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

1. (a) Write in interval notation the set  $\{x : -3 < x \leq 17\}$ .  
  
(b) Graph the interval  $[3, 8)$ .  
  
(c) Compute (always compute exactly leaving answer in fraction form)  $\left(\frac{125}{8}\right)^{-2/3}$ .  
  
(d) Simplify  $\frac{x^{21}}{x^{15}}$ .  
  
(e) Simplify  $(x^3)^5$ .
2. Write an equation for the line  $\ell$  that passes through  $(-5, -2)$  and is perpendicular to the line with equation  $2y + x = 8$ . (Show all your steps with short explanations and, please, do this even if you are not explicitly asked to, to make your work more accessible to the reader.)