

YOUR NAME: _____

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Read each problem **very carefully** before starting to solve it. Each problem is worth 10 points. It is necessary to show **all** your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points. GOOD LUCK!!

1. George bought a Math text, a Physics text and a Chemistry text for a total of \$276. The Math text was \$20 more than the Physics text and the Chemistry text was twice the price of the Physics text. How much did each textbook cost?

2. Use the Gauss-Jordan (matrix) method to solve $\begin{cases} 2x + 6y = 15 \\ 3x + 10y = 24 \end{cases}$

3. Simplify the following expressions and write your answers without negative exponents:

(a)
$$\frac{(-5x^{-3}y^4)(-7xy^3)}{-35x^5y^{-9}}$$

(b)
$$(3x^2z^{-1})\left(\frac{3xy^{-3}}{z^5}\right)^{-3}$$

4. (a) Multiply $(2x - 3)^3$

(b) Factor **completely** $ab^2 + 3b^2 - 9a - 27$

5. Factor **completely** the polynomials

(a) $6x^2 + 23x + 20$

(b) $7x^2 - 18x + x^3$