

## INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA REVIEW

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The Mathematics Department at Onondaga Community College recommends that students who have taken Intermediate Algebra or Course III review this material prior taking the Placement Exam.

1.  $|7 - 2x| = 11$

2.  $|3x - 4| > 2$  (graph)

3.  $-5 \leq 3x - 2 \leq 4$  (graph)

4.  $\frac{7x - 5}{2} + 7 = 4x$

5.  $A = -4h(x + 5)$  (For x)

6. Factor:  $36x^3 + 12x^2 - 48x$

7. Factor:  $a^4 - b^4$

8. Factor:  $x^3 + 64y^3$

9. Divide:  $(3x^2 + 7x + 7)$  by  $(3x + 1)$

10. Solve:  $3x^2 - 4x - 3 = 0$

11. Simplify:  $\frac{4x - 48}{x^2 - 144}$

12. 
$$\begin{array}{r} x + 5 \\ \hline 3x^2 \\ \hline x^2 - 25 \\ \hline 6x^3 \end{array}$$

$$13. \quad \frac{2x}{x+2} + \frac{5}{x-5}$$

$$14. \quad \left( \frac{x^2 - 9}{2x+2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{x^2 + 2x + 1}{(x-3) \cdot (x+1)} \right)$$

$$15. \quad \sqrt{2x+1} + 1 = 4$$

$$16. \quad (4\sqrt{5} - 2) \cdot (2\sqrt{5} + 4)$$

$$17. \quad \sqrt{125} + 2\sqrt{20} - 4\sqrt{45}$$

$$18. \quad \left( \sqrt{14x^3y} \right) \cdot \left( \sqrt{7x^3y^3} \right)$$

$$19. \quad \sqrt{\frac{375x^5}{5x}}$$

20. Find the slope of the line  $7x + 3y = 21$ .

21. Find the slope of the line containing the points  $(-3, 5)$  and  $(6, -1)$ .

22. Find the equation of the line passing through  $(-6, 2)$  with a slope of  $-2$ .

23. Write the equation of the line though  $(2, 5)$  and perpendicular to  $y = 2x + 4$ .

24. Write  $-12 - \sqrt{-121}$  in standard complex number form.

25. Solve for  $x, y$  and  $z$

$$2x - 3y + z = 1$$

$$x + 2y + z = -1$$

$$3x - y + 3z = 4$$

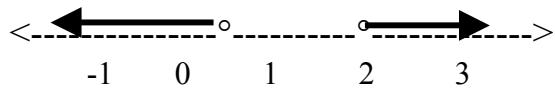
26. Graph  $y \geq 3x + 1$

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### ANSWERS TO THE PROBLEMS

1.  $|7 - 2x| = 11$   
 $7 - 2x = 11 \quad 7 - 2x = -11$   
 $-2x = 4 \quad -2x = -18$   
 $x = -2 \quad x = 9$

2.  $|3x - 4| > 2$   
 $3x - 4 > 2 \quad \text{or} \quad 3x - 4 < -2$   
 $3x > 6 \quad 3x < 2$   
 $x > 2 \quad x < \frac{2}{3}$



3.  $-5 \leq 3x - 2 \leq 4$   
 $-3 \leq 3x \leq 6$   
 $-1 \leq x \leq 2$



4.  $\frac{7x - 5}{2} + 7 = 4x$   
 $7x - 5 + 14 = 8x$   
 $9 = x$

5.  $A = -4h(x + 5)$   
 $\frac{A}{-4h} = x + 5$   
 $\frac{A}{-4h} - 5 = x$

6.  $36x^3 + 12x^2 - 48x$

$$12x(3x^2 + x - 4)$$

$$12x(3x + 4)(x - 1)$$

7.  $a^4 - b^4$   
 $(a^2 - b^2)(a^2 + b^2)$   
 $(a - b)(a + b)(a^2 + b^2)$

8.  $x^3 + 64y^3$   
 $(x + 4)(x^2 - 4x + 16)$

$$\begin{array}{r} x + 2 \quad R = 5 \\ 3x + 1 \overline{)3x^2 + 7x + 7} \end{array}$$

9. 
$$\begin{array}{r} -3x^2 + 1x \\ 6x + 7 \\ \hline -6x + 2 \\ 5 \end{array}$$

10.  $3x^2 - 4x - 3 = 0$   
 $x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$

$$x = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4(3)(-3)}}{2(3)}$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 36}}{6} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{52}}{6} = \frac{4 \pm 2\sqrt{13}}{6} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{13}}{3}$$

11.  $\frac{4x - 48}{x^2 - 144} = \frac{4(x - 12)}{(x - 12)(x + 12)} = \frac{4}{x + 12}$

$$12. \quad \frac{\frac{x+5}{3x^2}}{\frac{x^2-25}{6x^3}} = \frac{x+5}{3x^2} \cdot \frac{6x^3}{x^2-25} = \frac{(x+5) \cdot (6x^3)}{(3x^2) \cdot (x+5) \cdot (x-5)} = \frac{2x}{x-5}$$

$$13. \quad \frac{2x}{x+2} + \frac{5}{x-5} = \frac{2x^2 - 10x + 5x + 10}{(x+2)(x-5)} = \frac{2x^2 - 5x + 10}{(x+2)(x-5)}$$

$$14. \quad \left( \frac{x^2 - 9}{2x+2} \right) \cdot \left( \frac{x^2 + 2x + 1}{(x-3) \cdot (x+1)} \right) = \frac{(x-3) \cdot (x+3)}{2(x+1)} = \frac{(x+1) \cdot (x+1)}{(x-3) \cdot (x+1)} = \frac{x+3}{2}$$

$$15. \quad \begin{aligned} \sqrt{2x+1} + 1 &= 4 \\ \sqrt{2x+1} &= 3 \\ 2x+1 &= 9 \\ x &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$16. \quad \begin{array}{r} 4\sqrt{5} - 2 \\ 2\sqrt{5} + 4 \\ \hline 8.5 - 4\sqrt{5} \\ + 16\sqrt{5} - 8 \\ \hline 40 + 12\sqrt{5} - 8 \\ 32 + 12\sqrt{5} \end{array}$$

$$17. \quad \sqrt{125} + 2\sqrt{20} - 4\sqrt{45} = \sqrt{5 \cdot 25} + 2\sqrt{5 \cdot 4} - 4\sqrt{5 \cdot 9} = 5\sqrt{5} + 4\sqrt{5} - 12\sqrt{5} = -3\sqrt{5}$$

$$18. \quad \left( \sqrt{14x^3y} \right) \cdot \left( \sqrt{7x^3y^3} \right) = \sqrt{98x^6y^4} = 7x^3y^2\sqrt{2}$$

$$19. \quad \sqrt{\frac{375x^5}{5x}} = \sqrt{75x^4} = 5x^2\sqrt{3}$$

$$20. \quad 7x + 3y = 21$$

$$\frac{3y}{3} = \frac{-7x}{3} + \frac{21}{3}$$

$$y = -\frac{7x}{3} + 7$$

$$m = -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$21. \quad m = \frac{-1 - 5}{6 - (-3)} = \frac{-6}{9} = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$22. \quad y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 2 = -2(x + 6)$$

$$y - 2 = -2x - 12$$

$$y = -2x - 10$$

$$23. \quad y = 2x + 4 \quad m = 2 \quad \text{perpendicular } m = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$$

$$y - 5 = -\frac{1}{2}(x - 2)$$

$$y - 5 = -\frac{1}{2}x + 1$$

$$y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 6$$

$$24. \quad -12 - \sqrt{-121}$$

$$-12 - 11i$$

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 25. \quad \begin{array}{lll}
 2x - 3y + z = 1 & -2x + 3y - z = -1 & -3x - 6y - 3z = 3 \\
 x + 2y + z = -1 & x + 2y + z = -1 & 3x - y + 3z = 4 \\
 3x - y + 3z = 4 & -x + 5y = -2 & -7y = 7
 \end{array} \\
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 \begin{array}{lll}
 -x + 5(-1) = -2 & x + 2y + z = -1 & \\
 -x = 3 & -3 + 2(-1) + z = -1 & \\
 x = -3 & -5 + z = -1 & \\
 & z = 4 & \\
 (-3, -1, 4) & &
 \end{array}
 \end{array}$$

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