Read each problem **very carefully** before starting to solve it. Each problem is worth 5 points. It is necessary to show **all** your work. Correct answers without explanations are worth 0 points. GOOD LUCK!!

1. Use the *ac*-test to factor (show **all steps**):

(a)
$$3x^2 + 26x - 9 =$$

(b)
$$3x^2 - 25x + 8 =$$

2. Factor **completely**:

(a)
$$x^4 - 16 =$$

(b)
$$x^4 - 2x^2 - 6y + 3yx^2 =$$