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Work in groups to answer as many problems as you can. Ask questions if you get stuck.

1. Factor out the greatest common factor of each of the following polynomials.

(a) $5a - 20$

Answer: _____

(f) $6y^4 - 15y^3$

Answer: _____

(b) $30x^3 + 15x^4$

Answer: _____

(g) $2x^4 + 4x^3 - 14x^2$

Answer: _____

(c) $-2x^3 + 16x$

Answer: _____

(h) $y(y - 6) + 9(y - 6)$

Answer: _____

(d) $-3b + 12$

Answer: _____

(i) $(z + 2)^2 - 5(z + 2)$

Answer: _____

(e) $12x^3 + 18x$

Answer: _____

2. Factor each expression.

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

Answer: _____

(d) $2x^2 - 5x - 7$

Answer: _____

(b) $x^2 + 2x - 15$

Answer: _____

(e) $5x^2 - 7x - 6$

Answer: _____

(c) $y^2 - 8y + 15$

Answer: _____

(f) $9x^2 - 36x - 45$

Answer: _____

(g) $x^2 - 6x + 5$

Answer: _____

(j) $3x^2 - 16x + 5$

Answer: _____

(h) $x^2 - 14x + 48$

(k) $2x^2 + 7x - 4$

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

(i) $z^2 + 6z - 16$

(l) $8x^2 + 10x + 3$

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

3. Using the formula $A^2 - B^2 = (A + B)(A - B)$ to factor the following.

(a) $x^2 - 36$

Answer: _____

(f) $y^2 - 100$

Answer: _____

(b) $9a^2 - 16$

Answer: _____

(g) $4x^2 - 25$

Answer: _____

(c) $49 - 4y^2$

Answer: _____

(h) $4t^2 - 9s^2$

Answer: _____

(d) $(x + 3)^2 - 4$

Answer: _____

(i) $4(2x + 1)^2 - 9$

Answer: _____

(e) $(a + b)^2 - (a - b)^2$

Answer: _____

(j) $\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2$

Answer: _____

4. Factor each of the following perfect squares.

(a) $x^2 + 12x + 36$

Answer: _____

(e) $y^2 + 10y + 25$

Answer: _____

(b) $t^2 - 6t + 9$

Answer: _____

(f) $t^2 - 10t + 25$

Answer: _____

(c) $16z^2 - 24z + 9$

Answer: _____

(g) $25u^2 - 10u + 1$

Answer: _____

(d) $4w^2 + 4wy + y^2$

Answer: _____

(h) $r^2 - 6rs + 9s^2$

Answer: _____

5. Factor the following polynomials by grouping.

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

Answer: _____

(d) $y^3 - 3y^2 - 4y + 12$

Answer: _____

(b) $2r^3 + r^2 - 6r - 3$

Answer: _____

(e) $2t^3 + 4t^2 + t + 2$

Answer: _____

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

Answer: _____

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

Answer: _____

(g) $-9u^3 - 3u^2 + 3u + 1$

(i) $y^3 - y^2 + y - 1$

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

(h) $x^5 + x^4 + x + 1$

(j) $3s^3 + 5s^2 - 6s - 10$

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

6. Simplify the rational expression.

(a) $\frac{12x}{6x^2}$

(f) $\frac{y^2 + y}{y^2 - 1}$

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

(b) $\frac{5y^2}{10y + y^2}$

(g) $\frac{81x^3}{18x}$

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

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

(h) $\frac{14t^2 - t}{7t}$

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

(d) $\frac{x-2}{x^2-4}$

(i) $\frac{4(x^2-1)}{12(x-2)(x-1)}$

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

(e) $\frac{x^2 + 6x + 8}{x^2 + 5x + 4}$

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

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

(k) $\frac{x^2 + x - 12}{x^2 - 5x + 6}$

Answer: _____

(l) $\frac{y^2 - 3y - 18}{y^2 + 4y + 3}$

Answer: _____

7. Perform the multiplication or division and simplify.

(a) $\frac{4x}{x^2 - 4} \cdot \frac{x + 2}{16x}$

Answer: _____

(e) $\frac{x^2 + 2x - 3}{x^2 - 2x - 3} \cdot \frac{3 - x}{3 + x}$

Answer: _____

(b) $\frac{x^2 - 2x - 15}{x^2 - 9} \cdot \frac{x + 3}{x - 5}$

Answer: _____

(f) $\frac{x^2 - x - 6}{x^2 + 2x} \cdot \frac{x^3 + x^2}{x^2 - 2x - 3}$

Answer: _____

(c) $\frac{t - 3}{t^2 + 9} \cdot \frac{t + 3}{t^2 - 9}$

Answer: _____

(g) $\frac{x + 3}{4x^2 - 9} \div \frac{x^2 + 7x + 12}{2x^2 + 7x - 15}$

Answer: _____

(d) $\frac{x^2 - 25}{x^2 - 16} \cdot \frac{x + 4}{x + 5}$

Answer: _____

(h) $\frac{2x + 1}{2x^2 + x - 15} \div \frac{6x^2 - x - 2}{x + 3}$

Answer: _____

(i) $\frac{2x^3 + 3x + 1}{x^2 + 2x - 15} \div \frac{x^2 + 6x + 5}{2x^2 - 7x + 3}$

Answer: _____

(j) $\frac{4y^2 - 9}{2y^2 + 9y - 18} \div \frac{2y^2 + y - 3}{y^2 + 5y - 6}$

Answer: _____

8. Perform the addition or subtraction and simplify.

(a) $2 + \frac{x}{x + 3}$

Answer: _____

(e) $\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x^2 + x}$

Answer: _____

(b) $\frac{1}{x + 5} + \frac{2}{x - 3}$

Answer: _____

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

Answer: _____

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

Answer: _____

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

Answer: _____

(d) $\frac{x}{(x + 1)^2} + \frac{2}{x + 1}$

Answer: _____

(h) $\frac{x}{x - 4} - \frac{3}{x + 6}$

Answer: _____

(i) $\frac{5}{2x-3} - \frac{3}{(2x-3)^2}$

Answer: _____

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

Answer: _____

9. Rationalise the denominator.

(a) $\frac{1}{2-\sqrt{3}}$

Answer: _____

(d) $\frac{2}{3-\sqrt{5}}$

Answer: _____

(b) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{7}}$

Answer: _____

(e) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}+1}$

Answer: _____

(c) $\frac{y}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{y}}$

Answer: _____

(f) $\frac{2(x-y)}{\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{y}}$

Answer: _____

10. Perform long division to find the quotient and remainder.

(a) $\frac{x^2 - 6x - 8}{x - 4}$

(d) $\frac{x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x + 3}{3x + 6}$

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

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

(e) $\frac{x^6 + x^4 + x^2 + 1}{x + 1}$

Answer: _____

Answer: _____

(c) $\frac{x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 6}{x - 2}$

(f) $\frac{6x^3 + 2x^2 + 20x}{2x^2 + 5}$

Answer: _____

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