

Math 102-001 Fall 2012 Quiz #1

1. A cell phone company offers a service plan with a monthly \$10 flat fee, and every minute of cell-phone use costs an additional five cents. [6 marks]

- a) Define appropriate variables and units and state an equation that models the total monthly cost of this plan in terms of the number of minutes the cell-phone was used.

LET C BE COST PER MONTH (IN \$)
 x BE THE NUMBER OF MINUTES USED

THEN

$$C = 10 + 0.05x$$

(COST IN PENNIES IS ALSO ACCEPTABLE,
 IE $C = 1000 + 5x$)

- b) Use the model to determine the number of minutes you could use a phone if you had a monthly budget of \$35.

LET $C = 35$, SOLVE $35 = 10 + 0.05x$

FOR $x = 500$

YOU WOULD HAVE 500 MINUTES.

2. Evaluate and simplify:

[6 marks]

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

b) $\frac{\sqrt{16x^4y^8}}{2xy^2} = \frac{4x^2y^4}{2xy^2} = 2xy^2$

c) $\frac{3x}{5} + \frac{x^2-1}{3x} = \frac{9x^2 + 5x^2 - 5}{15x} = \frac{14x^2 - 5}{15x}$

3. Define the following expressions:

$$A = x^2 - x - 12$$

$$B = xy^2 + x$$

$$C = x^3y^2 - xy^2$$

a) Completely factor each of these three expressions. If an expression cannot be factored (relative to the integers), state that it is prime. [8 marks]

$$i) A = (x - 4)(x + 3)$$

$$ii) C = xy^2(x^2 - 1) \\ = xy^2(x - 1)(x + 1)$$

b) Evaluate and simplify (i.e. combine like terms) the expression for

$$i) B - 2C$$

$$(xy^2 + x) - 2(x^3y^2 - xy^2) \\ = xy^2 + x - 2x^3y^2 + 2xy^2 \\ = 3xy^2 + x - 2x^3y^2$$

$$ii) B^3$$

$$= (xy^2 + x)^3 = (xy^2)^3 + 3(xy^2)^2(x) + 3(xy^2)(x^2) + x^3$$

$$= x^3y^6 + 3x^2y^4x + 3xy^2x^2 + x^3$$

$$(OR \ x^3(y^6 + 3xy^4 + 3y^2 + 1))$$

$$= (xy^2 + x)^3 = (xy^2)^3 + 3(xy^2)^2(x) + 3(xy^2)(x^2) + x^3 \\ = x^3y^6 + 3x^2y^4x + 3xy^2x^2 + x^3 \\ = x^3y^6 + 3x^3y^4 + 3x^3y^2 + x^3 \\ = x^3(y^6 + 3y^4 + 3y^2 + 1)$$