

Instructions: Show all work. Give exam answers.

1. Factor completely.

a. $2x^2 - 9x - 5$

$(2x + 1)(x - 5)$

b. $12x^3 + 11x^2 + 2x$

$x(12x^2 + 11x + 2)$
 $x(3x + 2)(4x + 1)$

c. $54a^2 + 39ab - 8b^2$

$54a^2 + 48ab - 9ab - 8b^2$ 432
 $6a(9a + 8b) - b(9a + 8b)$ 2,216
 $(6a - b)(9a + 8b)$ 3,144
 4,108
 6,72
 8,54
 11,48

2. Determine if the polynomial is a perfect square trinomial.

a. $m^2 + 10m + 25$

yes
 $(m + 5)^2$

c. $4x^2 - 9x - 9$

no
 $2 * 3 * 2 \neq 9$

b. $x^2 + 16$

no
 prime

d. $m^2 + 18m + 81$

yes
 $(m + 9)^2$

3. Factor using the formulas:

$a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$
 $a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$
 $a^3 - b^3 = (a - b)(a^2 + ab + b^2)$

a. $x^2 - 36$

$(x - 6)(x + 6)$

b. $8a^3 - 1$

$(2a - 1)(4a^2 + 2a + 1)$

c. $125a^4 + 64ab^3$

$a(125a^3 + 64b^3)$
 $a(5a + 4b)(25a^2 - 20ab + 16b^2)$