

**King Fahd University of Petroleum and Minerals**

**Prep-Year Math Program**

**Math 001 Class Test I**  
**Textbook Sections: P.2 to P.8**  
**Term 171**  
**Time Allowed: 90 Minutes**  
**Time: 7:20 pm – 8:50 pm**

**Student's Name:** .....  
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**Provide neat and complete solutions.**  
**Show all necessary steps for full credit and write the answer in simplest form.**

**No Calculators, Cameras, or Mobiles are allowed during this exam.**

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Question	Points	Student's Score
1	4	
2	5	
3	4	
4	4	
5	4	
6	8	
7	4	
8	5	
9	4	
10	4	
11	4	
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**Q1. (4 points):** If  $x = \frac{1}{8}$ ,  $y = -4$  and  $w = -\frac{5}{7}$ , then  $\frac{(y+x)(1-w)}{2w} = ?$

**Solution:**

$$\frac{(y+x)(1-w)}{2w} = \frac{\left(-4 + \frac{1}{8}\right)\left(1 + \frac{5}{7}\right)}{2\left(-\frac{5}{7}\right)} = \frac{-32 + 1}{8} \cdot \frac{7 + 5}{7} = \frac{-31}{8} \cdot \frac{12}{7} = \frac{31}{8} \cdot \frac{12}{7} \cdot \frac{7}{10} = \frac{31}{8} \cdot \frac{3}{10} = \frac{93}{20}$$

**Q2. (5 points):** Write TRUE or FALSE

- (a) Any irrational number has a multiplicative inverse.
- (b) Every natural number is either prime or composite number.
- (c) Any irrational number has a terminating or repeating decimal expansion.
- (d) If  $x$  is a negative number then  $|x| = -x$ .
- (e)  $\sqrt{(3-\pi)^2} = 3-\pi$ .

**Solution:**

- (a):  If  $x$  is any irrational number then  $\frac{1}{x}$  is also an irrational number.
- (b):  1 is a natural number but 1 is neither prime nor composite.
- (c):  Any irrational number has no terminating and has no repeating decimal expansion.
- (d):   $|x| = |x| = -x$  because  $x$  is a negative number
- (e):   $\sqrt{(3-\pi)^2} = |3-\pi| = -(3-\pi) = -3+\pi = \pi-3$

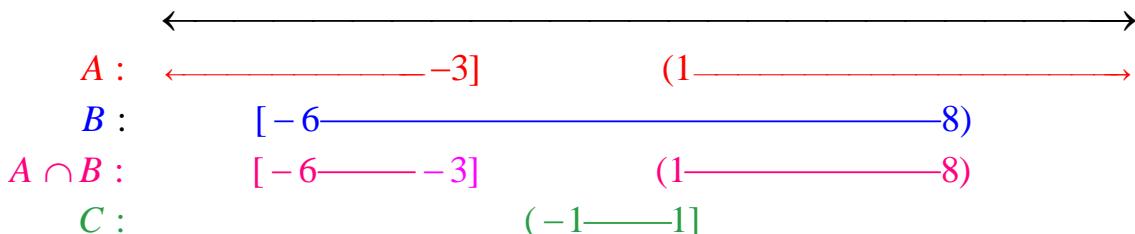
**Q3. (4 points):** If  $X = (a-2b)^2$  and  $Y = (2a+b)^3$ , then find  $X - Y$ .

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} X - Y &= (a-2b)^2 - (2a+b)^3 \\ &= a^2 - 2a2b + (2b)^2 - [(2a)^3 + 3(2a)^2b + 3(2a)b^2 + b^3] \\ &= a^2 - 4ab + 4b^2 - 8a^3 - 12a^2b - 6ab^2 - b^3 \end{aligned}$$

**Q4. (4 points):** If  $A = \{x \mid x \leq -3\} \cup \{x \mid x > 1\}$ ,  $B = \{x \mid -6 \leq x < 8\}$  and  $C = \{x \mid 1 \geq x > -1\}$  then find  $(A \cap B) \cup C$ .

**Solution:**



$$A \cap B \cup C = [-6, -3] \cup (1, 8) \cup (-1, 1) = [-6, -3] \cup (-1, 8)$$

**Answer:**  $[-6, -3] \cup (-1, 8)$

**Q5. (4 points):** Simplify the expression  $-7xy \sqrt[4]{32x^5y^6} + 2x^2 \sqrt[4]{2^9xy^{10}}$

**Solution:** Since the index is even, then  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$ .

$$\begin{aligned}-7xy \sqrt[4]{32x^5y^6} + 2x^2 \sqrt[4]{2^9xy^{10}} &= -7xy \sqrt[4]{2^42x^4xy^4y^2} + 2x^2 \sqrt[4]{2^82xy^8y^2} \\&= -7xy 2xy \sqrt[4]{2xy^2} + 2x^2 2^2 y^2 \sqrt[4]{2xy^2} \\&= -14x^2 y^2 \sqrt[4]{2xy^2} + 8x^2 y^2 \sqrt[4]{2xy^2} \\&= -6x^2 y^2 \sqrt[4]{2xy^2}\end{aligned}$$

**Q6. (8 points):** Factor completely each of the following expressions

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

(b)  $2(a+b)^2 - 5(a+b) - 3$

(c)  $8r^3 - 64t^6$

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

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(a): } y^3 - 1 - y^2 + y &= y^3 - 1^3 - y(y-1) \\&= (y-1)(y^2 + y + 1) - y(y-1) \\&= (y-1)(y^2 + y + 1 - y) = (y-1)(y^2 + 1)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(b): } 2(a+b)^2 - 5(a+b) - 3 &= [2(a+b) + 1][(a+b) - 3] && 2(a+b) && 1 \\&= (2a+2b+1)(a+b-3) && (a+b) && -3\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{(c): } 8r^3 - 64t^6 &= 8(r^3 - 8t^6) = 8[r^3 - (2t^2)^3] = 8(r - 2t^2)(r^2 + r2t^2 + (2t^2)^2) \\&= 8(r - 2t^2)(r^2 + 2rt^2 + 4t^4)\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{OR: } 8r^3 - 64t^6 &= (2r)^3 - (4t^2)^3 = (2r - 4t^2)(4r^2 + 2r \cdot 4t^2 + 16t^4) \\&= 2(r - 2t^2)4(r^2 + 2rt^2 + 4t^4) = 8(r - 2t^2)(r^2 + 2rt^2 + 4t^4)\end{aligned}$$

**(d):**

$$\frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}(3x+4)^{1/2} + \frac{3}{2}x^{1/2}(3x+4)^{-1/2} = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}(3x+4)^{-1/2}[(3x+4)+3x]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}(3x+4)^{-1/2}(6x+4) = \frac{1}{2}x^{-1/2}(3x+4)^{-1/2}2(3x+2) = \boxed{x^{-1/2}(3x+4)^{-1/2}(3x+2)}$$

**Q7. (4 points)** If the coefficient of  $x^3$  in the product  $x^2 \left( kx - \frac{2}{k} \right) \left( 5x + \frac{1}{k} \right)$  is  $-\frac{7}{4}$ , then find  $k$

$$\text{Solution: } x^2 \left( kx - \frac{2}{k} \right) \left( 5x + \frac{1}{k} \right) = \left( kx^3 - \frac{2}{k}x^2 \right) \left( 5x + \frac{1}{k} \right)$$

Multiplying terms that give  $x^3$ :

$$kx^3 \left( \frac{1}{k} \right) + \left( -\frac{2}{k} x^2 \right) (5x) = -\frac{7}{4} x^3$$

$$x^3 - \frac{10}{k} x^3 = -\frac{7}{4} x^3$$

$$\left( 1 - \frac{10}{k} \right) x^3 = -\frac{7}{4} x^3$$

$$1 - \frac{10}{k} = -\frac{7}{4}$$

$$-\frac{10}{k} = -\frac{7}{4} - 1$$

$$\frac{10}{k} = \frac{11}{4}$$

$$\boxed{k = \frac{40}{11}}$$

**Q8. (5 points)** Simplify the expression  $\frac{x^2 - 1}{x^3 - 1} \cdot \frac{xy - 2y + 3x - 6}{xy + 3x + y + 3} = ?$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2 - 1}{x^3 - 1} \cdot \frac{xy - 2y + 3x - 6}{xy + 3x + y + 3} &= \frac{(x - 1)(x + 1)}{(x - 1)(x^2 + x + 1)} \cdot \frac{y(x - 2) + 3(x - 2)}{x(y + 3) + (y + 3)} \\ &= \frac{x + 1}{x^2 + x + 1} \cdot \frac{(x - 2)(y + 3)}{(y + 3)(x + 1)} \\ &= \frac{x - 2}{x^2 + x + 1} \end{aligned}$$

**Q9. (4 points)** The expression  $\frac{x^2 y^{-2} - y^2 x^{-2}}{yx^{-1} + xy^{-1}}$  simplifies to

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x^2 y^{-2} - y^2 x^{-2}}{yx^{-1} + xy^{-1}} &= \frac{x^2 y^2 (x^2 y^{-2} - y^2 x^{-2})}{x^2 y^2 (yx^{-1} + xy^{-1})} \\ &= \frac{x^4 - y^4}{xy^3 + x^3 y} = \frac{(x^2 - y^2)(x^2 + y^2)}{xy(y^2 + x^2)} = \frac{x^2 - y^2}{xy} = \frac{(x - y)(x + y)}{xy} \end{aligned}$$

**Q10. (4 points)** Rationalize the denominator  $\frac{6}{3 + 2\sqrt{12} - \sqrt{3}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{2}} = ?$

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{6}{3 + 2\sqrt{12} - \sqrt{3}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{2}} &= \frac{6}{3 + 2\sqrt{4\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3}}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{2}} = \frac{6}{3 + 4\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{2}} = \frac{6}{3 + 3\sqrt{3}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \\ &= \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{3}} \cdot \frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{1 - \sqrt{3}} - \frac{2}{\sqrt[3]{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{4}}{\sqrt[3]{4}} = \frac{2(1 - \sqrt{3})}{1 - 3} - \frac{2\sqrt[3]{4}}{2} = -1(1 - \sqrt{3}) - \sqrt[3]{4} = -1 + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt[3]{4} \end{aligned}$$

**Q11. (4 points):** Solve the equations for  $k$ .

(a):  $-k = (5k + 3)(3x + 1)$

(b):  $\frac{k+1}{b} = \frac{k-1}{b} + \frac{b+1}{k}$

**Solution (a):**

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

$$-k = 15kx + 5k + 9x + 3$$

$$-6k - 15kx = 9x + 3$$

$$k(-6 - 15x) = 9x + 3$$

$$k = \frac{9x + 3}{-15x - 6} = \frac{3(3x + 1)}{3(-5x - 2)} = \frac{3x + 1}{-5x - 2}$$

(b):  $\frac{k+1}{b} = \frac{k-1}{b} + \frac{b+1}{k}$

Multiply both sides by  $kb$ :

$$kb \cdot \frac{k+1}{b} = kb \cdot \frac{k-1}{b} + kb \cdot \frac{b+1}{k}$$

$$k^2 + k = k^2 - k + b^2 + b$$

$$2k = b^2 + b$$

$$k = \frac{b(b+1)}{2}$$