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Answer the questions in the spaces provided on the question sheets. If you run out of room for an answer, raise hand for additional paper.

No calculators or notes allowed.

Show all work clearly. Use proper notation.

Question	Points	Score
1	8	
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1. (8 points) for each part, evaluate the given algebraic expression for the given values of the variable(s):

(a) (4 points)  $5x - y$ , for  $x = 6$  and  $y = 7$

(b) (4 points)  $5 + 2(x - 5)^2$ , for  $x = 9$

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} 5(6) - 7 &= 30 - 7 \\ &= \boxed{23} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} 5 + 2(9 - 5)^2 &= 5 + 2(4)^2 \\ &= 5 + 2(16) \\ &= 5 + 32 \\ &= \boxed{37} \end{aligned}$$

2. (7 points) The formula  $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32)$  expresses the relationship between Fahrenheit temperature,  $F$ , and Celsius temperature,  $C$ . Use the formula to convert  $95^\circ F$  to its equivalent temperature on the Celsius scale.

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{5}{9}(95 - 32) &= \frac{5}{9}(63) \\ &= 5(7) \\ &= \boxed{35^\circ C}\end{aligned}$$

3. (10 points) Answer the following about sets.
- (a) (5 points) What is  $\{1, 7, 8, 9\} \cap \{7, 8, 10\}$ ?
- (b) (5 points) What is  $\{1, 7, 8, 9\} \cup \{7, 8, 10\}$ ?

**Solution:**

(a)  $\{7, 8\}$

(b)  $\{1, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$

4. (5 points) Rewrite the expression without using absolute value bars.

$$\left| | - 2 | - | - 7 | \right|$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \left| | - 2 | - | - 7 | \right| &= | 2 - 7 | \\ &= | - 5 | \\ &= \boxed{5} \end{aligned}$$

5. (15 points) Evaluate the following:

(a) (3 points)  $5^2 \cdot 3$

(b) (3 points)  $-3^4$

(c) (3 points)  $(-2)^0$

(d) (5 points)  $9^{-3/2}$

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} 5^2 \cdot 3 &= 25 \cdot 3 \\ &= \boxed{75} \end{aligned}$$

(b)  $\boxed{-81}$

(c)  $\boxed{1}$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned} 9^{-3/2} &= (9^{1/2})^{-3} \\ &= (\sqrt{9})^{-3} \\ &= 3^{-3} \\ &= \frac{1}{3^3} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{27}} \end{aligned}$$

6. (20 points) Simplify the following expressions. (Remember: simplified expressions have positive exponents)

(a) (5 points)  $(x^{-9})^8$

(b) (5 points)  $(-2x^4y^5)^4$

(c) (5 points)  $\left(\frac{-45a^2b^9}{15a^6b^{-2}}\right)^3$ .

(d) (5 points)  $\frac{\sqrt{75x^3}}{\sqrt{3x}}$ . Assume that  $x > 0$ .

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}(x^{-9})^8 &= x^{-9 \cdot 8} \\ &= x^{-72} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{x^{72}}}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}(-2x^4y^5)^4 &= (-2)^4(x^4)^4(y^5)^4 \\ &= 16x^{4 \cdot 4}y^{5 \cdot 4} \\ &= \boxed{16x^{16}y^{20}}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}\left(\frac{-45a^2b^9}{15a^6b^{-2}}\right)^3 &= \left(\frac{-45}{15} \cdot \frac{a^2}{a^6} \cdot \frac{b^9}{b^{-2}}\right)^3 \\ &= \left(-3 \cdot \frac{1}{a^4} \cdot b^{11}\right)^3 \\ &= \left(\frac{-3b^{11}}{a^4}\right)^3 \\ &= \frac{(-3)^3(b^{11})^3}{(a^4)^3} \\ &= \frac{-27b^{11 \cdot 3}}{a^{4 \cdot 3}} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{-27b^{33}}{a^{12}}}\end{aligned}$$

(d)

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\sqrt{75x^3}}{\sqrt{3x}} &= \frac{\sqrt{25x^3 \cdot 3x}}{\sqrt{3x}} \\ &= \frac{5x\sqrt{3x}}{\sqrt{3x}} \\ &= \boxed{5x}\end{aligned}$$

7. (3 points) Rationalize the denominator and simplify the answer.

$$\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7}}$$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7}} &= \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{7}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{7}}{\sqrt{7}} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{\sqrt{35}}{7}}\end{aligned}$$



8. (15 points) For the following parts, perform the operation on the given polynomials, and state the degree of the resulting polynomial.

(a) (5 points) Find the product:

$$(10x - 9)(2x + 7)$$

(b) (5 points) Find the product:

$$(2y^2 - 5)^2$$

(c) (5 points) Subtract the polynomials:

$$(x^3 - 9xy - 8y^2) - (5x^3 - 12xy + 11y^2)$$

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned}(10x - 9)(2x + 7) &= 20x^2 + 70x - 18x - 63 \\ &= \boxed{20x^2 + 52x - 63 \text{ degree is } 2}\end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned}(2y^2 - 5)^2 &= (2y^2 - 5)(2y^2 - 5) \\ &= 4y^4 - 10y^2 - 10y^2 + 25 \\ &= \boxed{4y^4 - 20y^2 + 25 \text{ degree is } 4}\end{aligned}$$

(c)

$$\begin{aligned}(x^3 - 9xy - 8y^2) - (5x^3 - 12xy + 11y^2) &= x^3 - 9xy - 8y^2 - 5x^3 + 12xy - 11y^2 \\ &= (x^3 - 5x^3) + (-9xy + 12xy) + (-8y^2 - 11y^2) \\ &= \boxed{-4x^3 + 3xy - 19y^2 \text{ degree is } 3}\end{aligned}$$

9. (15 points) Factor the following polynomials:

(a) (5 points)  $x^2 + 12x + 35$

(b) (5 points)  $10x^2 + 15x$

(c) (5 points)  $x^2 - 36$

**Solution:**

(a)  $(x + 7)(x + 5)$

(b)  $5x(2x + 3)$

(c)  $(x - 6)(x + 6)$

10. (15 points) Perform the given operations on the given rational expressions, and state which numbers must be excluded, if any.

(a) (7 points) Multiply

$$\frac{x-6}{3x+15} \cdot \frac{4x+20}{4x-24}$$

(b) (8 points) Add

$$\frac{4}{x-4} + \frac{5}{x+7}$$

**Solution:**

(a)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x-6}{3x+15} \cdot \frac{4x+20}{4x-24} &= \frac{x-6}{3(x+5)} \cdot \frac{4(x+5)}{4(x-6)} \\ &= \frac{\cancel{4}}{3 \cdot \cancel{4}} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{1}{3}, x \neq -5, 6} \end{aligned}$$

(b)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{4}{x-4} + \frac{5}{x+7} &= \frac{4(x+7) + 5(x-4)}{(x-4)(x+7)} \\ &= \frac{4x+28+5x-20}{(x-4)(x+7)} \\ &= \boxed{\frac{9x+8}{(x-4)(x+7)}, x \neq 4, -7} \end{aligned}$$