

**MAT 1275CO - Chapter 1.2.1 - 1.2.2 Problem Set**

1. Write the expression  $(3x + 1) + (7 - 9x) + (2x - 4)$  in a simpler form, if possible.
2. Simplify completely.
  - (a)  $25 - (-1 + x)$
  - (b)  $3(2x - 6) - (6x - 2)$
  - (c)  $25 - (-1 + x)$
  - (d)  $5(-2 - 10a) + 2(5a - 3) - 3a$
3. Answer each of the following questions by T (for true) or F (for false). If you answer true you are saying that the equation is true for all values of  $a$ ,  $b$ , and  $c$ .
  - (a)  $a + (b + c) = (a + b) + c$
  - (b)  $a - (b - c) = (a - b) - c$
  - (c)  $a - (b + c) = (a - b) + c$
  - (d)  $a + (b - c) = (a + b) - c$
  - (e)  $a \div (b \div c) = (a \div b) \div c$
  - (f)  $a \div (b \times c) = (a \div b) \times c$
  - (g)  $a \times (b \div c) = (a \times b) \div c$
  - (h)  $a \times (b \times c) = (a \times b) \times c$
4. Jenna uses the expression  $15 \times n$  to calculate the amount of money she will make for working  $n$  hours. How much will she make on her first day of work if she works 4 hours?
5. Simplify completely.
  - (a)  $(5x^2 + 3x + 9) - (-2x^2 + 5x - 4)$
  - (b)  $[x^3 - (4x^2 - x + 2)] - [-x^3 - (4x^2 - x - 4)]$
  - (c)  $(7x^2y - y + 3) + (3x^2y + 5x - 4)$
  - (d)  $(10a^8b^7 + 5a^4b^3 + 7ab) + (12a^8b^7 - 5a^3b^4 - 6ab)$
6. Give an expression for the perimeter of an equilateral triangle whose sides have length  $L$ . Use the formula to find the perimeter of a triangle whose sides are length 7 inches.
7. If we make a box of height  $x$ , with no top, by cutting square corners from a 50 in by 50 in piece of cardboard and folding them up what are the dimensions of the base of the box in terms of  $x$ ? What is the biggest  $x$  can be?
8. Ashley is starting a smoothie bar. She earned a \$2000 grant. She will earn \$7 for every smoothie sold. Find an expression to represent how much business Ashley's money will have earned after  $s$  smoothies are sold. How much will her business have earned after 50 cups are sold?

**Critical Thinking** What is the maximum degree of the sum of two third degree polynomials? What is the minimum degree?