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Class: 4th (D-E)

Date: _____
Duration: 50 minutes

Math Exam

5% of your grade is allocated for presentation and proper use of notation.

I- Circle the best answer. Show your work. (35 points)

1) Which of the below represents a quadratic expression?

a) $x^3 + 2x^2 - 3x + 1$

b) $x + 2$

c) $5x - x^2$ *highest degree = 2*

d) $\frac{x^2 + 2x + 6}{x^4}$

2) Consider the expression $A = x^2 + bx + c$. If the equation $A = 0$ has two roots -1 and 3, then A can be written in factorized form as:

a) $(x + 1)(x - 3)$

b) $(x - 1)(x + 3)$

c) $(x - 1)(2x + 6)$

d) $(2x + 2)(x - 3)$

3) Which of the below has no solution?

a) $(2x + 5)^2 - 6 = -2$ $(2x + 5)^2 = 4$ ✓

b) $3x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ $\Delta = 1 - 4(3) = 1 - 12 = -11 < 0$

c) $4x^2 + 20x + 25 = 0$ $(2x + 5)^2 = 0$ ✓

d) $x^2 + 3x + 2 = 0$ $\Delta = 9 - 4(1)(2) = 1$ ✓

4) If -2 is a solution for the equation $mx^2 + mx - 4 = 0$, then $m =$

a) 2

b) $\frac{1}{2}$

c) 0

d) cannot be determined

$$m(-2)^2 + m(-2) - 4 = 0$$

$$4m - 2m - 4 = 0$$

$$2m = 4$$

$$m = 2$$

5) Let $ax^2 + bx + c = 3(x+5)(x-1)$, then $a + b + c =$

a) 0

b) 1

c) -1

d) 2

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 3(x^2 - x + 5x - 5)$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 3(x^2 + 4x - 5)$$

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 3x^2 + 12x - 15$$

$$a = 3$$

$$b = 12$$

$$c = -15$$

$$a + b + c = 0$$

6) The product of two consecutive positive integers is 5 more than their sum. The greatest of these two integers is:

a) 4

b) 3

c) 6

d) 5

$$x, x+1$$

$$x(x+1) = 5 + (x + x+1)$$

$$x^2 + x = 5 + 2x + 1$$

$$x^2 + x = 6 + 2x$$

$$x^2 - x - 6 = 0$$

so the 2 integers are 3 and 4

$$(x-3)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x = 3 \text{ or } x = -2 \text{ (rejected)}$$

7) The area of a parallelogram is given by the formula $A = \text{base} \times \text{height}$. If the height of a parallelogram is 11 cm less than twice its base of length x cm, and the area of the parallelogram is 21 cm², then the measure of the height is:

a) 7

b) 3

c) 11

d) 14

$$\text{Area} = x \cdot h$$

$$21 = x(2x - 11)$$

$$21 = 2x^2 - 11x$$

$$2x^2 - 11x - 21 = 0$$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \text{Product} = -42 \\ \text{Sum} = -11 \end{array} \right\} -14 \text{ and } 3$$

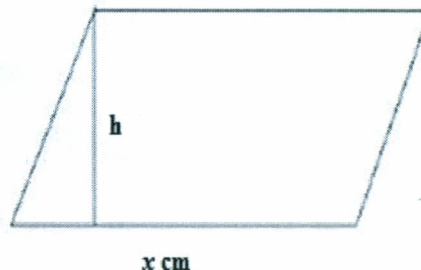
$$2x^2 - 14x + 3x - 21 = 0$$

$$2x(x-7) + 3(x-7) = 0$$

$$(x-7)(2x+3) = 0$$

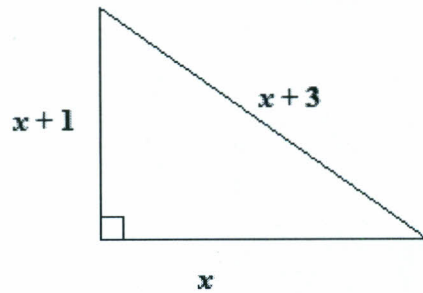
$$x = 7 \text{ or } x = -3/2 \text{ (rejected)}$$

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$$\text{so } h = 2(7) - 11 = 3$$

9) The value of x in the figure below is:



a) $2+2\sqrt{3}$

b) $2\pm 2\sqrt{3}$

c) $4+\sqrt{48}$

d) $2-2\sqrt{3}$

$$(x+3)^2 = x^2 + (x+1)^2$$

$$x^2 + 6x + 9 = x^2 + x^2 + 2x + 1$$

$$x^2 - 4x - 8 = 0$$

$$\Delta = 16 - 4(1)(-8)$$

$$= 16 + 32$$

$$= 48$$

$$x = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{48}}{2} = \frac{4 \pm 4\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$x = 2 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$$

but $2-2\sqrt{3}$ is $< 0 \Rightarrow$ rejected

10) A solution of the equation $a^2 - b^2 + 10b - 25 = 0$ is:

a) $a = b - 5$

b) $b = \frac{5}{2}$

c) $a = b$

d) $a = -b$

$$a^2 - (b^2 - 10b + 25) = 0$$

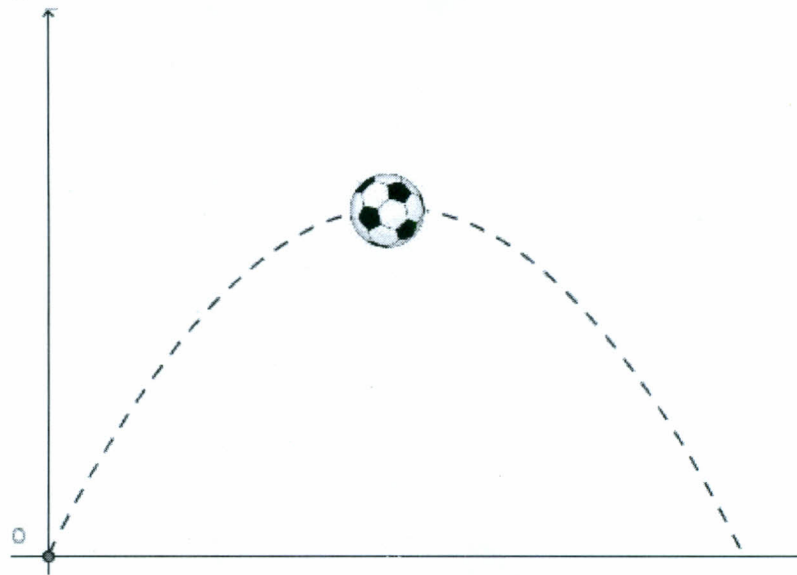
$$a^2 - (b-5)^2 = 0$$

$$(a+b-5)(a-b+5) = 0$$

$$a = b-5 \quad \text{or} \quad a = 5-b$$

- II- A football is kicked from point $O(0,0)$ towards a goal to the right of O . The ball follows a path that can be modeled by the equation $h = \frac{-x^2 + 8x}{4}$

where h represents the height of the ball above the ground in meters (m) and x represents the horizontal distance of the ball from O also measured in meters (m).



(15 points)

- 1) Find the height of the ball above the ground when the ball is at 2m away from O .

$$h = \frac{-2^2 + 8(2)}{4} = \frac{-4 + 16}{4} = \frac{12}{4} = 3 \text{ m}$$

- 2) When will the ball hit the ground for the first time?

$$\begin{aligned} h &= 0 \quad (\text{hit the ground}) \\ \Rightarrow \frac{-x^2 + 8x}{4} &= 0 & \Rightarrow 8x - x^2 &= 0 \\ & & x(8-x) &= 0 & x=0 \quad \text{or} \quad \boxed{x=8 \text{ m}} \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

- 3) Using "completing the square" method, find the horizontal distance for which the ball reaches a height of $\frac{5}{2}$ m above the ground.

$$\begin{aligned} h &= \frac{5}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} &= \frac{-x^2 + 8x}{4} & \Rightarrow -2x^2 + 16x &= 20 \\ & & \Rightarrow x^2 - 8x &= -10 \\ & & x^2 - 8x + 10 &= 0 \\ & & x^2 - 8x + 16 + 10 &= 16 \\ & & (x-4)^2 &= 6 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} x-4 &= \pm\sqrt{6} \\ x &= 4 \pm \sqrt{6} \text{ m} \quad (\text{both accepted}). \end{aligned}$$

- III- A factory manufactures plastic toys and sells them in the market at a selling price S . The selling price is given by the equation $S = -2x^2 + 9x - 10$ where x represents the number of toys in hundreds of pieces (i.e 100 toys correspond to $x = 1$, 200 toys correspond to $x = 2$, etc....) The cost of producing a toy is expressed by the equation $C = (2-x)^2 - 2x + 4$ (12 points)

1) Factorize each of S and C .

$$\begin{aligned} S &= -2x^2 + 9x - 10 & P &= 20 & S &= 9 \\ &= -2x^2 + 4x + 5x - 10 \\ &= -2x(x-2) + 5(x-2) \\ &= (x-2)(-2x+5) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} C &= (2-x)^2 - 2(x-2) \\ &= (x-2)^2 - 2(x-2) \\ &= (x-2)[(x-2)-2] = (x-2)(x-4) \end{aligned}$$

- 2) Knowing that the profit is the difference between the selling price and cost (profit = selling price - cost), show that the profit P is expressed as $P = -3(x-2)(x-3)$.

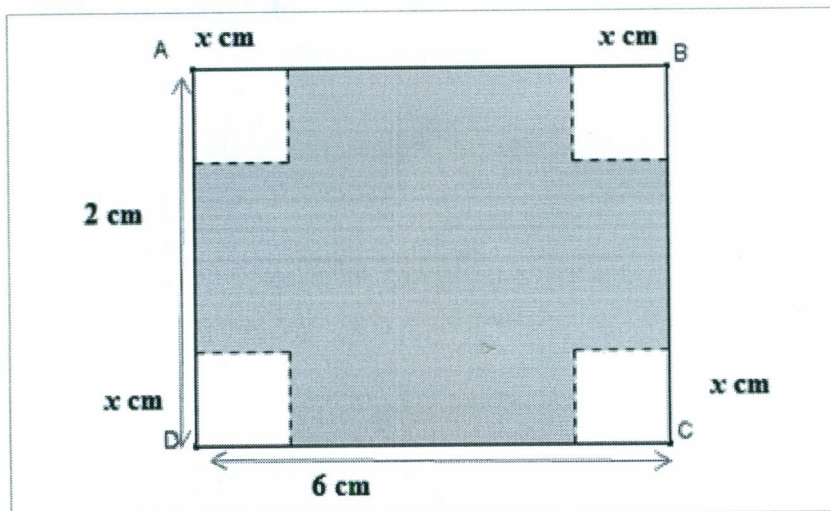
$$\begin{aligned} P &= S - C \\ &= (x-2)(-2x+5) - (x-2)(x-4) \\ &= (x-2)[-2x+5-x+4] \\ &= (x-2)(-3x+9) \\ &= -3(x-2)(x-3) \end{aligned}$$

- 3) Find the profit made when 200 toys are sold. Comment on your result.

$$P(2) = -3(2-2)(2-3) = 0$$

No profit is made.

- IV- In the figure below, ABCD is a rectangular piece with AD = 2 cm and DC = 6 cm. Squares of sides x cm are cut from each corner. (5 points)



(figure not drawn to scale)

Express the area of the shaded region in fully factorized form.

$$\text{Area of } ABCD = 6 \times 2 = 12$$

$$\text{Area of small white square} = x^2$$

$$\text{Area of shaded region} = 12 - 4x^2$$

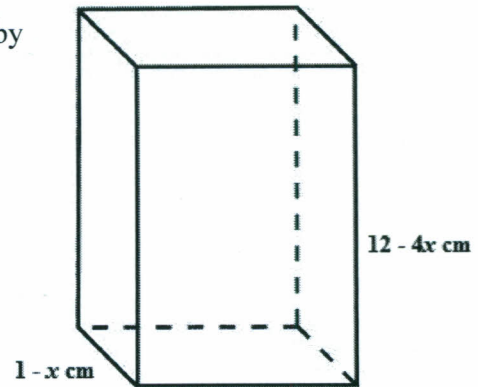
$$= 4(3 - x^2)$$

$$= 4(\sqrt{3} - x)(\sqrt{3} + x) \text{ cm}^2$$

- V- Solid S shown in the figure below is a square based prism having the dimensions $l = w = 1 - x$ cm and $h = 12 - 4x$ cm, where l represents the length, w the width, and h the height. (12 points)

- 1) Knowing that the volume of a cuboid is given by the formula $V = l \times w \times h$, write the volume of cuboid S in factorized form.

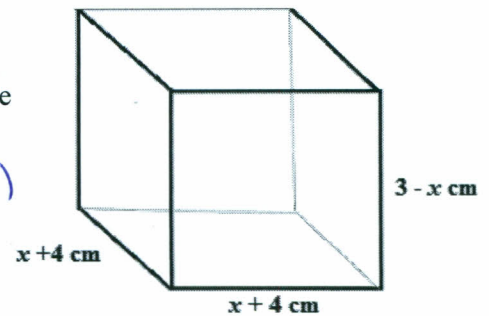
$$V = (1-x)(1-x)(12-4x) \\ = 4(1-x)^2(3-x)$$



The cuboid contains 9 small cuboid blocks each of dimensions $l = \frac{1-x}{3}$ cm, $w = x+4$ cm and $h = 3-x$ cm.

- 2) Show that the volume of each small block is $(x+4)^2(3-x)$ cm³, and then deduce the volume of the 9 small blocks.

$$V = (x+4)(x+4)(3-x) = (x+4)^2(3-x) \\ \Rightarrow 9 \text{ small blocks have volume} \\ V = 9(x+4)^2(3-x)$$



- 3) Show that the volume of empty space in S is $-5(3-x)(x+14)(x+2)$ cm³.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Volume of empty space} &= 4(1-x)^2(3-x) - 9(x+4)^2(3-x) \\ &= (3-x) [4(1-x)^2 - 9(x+4)^2] \\ &= (3-x) [(2-2x)^2 - (3x+12)^2] \\ &= (3-x) (2-2x+3x+12) (2-2x-3x-12) \\ &= (3-x) (x+14) (-5x-10) \\ &= -5(3-x)(x+14)(x+2) \end{aligned}$$

- 4) Deduce the volume of empty space when $x = -3$.

$$\begin{aligned} V(-3) &= -5(3-(-3))(-3+14)(-3+2) \\ &= -5(6)(11)(-1) \\ &= 30 \times 11 = 330 \text{ cm}^3 \end{aligned}$$