

Los Angeles Southwest College

Mathematics Department

Math 115 – Common Final Exam

Practice TEST (rubrics)

This Final Exam consists of 36 problems with a total of 150 points. Show any necessary work neatly and clearly in the space provided. Please circle or box your final answer.

Part A: No partial credit will be given to the problems 1 through 10

- 1 Simplify: $-26 - (-37) - 13$ -2 (2 pts)
- 2 Decide whether the statement is true or false: $-|29| < -|-18|$ $True$ (2 pts)
- 3 For the following word phrase write an **expression** using x as the variable and **simplify**. (2 pts)
"Thirty two subtracted from the difference between twice a number and twelve" $2x - 44$
- 4 Evaluate: $4x^2y - 5xy^2$, if $x = 3$ and $y = -2$ -132 (2 pts)
- 5 Combine like terms: $5m^2 + 8m - 3m^2 - 12m + 15$ $2m^2 - 4m + 15$ (2 pts)
- 6 Graph $-2 \leq x < 3$ on a number line. (2 pts)
- 7 Find the **slope** of the line through $(-2, 6)$ and $(-4, -2)$ and write answer in the simplest form (2 pts)
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- 8 Multiply: $2y^2(4y^3 - 3y^2 + 7)$ $8y^5 - 6y^4 + 14y^2$ (2 pts)
- 9 Factor: $9y^2 - 64$ $(3y - 8)(3y + 8)$ (2 pts)
- 10 Find the LCM of $18x^4y^3$ and $24x^5y^2$ $72x^5y^3$ or $2^3 \cdot 3^2 x^5 y^3$ (2 pts)

Part B: Partial credit may be given to the problems 11 through 36. Answers without supporting work will be given no credit. Please circle or box your final answer.

11 Simplify: $\frac{(-4) \cdot 3^2 - 2 \cdot 7}{(-3) \cdot 6 + 13}$ **(3 pts)**

a) $3^2 = 9$ 1 pt

b) $\left. \begin{array}{l} -4 \cdot 9 = -36 \\ 2 \cdot 7 = 14 \\ (-3) \cdot 6 = -18 \end{array} \right\}$ 1 pt

c) $\frac{-36 - 14}{-18 + 13} = \frac{-50}{-5} = \boxed{10}$ 1 pt

12 Solve the equation: $3(x - 4) - 5(x + 2) = -14$ **(4 pts)**

$3x - 12 - 5x - 10 = -14$ 1 pt

$-2x - 22 = -14$ 1 pt

$-2x = 8$ 1 pt

$\frac{-2x}{-2} = \frac{8}{-2} \quad \boxed{x = -4}$ 1 pt

13 **Solve** the following word problem by drawing a picture, defining the variable(s), setting up the equation(s), and then solve. Don't forget to include units. **(6 pts)**

The length of a rectangle is three more than twice the width.
If the perimeter is 78 inches, find the width and the length.

$\left. \begin{array}{l} 2l + 2w = P \\ l = 2w + 3 \\ 2(2w + 3) + 2w = 78 \end{array} \right\}$ 3 pts

$\left. \begin{array}{l} 6w + 6 = 78 \\ 6w = 72 \\ \boxed{w = 12 \text{ inches}} \end{array} \right\}$ 2 pt

$\boxed{l = 2(12) + 3 = 27 \text{ inches}}$ 1 pt

14 Subtract: $(6x^3 + 4x^2 - 11x + 8) - (5x^3 - 2x^2 - 8x + 17)$ (3 pts)

$$6x^3 + 4x^2 - 11x + 8 - 5x^3 + 2x^2 + 8x - 17 \quad 1pt$$

$$6x^3 - 5x^3 + 4x^2 + 2x^2 - 11x + 8x + 8 - 17 \quad 1pt$$

$$\boxed{x^3 + 6x^2 - 3x - 9} \quad 1pt$$

15 Solve the formula $A = p + prt$ for t . (3 pts)

$$A - p = prt \quad 1pt$$

$$\frac{A - p}{pr} = \frac{prt}{pr} \quad 1pt$$

$$\boxed{\frac{A - p}{pr} = t \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{A}{pr} - \frac{1}{r} = t} \quad 1pt$$

16 Write the equation of the line passing through the point $(-3, 4)$ and having slope -5 . Give the final answer in the slope - intercept form. (4 pts)

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \\ y - 4 = (-5)[x - (-3)] \end{array} \right\} \text{ or } \left. \begin{array}{l} y = mx + b \\ 4 = (-5)(-3) + b \end{array} \right\} \quad 2pts$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y - 4 = (-5)(x + 3) \\ y - 4 = -5x - 15 \end{array} \right\} \text{ or } \left. \begin{array}{l} 4 = 15 + b \\ b = -11 \end{array} \right\} \quad 1pt$$

$$\boxed{y = -5x - 11} \quad 1pt$$

17 Write the equation of the line passing through the pair of points $(2, -7)$ and $(-4, 5)$. Give the final answer in the slope - intercept form. (5 pts)

$$m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} \quad m = \frac{5 - (-7)}{-4 - 2} \quad m = \frac{12}{-6} \quad m = -2 \quad 1pt$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y - y_1 = m(x - x_1) \\ y - (-7) = (-2)(x - 2) \end{array} \right\} \text{ or } \left. \begin{array}{l} y = mx + b \\ -7 = (-2)2 + b \end{array} \right\} \quad 2pts$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y + 7 = (-2)(x - 2) \\ y + 7 = -2x + 4 \end{array} \right\} \text{ or } \left. \begin{array}{l} -7 = -4 + b \\ b = -3 \end{array} \right\} \quad 1pt$$

$$\boxed{y = -2x - 3} \quad 1pt$$

18 Graph the linear inequality $3x - 2y < 6$

(8 pts)

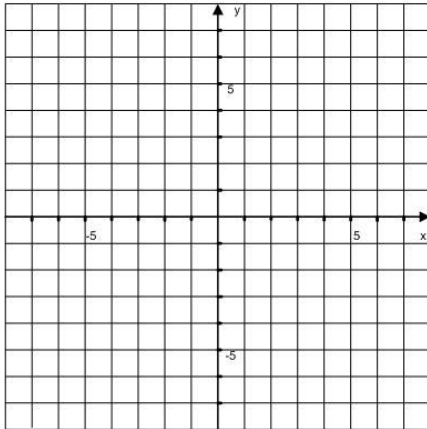
$x=0$ $y=-3$ 2 pt

$y=0$ $x=2$ 2 pt

graph the line 2 pt

choose the broken line 1 pt

The test point $(0,0)$, $0 < 6$ is a true, shade a right region 1 pt



19 (a) Solve the linear inequality, (b) graph the solution, and (c) write the solution set as interval (5 pts)

notation: $7(x-1) - 2(x+4) \leq 0$

$7x - 7 - 2x - 8 \leq 0$ 1 pt

$5x - 15 \leq 0$ 1 pt

$5x \leq 15$ $x \leq 3$ 1 pt

$(-\infty, 3]$ 1 pt

20 Solve the system of equations: $\begin{cases} 2x - 5y = 16 \\ 3x - 4y = 17 \end{cases}$

(4 pts)

$\begin{cases} (2x - 5y = 16) \cdot (-3) \\ (3x - 4y = 17) \cdot 2 \end{cases}$ 1 pt

$\begin{cases} -6x + 15y = -48 \\ 6x - 8y = 34 \end{cases}$ 1 pt

$7y = -14$ $\frac{7}{7}y = \frac{-14}{7}$ $y = -2$ 1 pt

$\begin{cases} 2x - 5(-2) = 16 \\ 2x + 10 = 16 \\ 2x = 6 \end{cases}$ $x = 3$ 1 pt

21 Simplify and write the answer using only positive exponents: $\frac{-27x^{-5}y^7}{63x^4y^{-6}}$ **(4 pts)**

for canceling 27 with 63 by 9 1pt

for dividing x^{-5} by x^4 1pt

for dividing y^7 by y^{-6} 1pt

for moving x^{-9} to denominator as x^9 1pt

$$\frac{-3y^{13}}{7x^9}$$

22 Multiply: $(2y-3)(2y^3-4y^2+2y-3)$ **(5 pts)**

$$4y^4 - 8y^3 + 4y^2 - 6y - 6y^3 + 12y^2 - 6y + 9$$
 2pts

$$4y^4 - 8y^3 - 6y^3 + 4y^2 + 12y^2 - 6y - 6y + 9$$
 2pts

$$\boxed{4y^4 - 14y^3 + 16y^2 - 12y + 9}$$
 1pt

23 Perform the indicated operation: $(2x-3y)^2$ **(3 pts)**

$$(2x-3y)(2x-3y)$$
 1pt

$$4x^2 - 6xy - 6xy + 9y^2$$
 1pt

$$\boxed{4x^2 - 12xy + 9y^2}$$
 1pt

24 Use the long division to perform the division: $\frac{6x^2-13x-3}{x-3}$ **(6 pts)**

$$\begin{array}{r} 2pts \quad 2pts \\ \boxed{6x} \quad \boxed{+5} \\ x-3 \overline{) 6x^2 - 13x - 3} \end{array}$$

$$-6x^2 + 18x$$

$$5x - 3$$

$$-5x + 15$$

$$\boxed{12}$$

2pts

- 25** The product of the second and third of three consecutive integers is 2 more than 10 times the first integer. Find the integers. **(7 pts)**

$$(x+1)(x+2) = 10x + 2 \quad 3 \text{ pts}$$

$$x^2 + 3x + 2 = 10x + 2 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$x^2 - 7x = 0 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$x(x-7) = 0 \quad x = 0 \quad x = 7 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\{0,1,2\} \text{ or } \{7,8,9\} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

- 26** Solve by factoring: $3y^2 = 10y + 8$ **(5 pts)**

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} 3y^2 - 10y - 8 = 0 \\ 3y^2 - 12y + 2y - 8 = 0 \end{array} \right\} \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

$$3y(y-4) + 2(y-4) = 0 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$(y-4)(3y+2) = 0 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} y-4 = 0 \quad \boxed{y = 4} \\ 3y+2 = 0 \quad \boxed{y = -\frac{2}{3}} \end{array} \right\} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

- 27** Simplify into lowest terms: $\frac{x^2 - 2x - 24}{x^2 + x - 12}$ **(4 pts)**

$$x^2 - 2x - 24 = (x-6)(x+4) \quad 1.5 \text{ pts}$$

$$x^2 + x - 12 = (x-3)(x+4) \quad 1.5 \text{ pts}$$

$$\frac{(x-6)(x+4)}{(x-3)(x+4)} = \frac{\boxed{(x-6)}}{\boxed{(x-3)}} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

28 Multiply and simplify: $\frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x^2 + 3x - 28} \cdot \frac{x^2 + x - 20}{x^2 + 2x - 15}$ **(7 pts)**

$$x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x - 2)(x - 3) \quad 1.5 \text{ pts}$$

$$x^2 + x - 20 = (x + 5)(x - 4) \quad 1.5 \text{ pts}$$

$$x^2 + 3x - 28 = (x + 7)(x - 4) \quad 1.5 \text{ pts}$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 15 = (x + 5)(x - 3) \quad 1.5 \text{ pts}$$

$$\frac{(x - 2)(x - 3)}{(x + 7)(x - 4)} \cdot \frac{(x + 5)(x - 4)}{(x + 5)(x - 3)} = \boxed{\frac{(x - 2)}{(x + 7)}} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

29 Subtract. Write answer in lowest terms: $\frac{3}{x - 2} - \frac{9}{x^2 - x - 2}$ **(6 pts)**

$$\frac{(x + 1)3}{(x - 2)(x + 1)} - \frac{9}{(x - 2)(x + 1)} \quad LCD = (x + 1)(x - 2) \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\frac{3x + 3}{(x - 2)(x + 1)} - \frac{9}{(x - 2)(x + 1)}$$

$$\frac{3x + 3 - 9}{(x - 2)(x + 1)} = \frac{3x - 6}{(x - 2)(x + 1)} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\frac{3(x - 2)}{(x - 2)(x + 1)} = \boxed{\frac{3}{x + 1}} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

30 Solve and check for any extraneous solution: $\frac{x}{x + 5} + \frac{2}{x - 4} = \frac{18}{x^2 + x - 20}$ **(8 pts)**

$$\frac{x}{x + 5} + \frac{2}{x - 4} = \frac{18}{(x + 5)(x - 4)} \quad LCD = (x + 5)(x - 4) \quad 3 \text{ pts}$$

$$\left[\frac{x}{x + 5} + \frac{2}{x - 4} = \frac{18}{(x + 5)(x - 4)} \right] (x + 5)(x - 4) \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$x(x - 4) + 2(x + 5) = 18 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} x^2 - 4x + 2x + 10 &= 18 \\ x^2 - 2x - 8 &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$(x - 4)(x + 2) = 0 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$x = 4 \quad N/S \quad \boxed{x = -2} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

- 31** Nancy Johnson invested \$18,000. Part of it was invested at 3% annual simple interest, and the rest was invested at 4%. Her interest income for the first year was \$630. How much did she invest at each rate? **(7 pts)**

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 18000 \\ 0.03x + 0.04y = 630 \end{cases} \quad 3 \text{ pts}$$

$$\begin{cases} x + y = 18000 \\ 3x + 4y = 63000 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} (x + y = 18000)(-3) \\ 3x + 4y = 63000 \end{cases} \quad \begin{cases} -3x - 3y = -54000 \\ 3x + 4y = 63000 \end{cases} \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

$$\boxed{y = 9000} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$x + 9000 = 18000 \quad \boxed{x = 9000} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

- 32** Multiply and simplify: $\sqrt{3x^3y} \cdot \sqrt{27xy^3}$ **(4 pts)**

$$\sqrt{3x^3y \cdot 27xy^3} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\sqrt{81x^4y^4} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\sqrt{9^2(x^2)^2(y^2)^2} = \boxed{9x^2y^2} \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

- 33** Solve: $x^2 - 21 = -3$ **(4 pts)**

$$x^2 = 18 \quad \text{or} \quad x^2 - 18 = 0 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\sqrt{x^2} = \pm\sqrt{18} \quad \text{or} \quad (x - \sqrt{18})(x + \sqrt{18}) = 0 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\boxed{x = \pm 3\sqrt{2}} \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

- 34** Solve and check each potential solution: $\sqrt{x+7} = 4$ **(4 pts)**

$$\left(\sqrt{x+7}\right)^2 = (4)^2 \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

$$x+7=16 \quad \boxed{x=9} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

$$\sqrt{9+7} = 4 \quad \sqrt{9} = 4 \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

35 Use the quadratic formula to solve: $x^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$

(5 pts)

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \quad a=1 \quad b=-4 \quad c=2 \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

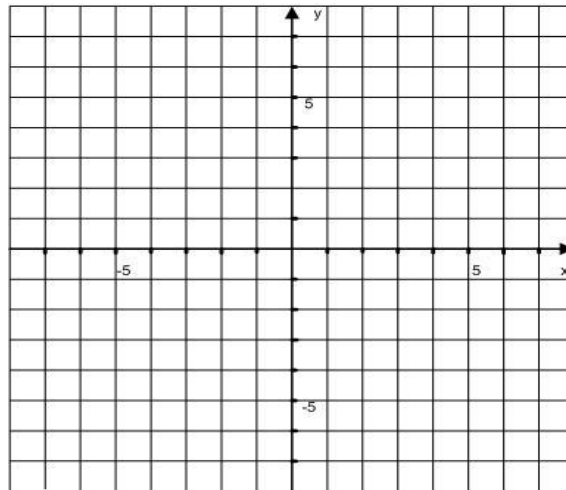
$$x = \frac{-(-4) \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot 2}}{2 \cdot 1} \quad x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{8}}{2} \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$

$$x = \frac{2(2 \pm \sqrt{2})}{2} \quad x = \boxed{2 \pm \sqrt{2}} \quad 1 \text{ pt}$$

36 (a) Find the x -intercept = $(3, 0)$, (b) and the y -intercept = $(0, -4)$ of the equation $4x - 3y = 12$. (c) Graph the equation using the intercepts.

(6 pts)

$$x = 0 \quad \boxed{y = -4} \quad 2 \text{ pts} \quad y = 0 \quad \boxed{x = 3} \quad 2 \text{ pts}$$



2 pts