

King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals  
Prep.-Year Math I (032)  
Class Test I

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Part I: MULTIPLE-CHOICE

(2 points each)

1) If  $a = \frac{2bc}{b-c}$ , then  $c =$

(a)  $\frac{a+2b}{ab}$

(b)  $\frac{ab-ac}{2b}$

(c)  $\frac{ab}{a+2b}$

(d)  $\frac{ab+c}{b}$

$$\begin{aligned} ab - ac &= 2bc \\ ab &= ac + 2bc \\ ab &= (a+2b)c \\ c &= \frac{ab}{a+2b} \end{aligned}$$

2) Which one of the following statements is TRUE?

(a)  $-3^0 = -1$

(b)  $(5^3)^9 = 5^{12}$

(c)  $(-4)^5(-4)^2 = 16^7$

(d)  $4^{-1} + 3^{-1} = 7^{-1}$

3) The expression  $\frac{x-1}{x-\sqrt{x}}$  simplifies to

(a)  $\frac{x+\sqrt{x}}{x}$

(b)  $\frac{x^2+2\sqrt{x}}{2x}$

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{x-1}{x-\sqrt{x}} \cdot \frac{x+\sqrt{x}}{x+\sqrt{x}} \\ &= \frac{(x-1)(x+\sqrt{x})}{x^2-x} \\ &= \frac{(x-1)(x+\sqrt{x})}{x(x-1)} \\ &= \frac{x+\sqrt{x}}{x} \end{aligned}$$

4) Which one of the following expressions is a polynomial of degree 4?

(a)  $-3xyz^2 + 12x + 4y + 1$

(b)  $2x^{-1}y^2z^3 + 2z^4 + 3$

(c)  $5x^3y^{-2}z^3 + 3x^2y^2 + 11$

(d)  $11x^2z + 4x^2yz^4 - 1$

5) If the real number  $x$  is more than 3 units from 4 but less than 6 units from 4, then:

(a)  $3 < |x-4| < 6$

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(b)  $|x-4| > 3$  or  $|x-4| < 6$

(c)  $3 \leq |x-4| \leq 6$

(d)  $|x-4| \geq 3$  or  $|x-4| \leq 6$

6) Which one of the following statements is TRUE?

- (a) The multiplicative inverse of an irrational number is an irrational number
- (b) The number  $10.34 \times 10^{-5}$  is in scientific notation
- (c) The sum of two odd numbers is an odd number
- (d) The difference of two composite numbers is a composite number

7) The equation  $\frac{3}{p+4} + \frac{4}{p+3} = \frac{4}{p^2+7p+12}$  has

- (a) One positive real solution
- (b) Two real solutions
- (c) One negative real solution
- (d) No solution

$$3(p+3) + 4(p+4) = 4, \quad p \neq -4$$

$$7p + 25 = 4$$

$$7p = -21$$

$$p = -3 \text{ that is rejected}$$

8) If 1 is a solution for the equation  $(2x-1)(3x+2) = -5k$ , then  $k =$

- (a) 3
- (b) -2
- (c) -1
- (d) 1

$$(2(1)-1)(3(1)+2) = -5k$$

$$5 = -5k \Rightarrow k = -1$$

9) The equation  $|x| + 3x - 9 = 0$  has

- (a) Two positive real solutions
- (b) Two negative real solutions
- (c) One real solution
- (d) No real solution

$$x + 3x - 9 = 0, \quad \text{if } x > 0$$

$$x = \frac{9}{4}, \quad x > 0$$

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or  $-x + 3x - 9 = 0, \quad \text{if } x < 0$

$$2x - 9 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{9}{2}, \quad x < 0$$

contradiction

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{9}{2} \text{ is rejected}$$

**Part II: Written**

1) Write each of the following expressions without the absolute value symbols

(6 points)

a.  $4 \left| \frac{7-x}{2} \right| + 2 \left| x - \frac{9}{2} \right|$ , given that  $-4 < x < -3$

$$4 \left( \frac{7}{2} - x \right) - 2 \left( x - \frac{9}{2} \right)$$

$$= 14 - 4x - 2x + 9$$

$$= 23 - 6x.$$

b.  $\sqrt{m^2 - 2mn + n^2} + \sqrt[3]{(m-n)^3}$ , given that  $m < n$

$$= \sqrt{(m-n)^2} + m-n = \underset{-ve}{|m-n|} + m-n$$

$$= -(m-n) + m-n$$

$$= -m + n + m - n = 0$$

2) Simplify  $-(-8x^3 + 3x + 1) - [(8x^3 + x^2) - (4x^2 + 3x + 1)]$

(3 points)

and write the answer in standard form.

$$8x^3 - 3x - 1 - (8x^3 + x^2 - 4x^2 - 3x - 1)$$

$$= 3x^2$$

3) Factor  $6x^2 - 19xy + 10y^2 - 2x + 5y$  completely

$$= (2x-5y)(3x-2y) - (2x-5y)$$

$$= (2x-5y)(3x-2y-1)$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 5y \\ 3x - 2y \end{array}$$

(3 points)

4) Simplify  $\frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{54}} - \frac{4}{\sqrt[3]{16}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}}$  and write your answer in simplest form.

(4 points)

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{3\sqrt[3]{2}} - \frac{4}{2\sqrt[3]{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{2}} &= \frac{4-12-6}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} = \frac{-14}{6\sqrt[3]{2}} \\ &= \frac{-7 \cdot \sqrt[3]{4}}{3\sqrt[3]{2} \cdot \sqrt[3]{4}} = \frac{-7\sqrt[3]{4}}{6} \end{aligned}$$

rationalize

5) Simplify  $\left[ \frac{(3^2 x^{-2})^{-1} (3x^5)^{-2}}{(3^{-4} x^{-2})^2} \right]^{\frac{1}{4}}$  (4 points)

$$= \left( \frac{3^{-2} x^2 \cdot 3^{-2} x^{-10}}{3^{-8} x^4} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \left( 3^4 x^{-16} \right)^{\frac{1}{4}} = \sqrt[4]{\left( \frac{3}{x^2} \right)^4}$$

$$= \left| \frac{3}{x^2} \right| = \frac{3}{x^2}$$

6) Write the complex number  $\frac{(1-2i)^2}{-\sqrt{-9}\sqrt{-1+4i}^{33}}$  in standard form. (5 points)

$$= \frac{1 - 4i + 4i^2}{-3i \cdot i + 4i} = \frac{-3 - 4i}{3 + 4i} \cdot \frac{3 - 4i}{3 - 4i}$$

$$= \frac{-9 + 12i - 12i + 16i^2}{9 - 16i^2}$$

$$= \frac{-25}{25} = -1$$

$$= -1 + 0i$$

7) Simplify  $(16x^2 - 9y^2) \div (64x^3 - 27y^3)$

(5 points)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{(4x)^2 - (3y)^2}{(4x)^3 - (3y)^3} \\
 &= \frac{(4x - 3y)(4x + 3y)}{(4x - 3y)(16x^2 + 12xy + 9y^2)} \\
 &= \frac{4x + 3y}{16x^2 + 12xy + 9y^2}
 \end{aligned}$$

8) Solve  $3x^2 - 9x + 3 = x + 2$  by completing the square method.

(5 points)

$$\begin{aligned}
 3x^2 - 10x &= -1 \\
 x^2 - \frac{10}{3}x &= -\frac{1}{3} \\
 x^2 - \frac{10}{3}x + \frac{25}{9} &= -\frac{1}{3} + \frac{25}{9} \\
 \left(x - \frac{5}{3}\right)^2 &= \frac{-3 + 25}{9} \\
 x - \frac{5}{3} &= \pm \frac{\sqrt{22}}{3} \\
 x &= \frac{5}{3} \pm \frac{\sqrt{22}}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

9) Find all solutions of the equation  $\sqrt{4x+1} - \sqrt{2x+4} = 1$  (5 points)

$$(\sqrt{4x+1})^2 = (\sqrt{2x+4} + 1)^2$$

$$4x+1 = 2x+4 + 2\sqrt{2x+4} + 1$$

$$2x - 4 = 2\sqrt{2x+4}$$

$$(x-2)^2 = (\sqrt{2x+4})^2$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 = 2x + 4$$

$$x^2 - 6x = 0$$

$$x(x-6) = 0$$

$$\boxed{x=0} \text{ or } \boxed{x=6}$$

check:  $x=0$  is rejected  
 $x=6$  is a solution