Exam 1A

- 1. Which of the following statements is (are) true?
- I.  $\frac{1}{y} \ge 10$  means "The reciprocal of y is at most 10". II.  $\frac{3}{2} < \sqrt{2}$ III. (-3) | 6(-1) + 2 | = 12

- A. I only
- B. I and II only
- C. II and III only
- D. I, II, and III
- *E.* None are true.
- 2. Simplify. Do not leave negative exponents in your answer.

$$\left(\frac{1}{4}x^{-3}y^{5}\right)\left(6x^{8}y^{2}\right)$$

3. Simplify:  $\left(\frac{8x^6}{y^{12}}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ 

A. 
$$\frac{3y^{10}}{2x^{24}}$$
  
B.  $\frac{3x^{24}y^{10}}{2}$   
C.  $\frac{3x^5y^7}{2}$   
D.  $\frac{3y^7}{2x^5}$   
E.  $\frac{3x^5}{2y^{10}}$   
A.  $\frac{y^4}{2x^2}$ 

A. 
$$\frac{y}{2x^2}$$
  
B.  $-\frac{8x^{\frac{17}{3}}}{3y^{\frac{35}{3}}}$   
C.  $\frac{x^{\frac{17}{3}}}{2y^{\frac{35}{3}}}$   
D.  $-\frac{8y^4}{3x^2}$ 

*E*. None of the above.

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4. Perform the indicated operations and express as a polynomial.

 $(7x^4 - 3x^3 + 5x - 1) - 2(x^4 - 4x^3 + x^2 + 3x)$ 

- A.  $5x^4 + 5x^3 + 3x^2 6x 1$ B.  $5x^4 + 5x^3 - 2x^2 - x - 1$ C.  $5x^4 - 11x^3 + 2x^2 + 11x - 1$ D.  $5x^4 - 7x^3 + x^2 + 8x - 1$
- *E*. None of the above.

5. Rationalize the denominator and simplify.

$\sqrt{t}$	+1
$\sqrt{t}$	-3

A.  $\frac{t+1}{t-3}$ B.  $\frac{t-2\sqrt{t}-3}{t-9}$ C.  $\frac{t-3}{t+9}$ D.  $\frac{t+4\sqrt{t}+3}{t-9}$ E.  $\frac{t+1}{t-9}$ 

6. Which of the following is (are) true?

I. 
$$(x-2y)^2 = x^2 + 4y^2$$
  
II.  $(\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{y})(\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{y}) = x - y$   
III.  $\frac{8x^4y^6 - 10x^8y^9}{2x^2y^3} = 4x^2y^3 - 10x^8y^9$ 

- A. I only
- B. II only
- C. I and II only
- D. I, II, and III
- E. None are true

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7. Which of the following is a factor of  $12x^2 + 5x - 2$ ?

- *A*. 12x+1
- *B*. 2x-1
- *C*. 3x 2
- *D*. 6x + 1
- *E*. 4x 1

8. Factor  $a^8 - 81b^4$  completely.

A. (a+9b)(a-9b)B.  $(a^{2}+9b)(a+3b)(a-3b)$ C.  $(a^{2}+3b)^{2}(a^{2}-3b)^{2}$ D.  $(a^{4}+9b^{2})(a^{2}+3b)(a^{2}-3b)$ E.  $(a^{2}-3b)^{4}$ 

9. Perform the indicated operations and simplify.

$$\frac{3x}{2x+1} - \frac{4}{x} + \frac{2x}{x(2x+1)}$$

A. 
$$\frac{3x^{2}-6x-4}{x(2x+1)}$$
  
B. 
$$\frac{5x-4}{x(2x+1)}$$
  
C. 
$$\frac{x-4}{x(2x+1)}$$
  
D. 
$$\frac{3x^{2}-6x+1}{x(2x+1)}$$

*E.* None of the above.

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- 10. Simplify completely.
  - $\frac{\frac{x+4}{x+1} \frac{4}{x}}{x+2}$

A. 
$$\frac{x+2}{x+1}$$
  
B.  $\frac{x^2+1}{x(x+1)}$   
C.  $\frac{x-2}{x(x+1)}$   
D.  $\frac{(x-2)(x+2)^2}{x(x+1)}$   
E.  $\frac{1}{(x+1)(x+2)}$ 

11. Solve for *x*. Choose the answer that best describes the solution(s).

$$\frac{3}{x+5} + \frac{1}{x-5} = \frac{10}{x^2 - 25}$$

- A. x is less than 3.
- B. x is between 3 and 20.
- C. x is greater than 20.
- D. There is no solution for x.
- *E*. All real *x* are solutions except  $x = \pm 5$ .

12. Solve X(RY+R) = P for R.

A. 
$$R = \frac{P}{XY + X}$$
  
B. 
$$R = \frac{P - X}{Y}$$
  
C. 
$$R = \frac{P}{2XY}$$
  
D. 
$$R = \frac{PX}{Y + 1}$$

*E*. Equation cannot be solved for *R*.

- 13. Bill has \$80,000 to invest into two accounts. One account is a savings account which pays 3% simple interest. The other account is a much riskier fund, which pays 5% simple interest. Being conservative and investing a sum of money into each account, how much should Bill invest in the savings account in order to earn annual interest of \$3450?
  - *A.* \$19,800*B.* \$27,500
  - *C.* \$32,150
  - D. \$43,750
  - *E.* None of the above.
- 14. A girl can row a boat at a constant rate of 4 mph in still water. She rows upstream for 25 minutes and then rows downstream, returning to her starting point, in 18 minutes. If *x* represents the rate of the current, choose the equation that would be used to solve for *x*.

A. 
$$\frac{5}{12}(4+x) = \frac{3}{10}(4-x)$$
  
B.  $4(25+x) = 4(18-x)$   
C.  $\frac{5}{12}(4+x) + \frac{3}{10}(4-x) = 43$   
D.  $\frac{5}{12}(4-x) = \frac{3}{10}(4+x)$   
E.  $\frac{5}{12}(4-x) + \frac{3}{10}(4+x) = 43$ 

15. The design for an arched doorway is comprised of a rectangle surmounted by a semicircle (see the figure). The width of the door is to be 4 feet, but the height x is yet to be determined. If the area of the figure is to be 28 square feet, find x. Round your answer to the nearest tenth.

