

**Instructions:** Complete these problems for homework due on the date above. The problems should look very similar to those that were covered during our class meeting covering §8.1,8.4 & §12.1-12.2. As always show all work and please box your final answer.

1. Factoring the following PST's completely.

a)  $x^2 + 22x + 121$                       b)  $25x^2 - 70x + 49$                       c)  $8x^2 + 8x + 2$

2. Factor the following difference of squares completely.

a)  $x^2 - 144$                       b)  $x^3 - 9x$                       c)  $x^2 - 64y^2$

3. Factor each of the following trinomials completely.

a)  $x^2 + 8x - 48$                       b)  $x^2 - 6x - 16$                       c)  $x^2 + 7x + 12$

d)  $x^2 - 14x + 45$                       e)  $x^3 + 7x^2 - 18x$                       f)  $2x^2 - 22x + 60$

4. Which of the following polynomials are prime? Circle all that are prime.

a)  $x^2 - x + 6$                       b)  $2x^6 - 18$                       c)  $x^2 + 4$                       d)  $x + 1$

5. Simplify each of the following rational expressions.

a)  $\frac{y + 5}{y^2 - 13y + 40}$

b)  $\frac{x^2 + 4x - 21}{x^2 + 2x - 15}$

c)  $\frac{x^3 + 8x^2 - 4x - 32}{x^2 - 4}$

d)  $\frac{2x + 14}{2x^3 + 14x^2 - 6x - 42}$

e)  $\frac{4x^2 - 20x + 25}{4x^2 - 25}$

6. Multiplying and dividing rational expressions is still an exercise in factoring and canceling.

a)  $\frac{25x^2 - 10x + 1}{15} \cdot \frac{5}{10x - 2}$

b)  $\frac{3a}{4a^2 - 8a - 60} \div \frac{4a^3}{a - 5}$