each trinomial.

a) $t^2 + 10t + 21$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = 21 \\ \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = 10 \end{array}$$

$(t+7)(t+3)$

b) $v^2 - 11v + 24$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = 24 \\ \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = -11 \end{array}$$

$(v-8)(v-3)$

c) $35 - 12x + x^2$

$x^2 - 12x + 35$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = 35 \\ \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = -12 \end{array}$$

$(x-7)(x-5)$

d) $c^2 - 2c - 8$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = -8 \\ \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = -2 \end{array}$$

$(c-4)(c+2)$

e) $s^2 - 34s + 33$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = 33 \\ \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = -34 \end{array}$$

$(s-1)(s-33)$

f) $\frac{-4b^2}{-4} - \frac{16b}{-4} + \frac{128}{-4}$ GCF!

$-4(b^2 + 4b - 32)$

$$\begin{array}{r} \underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = -32 \\ \underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = 4 \end{array}$$

$-4(b+8)(b-4)$

3. Factor each trinomial.

$$\text{a) } 3x^2 + 5x - 2$$

$$(3)(-2) = -6$$

$$-\underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = -6$$

$$\underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = 5$$

$$3x^2 + bx - 1x - 2$$

$$3x(x+2) - 1(x+2)$$

$$(x+2)(3x-1)$$

$$\text{b) } 6m^2 - 7m - 10$$

$$(6)(-10) = -60$$

$$-\underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = -60$$

$$\underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = -7$$

$$6m^2 - 12m + 5m - 10$$

$$6m(m-2) + 5(m-2)$$

$$(m-2)(6m+5)$$

$$\text{c) } \frac{6x^2 - 21x + 9}{3 \quad 3 \quad 3} \quad \text{GCF!}$$

$$3(2x^2 - 7x + 3)$$

$$(2)(3) = 6$$

$$-\underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = 6$$

$$\underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = -7$$

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

$$3(2x(x-3) - 1(x-3))$$

$$3(x-3)(2x-1)$$

$$\text{d) } \frac{24y^2 - 2y - 70}{2 \quad 2 \quad 2} \quad \text{GCF!}$$

$$2(12y^2 - y - 35)$$

$$-\underline{\quad} \times \underline{\quad} = -420$$

$$\underline{\quad} + \underline{\quad} = -1$$

$$2(12y^2 - 2y + 20y - 35)$$

$$2(3y(4y-7) + 5(4y-7))$$

$$2(4y-7)(3y+5)$$

4. Identify whether the following polynomial is a perfect square trinomial, the difference of squares or neither. Justify your answer.

Neither.

$$25x^4 - 26y^2$$

$25x^4$ = perfect square

$26y^2$ = not perfect square

5. Factor each polynomial.

$$\text{a) } x^2 - 64$$

$$(x-8)(x+8)$$

diff. of
squares

$$\text{b) } 121x^2 - 100y^2$$

$$(11x-10y)(11x+10y)$$

c) $\frac{5w^4}{5} - \frac{80}{5}$ GCF

$5(w^4 - 16)$ diff. of squares.

diff of
squares
again!

$5(w^2 - 4)(w^2 + 4)$

$5(w-2)(w+2)(w^2 + 4)$

d) $9a^2 + 48a + 64$

perfect square
trinomial

$(3a + 8)^2$

e) $16r^2 + 8rt + t^2$ perfect square
trinomial

$(4r + t)^2$

f) $\frac{75a^2}{3} - \frac{90a}{3} + \frac{27}{3}$

$3(25a^2 - 30a + 9)$ perfect square
trinomial

$3(5a - 3)^2$

6. Expand and simplify each expression.

a) $(f+11)(f-6)$

$f^2 - 6f + 11f - 66$

$f^2 + 5f - 66$

b) $(r-2)(r+9)$

$r^2 + 9r - 2r - 18$

$r^2 + 7r - 18$

c) $(2x+5y)^2$ rewrite

$(2x+5y)(2x+5y)$

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

$4x^2 + 20xy + 25y^2$

7. Expand and simplify each expression.

a) $(2c-3d^2)(4c+5d-1)$

$8c^2 + 10cd - 2c - 12cd^2 - 15d^3 + 3d^2$

} no like terms
cannot simplify further.

b) $(2x-3)(1-2x)-(x-3)$

multiply first

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

$$-4x^2 + 8x - 3 - x + 3$$

$$\boxed{-4x^2 + 7x}$$

c) $(x-8)+2(x-1)(x+7)$

$$(x-8) + \underline{(2x-2)(x+7)},$$

multiply

$$(x-8) + (2x^2 + 14x - 2x - 14)$$

$$x-8 + 2x^2 + 12x - 14$$

$$\boxed{2x^2 + 13x - 22}$$

8. Identify and correct the error(s) in the following multiplication. Rewrite the correct response.

$$(3g^2 + 4g - 2)(-g^2 - g + 4)$$

$$= -3g^4 - 3g^3 + 12g^2 - 4g^3 \cancel{+} 4g^2 + \cancel{8g} + 2g^2 + 2g \cancel{+} 8$$

$$= -3g^4 + \cancel{5g^3} + \cancel{6g^2} + \cancel{10g} + 8$$



$$\underline{-3g^4} - \underline{3g^3} + \underline{12g^2} - \underline{4g^3} - \underline{4g^2} + \underline{16g} + \underline{2g^2} + \underline{2g} - 8$$

$$\boxed{-3g^4 - 7g^3 - 2g^2 + 30g - 8}$$