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STUDY GUIDE

FACTORIS, DIVISORS AND FACTORING

MULTIPLE CHOICE. Choose the one alternative that best completes the statement or answers the question.

Find the greatest common factor of the terms.

1) $14m^5, 56m^8$

A) $784m^3$

B) $14m^5$

C) $56m^5$

D) $14m^3$

2) $140(x - 5)^2, 28(x - 5)^7$

A) $140(x - 5)^7$

B) $50(x - 5)^5$

C) $6(x - 5)$

D) $28(x - 5)^2$

Factor out the greatest common factor.

3) $24m^8 + 36m^6 - 60m^4$

A) No common factor (except 1)

B) $12(2m^8 + 3m^6 - 5m^4)$

C) $m^4(24m^4 + 36m^2 - 60)$

D) $12m^4(2m^4 + 3m^2 - 5)$

4) $21m^2 - 17r^3$

A) $3(7m^2 - 5r^3)$

B) No common factor (except 1)

C) $m^2(21 - 17m)$

D) $2(10m^2 + 8r^3)$

5) $4x(5x - 3) + 3(5x - 3)$

A) $(4x - 3)(5x + 3)$

B) $(20x - 3)(x + 3)$

C) $(20x + 3)(x - 3)$

D) $(4x + 3)(5x - 3)$

6) $w^8 - 37wx^4 + 31w^3x^6 - 37w^8x^4$

A) $wx(w^7 - 37x^3 + 31w^2x^5 - 37w^7x^3)$

B) $wx^4(w^7 - 37 + 31w^2x^2 - 37w^7)$

C) $w(w^7 - 37x^4 + 31w^2x^6 - 37w^7x^4)$

D) $w^2(w^7 - 37x^3 + 31w^2x^5 - 37w^7x^3)$

Factor by grouping.

7) $8x^2 - 20x - 6x + 15$

A) $(8x + 3)(x + 5)$

B) $(4x + 3)(2x + 5)$

C) $(8x - 3)(x - 5)$

D) $(4x - 3)(2x - 5)$

8) $12a^3 - 18a^2b - 10ab^2 + 15b^3$

A) $(6a^2 - 5b^2)(2a - 3b)$

B) $(6a^2 + 5b^2)(2a + 3b)$

C) $(12a^2 - 5b^2)(a - 3b)$

D) $(6a^2 - 5b)(2a - 3b)$

9) $18 - 3t - 6y + ty$

A) $(6 + t)(3 + y)$

B) $(6 - t)(3 - y)$

C) $(6 + t)(3 - y)$

D) $(6 - t)(3 + y)$

Factor completely.

10) $x^2 - 3x - 40$

A) $(x + 5)(x - 8)$

B) Prime

C) $(x - 5)(x + 8)$

D) $(x - 5)(x + 1)$

- 11) $x^2 + 11x + 12$
 A) $(x - 6)(x + 2)$ B) $(x + 6)(x - 2)$ C) $(x + 12)(x - 1)$ D) Prime
- 12) $x^2 + 2xy - 99y^2$
 A) $(x - 11y)(x + y)$ B) $(x - 11y)(x + 9y)$ C) $(x + 11y)(x - 9y)$ D) $(x - y)(x + 9y)$

Factor as completely as possible. If unfactorable, indicate that the polynomial is prime.

- 13) $7x^2 - 7x - 42$
 A) $(7x + 14)(x - 3)$ B) $7(x + 2)(x - 3)$ C) Prime D) $7(x - 2)(x + 3)$
- 14) $4x^3 + 4x^2 - 48x$
 A) $(4x^2 + 12x)(x - 4)$
 B) $4x(x - 3)(x + 4)$
 C) $(x - 3)(4x^2 + 16)$
 D) Prime
 E) $4x(x + 3)(x - 4)$
- 15) $9x^2 + 18x + 8$
 A) $(3x - 2)(3x - 4)$ B) $(9x + 2)(x + 4)$ C) Prime D) $(3x + 2)(3x + 4)$
- 16) $15z^2 - 2z - 8$
 A) $(3z + 2)(5z - 4)$ B) $(15z + 2)(z - 4)$ C) Prime D) $(3z - 2)(5z + 4)$
- 17) $6x^2 - 26x - 20$
 A) $(6x + 4)(x - 5)$ B) Prime C) $2(3x - 2)(x + 5)$ D) $2(3x + 2)(x - 5)$
- 18) $6x^2y^2 - 5xy^2 - 6y^2$
 A) $y^2(x + 2)(6x - 3)$ B) $(2x + 2y)(3x - 3y)$ C) $(3x + 2y)(2x - 3y)$ D) $y^2(3x + 2)(2x - 3)$
- 19) $x^4 - 7x^3 + 6x^2$
 A) $x^2(x + 1)(x - 6)$ B) $x^{-1}(x^2 - 7x + 6)$ C) $x^2(x - 1)(x - 6)$ D) $x^2(x - 1)(x + 6)$
- 20) $-2x^2 - 3x + 9$
 A) Prime B) $-1(2x + 3)(x - 3)$ C) $(-2x - 3)(x + 3)$ D) $-1(2x - 3)(x + 3)$

Factor completely.

- 21) $81x^2 - 25$
 A) $(9x + 5)^2$ B) $(9x - 5)^2$ C) Prime D) $(9x + 5)(9x - 5)$
- 22) $147a^4 - 75b^2$
 A) $3(7a^2 + 5b)^2$ B) $3(7a^2 + 5b)(7a^2 - 5b)$
 C) $3(7a^2 - 5b)^2$ D) Prime

Factor.

- 23) $x^2 + 32x + 256$
 A) $(x + 16)^2$ B) $(x + 16)(x - 16)$ C) $(x - 16)^2$ D) Prime

24) $4x^2 - 12x + 9$

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

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

C) Prime

D) $(2x - 3)^2$

Solve the equation.

25) $(x - 3)(x + 8) = 0$

A) $\{3, -8\}$

B) $\{-3, 8\}$

C) $\{3, 8\}$

D) $\{3, -3, 8, -8\}$

26) $x(6x + 18) = 0$

A) $\{0, -\frac{1}{3}\}$

B) $\{0, 3\}$

C) $\{0, \frac{1}{3}\}$

D) $\{0, -3\}$

27) $\frac{7}{8}z(z - \frac{1}{6}) = 0$

A) $\{\frac{1}{6}, 0\}$

B) $\{-\frac{7}{8}, \frac{1}{6}\}$

C) $\{-\frac{1}{6}, 0\}$

D) $\{\frac{7}{8}, \frac{1}{6}\}$

28) $64k^2 - 49 = 0$

A) $\{\frac{8}{7}, -\frac{7}{8}\}$

B) $\{\frac{7}{8}, -\frac{7}{8}\}$

C) $\{7, 0\}$

D) $\{\frac{8}{7}, 0\}$

29) $20y^2 + 41y + 20 = 0$

A) $\{\frac{4}{5}, -\frac{5}{4}\}$

B) $\{-\frac{1}{5}, -\frac{1}{4}\}$

C) $\{\frac{4}{5}, \frac{5}{4}\}$

D) $\{-\frac{4}{5}, -\frac{5}{4}\}$

30) $5x^2 - 25x + 30 = 0$

A) $\{2, 3\}$

B) $\{-2, -3\}$

C) $\{5, 2, 3\}$

D) $\{0, 2, 3\}$

31) $36s^3 - 24s^2 + 7s = 19s$

A) $\{-\frac{1}{3}, 1\}$

B) $\{-\frac{1}{3}, 1, 0\}$

C) $\{0\}$

D) $\{\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}\}$

32) $(x - 5)(20x^2 + 68x + 45) = 0$

A) $\{5, \frac{9}{10}, \frac{5}{2}\}$

B) $\{-\frac{1}{5}, -\frac{5}{2}\}$

C) $\{5, -\frac{9}{10}, -\frac{5}{2}\}$

D) $\{5\}$

33) $5x(x - 4) = (4x + 4)(x - 4)$

A) $\{-4, -4\}$

B) $\{4\}$

C) $\{4, 4\}$

D) $\{-4\}$