**Total Points possible: 11 out of 10** 

**Math 12: Spring 2025** 

**Instructions:** Each question is worth 3 points but the last question. Question 4 and 5 are worth 1 point. Show all your work in order to receive credit.

**Problem 1.** (3 points) Distribute and simplify.

(a) 
$$-4x^3 - x(3x^2 + 7) + x + (2 + 10x^2)$$
  
 $-4x^3 - 3x^3 - 7x + x + 2 + 10x^2$   
 $-7x^3 - 6x + 2 + 10x^2$ 

**Problem 2.** (3 points) Factor (by grouping).  $25c - cr + 25r - c^2$ 

Problem 3. (3 points) Factor 
$$y^4 - 1$$
 recall  $|y^2 - x^2| = |y + x|(y - x)$ 

$$|(y^2)^2 - |^2| = (|y^2 - 1|(y + 1)) \text{ use diff of squares}$$

$$= (|y - 1|(y + 1)(y + 2 + 1)) \text{ again}$$

**Problem 4.** (1 points) **Extra credit**. Simplify the complex fraction into one.

$$\frac{\frac{4}{b}}{\frac{5}{b} + \frac{6}{a}}$$
want to add these
make bottom the same

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$$\frac{\frac{4}{b}}{\frac{5}{4}} = \frac{\frac{4}{b}}{\frac{5}{4}} = \frac{\frac{4}{b}}{\frac{5a}{4b}} = \frac{\frac{4}{b}}{\frac{5a+6b}{ab}} = \frac{\frac{4}{b}}{\frac{5a+6b}{ab}} = \frac{\frac{4}{b}}{\frac{5a+6b}{5a+6b}}$$

$$= \frac{4}{b} \cdot \frac{ab}{5a+6b} = \frac{4a}{5a+6b} = \frac{4a}{5a+6b}$$

$$= \frac{4a}{5a+6b}$$

Problem 5. (1 points) Extra credit. Let's see how logical you truly are. Are the following two statements logically the same?