MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE JANUARY 2005 ROUND 2 ALGEBRA ONE: FACTORING & EQUATIONS ANSWERS

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A) A rectangular playground of area 560 square feet is built on a vacant lot 32 feet wide by 40 feet long. The playground is placed an equal distance from all four sides of the lot. Find the perimeter of the playground.

B) Find all real values of x for which: $2x = \frac{2 - x - x^2}{2 + x}$

C) Find all real values of x (no approximations!) for which $x^3 + 1 = x^2 + 4x + 3$