

For each of problems 1 and 2, find the greatest common factor and factor it out.

1) $9AB + 15B$

The GCF is $3B$

$$9AB + 15B = 3B(3A + 5)$$

2) $13x^5 - 2x^3 + x^2$

The GCF is x^2

$$13x^5 - 2x^3 + x^2 = x^2(13x^3 - 2x^2 + 1)$$

3) (This is what the problem was meant to be: the polynomial that appeared on your quiz had a typo which made it unfactorable, and I am not counting it in your score.)

Factor the polynomial by grouping:

$$\begin{aligned} &6x^2 + 2xy + 3x + y \\ &= 2x(3x + y) + 1(3x + y) \\ &= (3x + y)(2x + 1) \end{aligned}$$

4) Factor the polynomial using the AC method as directed:

$$y^2 - 6y + 5$$

First split the middle term in the correct way:

$$\begin{aligned} &= y^2 - 5y - y + 5 \text{ Then factor by grouping:} \\ &= y(y - 5) - 1(y - 5) \\ &= (y - 5)(y - 1) \end{aligned}$$

Another way:

$$y^2 - 6y + 5$$

First split the middle term in the correct way:

$$\begin{aligned} &= y^2 - y - 5y + 5 \text{ Then factor by grouping:} \\ &= y(y - 1) - 5(y - 1) \\ &= (y - 1)(y - 5) \end{aligned}$$
