

Mth 096 – Beginning Algebra – Practice Exam 5 - Solutions

1. $y^4 y^3 = y^{4+3} = y^7$

2. $\frac{a^4 b^3}{a^6 b^2} = a^{4-6} b^{3-2} = a^{-2} b = \frac{1}{a^2} b = \frac{b}{a^2}$

3. $(3x^3 y^4)^2 = 3^2 (x^3)^2 (y^4)^2 = 9x^{3 \cdot 2} y^{4 \cdot 2} = 9x^6 y^8$

4. $\left(\frac{1200x^{-5}y^{-7}z^{26}}{35x^{-2}yz^{15}} \right)^0 = 1$

5. $\frac{(-x^2)^4}{-(x^3)^{-2}} = \frac{x^8}{-x^{-6}} = -x^{8-(-6)} = -x^{14}$

6. $\frac{-3^2 + 5^2}{-2^2} = \frac{-9 + 25}{-4} = \frac{16}{-4} = -4$

7. $\left(\frac{m^3}{m^5} \right)^{-2} = (m^{3-5})^{-2} = (m^{-2})^{-2} = m^{(-2)(-2)} = m^4$

8.

a. $0.000\ 000\ 043 = 4.3 \times 10^{-8}$

b. $56,300,000 = 5.63 \times 10^7$

9.

a. $1.54 \times 10^5 = 154,000$

b. $2.34 \times 10^{-4} = 0.000\ 234$

10.

a. $(3 \times 10^{-5})(6 \times 10^{10}) = (3 \cdot 6) \times (10^{-5} 10^{10}) = 18 \times 10^5 = 18,000$

b. $\frac{9 \times 10^{-7}}{3 \times 10^{-4}} = \frac{9}{3} \times \frac{10^{-7}}{10^{-4}} = 3 \times 10^{-7-(-4)} = 3 \times 10^{-3} = 0.000\ 3$

11.

- a. There are 3 terms.
- b. 4, 3, 0
- c. The leading coefficient is 1.
- d. 4

12. The terms are degree 4, 3, and 5, respectively, so the degree of the polynomial is 5. (the largest)

$$\begin{aligned} 13. & (5w^4 - w^3 - w) - (2w^3 - 3w^2 - 5w) \\ &= 5w^4 - w^3 - w - 2w^3 + 3w^2 + 5w \\ &= 5w^4 - 3w^3 + 3w^2 + 4w \end{aligned}$$

14. The area of the entire rectangle is 80, and the area of each square being cut out is $x \cdot x = x^2$. Since there are 4 squares being cut out, the remaining area is $80 - 4x^2$

$$\begin{aligned} 15. & (x+2)(x-3) \\ &= x^2 - 3x + 2x - 6 \\ &= x^2 - x - 6 \end{aligned}$$

$$16. (y+5)(y-5) = y^2 - 25$$

$$17. (a+3)^2 = (a+3)(a+3) = a^2 + 6a + 9$$

$$\begin{aligned} 18. & (3y+4)(2y-5) \\ &= 6y^2 - 15y + 8y - 20 \\ &= 6y^2 - 7y - 20 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 19. & (x-5)(x^2+2x-1) \\ &= x(x^2+2x-1) - 5(x^2+2x-1) \\ &= x^3 + 2x^2 - x - 5x^2 - 10x + 5 \\ &= x^3 - 3x^2 - 11x + 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$20. \frac{4x^3y + 2xy^2}{x^2y} = \frac{4x^3y}{x^2y} + \frac{2xy^2}{x^2y} = 4x + \frac{2y}{x}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} x+6 \\ x-1 \overline{) x^2+5x-6} \\ \underline{(-) \quad x^2 \quad (+) \quad x} \\ 6x-6 \\ \underline{(-) \quad 6x \quad (+) \quad 6} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{x^2 + 5x - 6}{x - 1} = x + 6$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \overline{x^2-2x+10} \\
 x+2 \bigg) \overline{x^3 + x^2 + 6x - 5} \\
 \underline{(-) + (-) 2x^2} \\
 - 2x^2 + 6x \\
 \underline{(-) + (+) 4x} \\
 10x - 5 \\
 \underline{(-) + (-) 20} \\
 - 25
 \end{array}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{x^3 + 4x - 5}{x + 2} = x^2 - 2x + 10 - \frac{25}{x + 2}$$