*Instructions:* Show your work, and box your final answer. **No calculators** allowed.

If you encounter an imaginary number, say so (don't try to finish the problem).

**1.** (70pts) Solve these equations. Check your answers.

(a) 
$$\sqrt{5+x} = 3$$

(c) 
$$(m+1)^3 = -1$$

(b) 
$$(a-3)^2 = 4$$

(d) 
$$-2b^4 + 7 = 5$$

## 1. (continued)

(e) 
$$4 \cdot \sqrt[3]{2 \cdot q} = -12$$

(f) 
$$5 + \sqrt{6y^2 - 8} = 9$$

**2.** (30pts) Simplify the following radical expressions:

(a) 
$$\sqrt[4]{-16}$$

(c) 
$$\frac{\sqrt[3]{-32}}{\sqrt[3]{-2}}$$

(b) 
$$\sqrt{20x^9y}$$

(d) 
$$\sqrt[3]{b^6(k+3)^7} \cdot \sqrt[3]{(k+3)^2}$$

**Extra credit:** (6pts) A raindrop is falling through the air. Its height, after *t* seconds have passed, has the formula

$$h = -(t+10)^2 + C$$

(h is height).

If C = 400, at what time does the raindrop hit the ground?