

1) $\frac{x^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x^{\frac{5}{4}} \cdot x^{-2}} = x^{\frac{1}{2} - \frac{5}{4} + 2}$
 $= x^{\frac{2}{4} - \frac{5}{4} + \frac{8}{4}}$
 $= x^{\frac{5}{4}}$ (C)

2) $\frac{x^2}{36} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{6^2} + \frac{y^2}{2^2} = 1$
 $\Rightarrow$ Ellipse, centered at (0,0)
 major-vertices in x-direction
 (6,0), (-6,0)
 (A) and minor-vertices in
 y-direction (0,2), (0,-2)

3) $x^2 + y^2 + 2x - 4y - 44 = 0$
 $x^2 + 2x + y^2 - 4y = 44$
 $x^2 + 2x + 1 + y^2 - 4y + 4 = 44 + 1 + 4$
 $(x+1)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 49$
 circle, centered at (-1,2), r=7
 (B)

4) $f(x) = 3^x$
 $f^{-1}(9) = x \Rightarrow f(x) = 9$
 $3^x = 9$
 $x = 2$ (C)

5) $2^{7+3x} = \frac{1}{4}$ $\left| \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2^2} = 2^{-2} \right|$
 $\Rightarrow 2^{7+3x} = 2^{-2}$
 $\Rightarrow 7+3x = -2$
 $3x = -9$
 $x = -3$ (C)

6) $f(27) = 1 + 1.5 \ln(27+1)$
 $= 1 + 1.5 \ln 28$
 ≈ 5.998
 ≈ 6 (B)

7) $f(x) = 4x^2 + 3x + 5$
 $g(x) = 3x - 4$
 $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x))$
 $= g(4x^2 + 3x + 5)$
 $= 3(4x^2 + 3x + 5) - 4$
 $= 12x^2 + 9x + 15 - 4$
 $= 12x^2 + 9x + 11$
 Cost = $\frac{20}{9} \times 50 \times 2 = 222.22$
 (C)

8) $\log_{13} \frac{5\sqrt{5}}{5}$
 $= \log_{13} 5\sqrt{5} - \log_{13} 5$ (A)
 $= \log_{13} 5 + \log_{13} \sqrt{5} - \log_{13} 5$
 $= \log_{13} 5 + \log_{13} 5^{\frac{1}{2}} - \log_{13} 5$
 $= \log_{13} 5 + \frac{1}{2} \log_{13} 5 - \log_{13} 5$

9) $\log_3 (15 - 3x) = 2$
 exp. form $15 - 3x = 3^2$
 $15 - 3x = 9$ (B)
 $-3x = -6$
 $x = 2$

10) $\log_{11} 11 + \log_{11} 1$
 $= 1 + 0 = 1$ (C)

11) Future Value
 $= \text{Principal} (1 + r)^n$
 $= 1000 (1 + 0.10)^7$ (A)
 $= 1000 \times 1.1^7 = 1,948.72$

12) $\sqrt[3]{\frac{7}{9x^2}} = \sqrt[3]{\frac{7}{3^2 x^2} \cdot \frac{3x}{3x}}$
 $= \sqrt[3]{\frac{21x}{3^3 x^3}}$
 $= \frac{\sqrt[3]{21x}}{3x}$ (D)

13) $V \propto P$
 $\Rightarrow V = \frac{k}{P}$
 when $V = 48, P = 14$
 $48 = \frac{k}{14} \Rightarrow k = 48 \cdot 14 = 672$
 when $V = 16, P = ?$
 $16 = \frac{672}{P}$ (B)
 $16P = 672$
 $P = \frac{672}{16} = 42$

14) Let t be the time they work together
 $\frac{t}{4} + \frac{t}{5} = 1$
 $5t + 4t = 20$
 $9t = 20$
 $t = \frac{20}{9}$
 The solution says the answer is 16.5 hr per employee
 Interpretation: $\frac{20}{9} \times 50 \times 2 = 222.22$
 (B)

15) $(3x-7)^2 + 5(3x-7) + 6 = 0$
 Let $y = 3x-7$
 $\rightarrow y^2 + 5y + 6 = 0$
 $(y+2)(y+3) = 0$
 $(3x-7+2)(3x-7+3) = 0$ (A)
 $(3x-5)(3x-4) = 0$
 $3x-5 = 0$ or $3x-4 = 0$
 $x = \frac{5}{3}$ or $x = \frac{4}{3}$

16) $p^2 + 11p + \frac{121}{4} = 0$
 $\left(\frac{11}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{121}{4}$ (B)

17) $p^2 + 3p - 9 = 0$
 $p^2 + 3p = 9$
 $\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{9}{4}$
 $p^2 + 3p + \frac{9}{4} = 9 + \frac{9}{4}$
 $\left(p + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{36}{4} + \frac{9}{4}$
 $\left(p + \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{45}{4}$
 $p + \frac{3}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{45}{4}} = \pm \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{2}$
 $p = -\frac{3}{2} \pm \frac{3\sqrt{5}}{2}$
 $p = \frac{-3 \pm 3\sqrt{5}}{2}$ (C)

NOTE: Can also use quadratic formula

18) $x^2 - 4x - 4 = 0$
 Can't be factorized! (A)

NOTE: Completing the Square and Quadratic Formula methods always work!

19) $(6+5i)^2$
 $= 6^2 + 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 5i + (5i)^2$ (D)
 $= 36 + 60i + 25i^2$
 $= 36 + 60i - 25 = 11 + 60i$

20) $\frac{7-\sqrt{2}}{7+\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{7-\sqrt{2}}{7-\sqrt{2}} = \frac{49-27\sqrt{2}+2}{49-2}$
 $= \frac{51-27\sqrt{2}}{47}$ (B)

21) $\frac{10}{x^2+5x} + \frac{8}{x} + \frac{2}{x+5}$
 $= \frac{10}{x(x+5)} + \frac{8}{x} + \frac{2}{x+5}$ (D)
 $= \frac{10 + 8(x+5) + 2x}{x(x+5)}$
 $= \frac{10 + 8x + 40 + 2x}{x(x+5)}$
 $= \frac{50 + 10x}{x(x+5)} = \frac{10(x+5)}{x(x+5)} = \frac{10}{x}$

22) $\frac{4x^2+17x+23}{x^2+10x+24} - \frac{3x^2+8x+5}{x^2+10x+24}$
 $= \frac{x^2+9x+18}{x^2+10x+24} = \frac{(x+3)(x+6)}{(x+4)(x+6)}$
 $= \frac{x+3}{x+4}$ (B) Remember to factor!

23) $10x^3 - 360x$ (A)
 $= 10x(x^2 - 36) = 10x(x+6)(x-6)$

24) $p = (6x+1) + (4x+20) + (x^2+6)$
 $p = x^2 + 10x + 25$ (B)
 $p = (x+5)^2$

25) $y = 5x^2 - 35x + 50$
 $x\text{-int} \Rightarrow y=0 = 5x^2 - 35x + 50$
 $0 = 5(x^2 - 7x + 10)$
 $0 = 5(x-5)(x-2)$
 $x-5=0$ or $x-2=0$
 $x=5$ $x=2$
 $(5,0)$ and $(2,0)$ (A)

26) $x^3 - \frac{1}{27} = x^3 - (\frac{1}{3})^3$
 $= (x - \frac{1}{3})(x^2 + x(\frac{1}{3}) + (\frac{1}{3})^2)$
 $= (x - \frac{1}{3})(x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{9})$ (A)

27) $\frac{x^5+x^3-3}{x-2}$
 $\begin{array}{r|rrrrrr} 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & -3 \\ 2 & & 2 & 4 & 10 & 20 & 40 \\ \hline & 1 & 2 & 5 & 10 & 20 & 37 \end{array}$
 $\Rightarrow x^4 + 2x^3 + 5x^2 + 10x + 20 + \frac{37}{x-2}$ (B)

28) $(x-12)(x^2+5x-3)$
 $= x^3 + 5x^2 - 36x - 12x^2 - 60x + 36$ (B)
 $= x^3 - 7x^2 - 63x + 36$

29) Let p be the speed of the plane in calm air and w be the rate of the wind
 $\begin{cases} 5(p+w)=1280 \\ 8(p-w)=1280 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} p+w=256 \\ p-w=160 \end{cases}$
 $2w=96$
 $w=48$ (C)

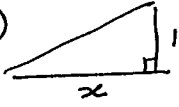
30) $f(x) = -(x-1)^2 + 4$
 upside down parabola
 vertex $(1, 4)$
 axis of symmetry: $x=1$

To find x -intercepts:
 $0 = -(x-1)^2 + 4$
 $(x-1)^2 = 4$
 $x-1 = \pm 2$
 $x = 1 \pm 2$
 $\begin{cases} x_1 = 1+2 = 3 \\ x_2 = 1-2 = -1 \end{cases} \Rightarrow (3,0), (-1,0)$ (D)

31) $|4x-6|=3$
 $\Rightarrow 4x-6=3$ or $4x-6=-3$
 $4x=9$ $4x=3$
 $x=\frac{9}{4}$ $x=\frac{3}{4}$ (C)

32) $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ -2 & 0 & 1 \\ 4 & 0 & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -3 \begin{vmatrix} -2 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$
 $= -3(-2 \cdot 4 - 4 \cdot 1)$
 $= -3(-8 - 4)$
 $= -3(-12) = 36$ (A) second column expansion

33) $(-5,0), (2,6)$
 $m = \frac{6-0}{2-(-5)} = \frac{6}{7}$
 $y = \frac{6}{7}x + b$, plug $(-5,0)$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = \frac{6}{7}(-5) + b$ (A)
 $0 = -\frac{30}{7} + b$
 $\frac{30}{7} = b \Rightarrow y = \frac{6}{7}x + \frac{30}{7}$

34) 
 $m = \frac{14}{x}$
 $20^\circ = \frac{14}{x}$
 $\frac{1}{5} = \frac{14}{x}$
 $x = 70$ (A)

35) ellipse $\Rightarrow$ not a function
 it doesn't satisfy vertical line test
 Domain: $\{x | -5 \leq x \leq 5\}$ (B)
 Range: $\{y | -4 \leq y \leq 4\}$

36) $|h-9| + 4 \leq 9$
 $|h-9| \leq 5$ (D)
 $-5 \leq h-9 \leq 5$
 $4 \leq h \leq 14$ [4,14]

37) $\frac{5}{x-7} + \frac{3}{x} = -\frac{21}{x^2-7x}$
 $\frac{5}{x-7} + \frac{3}{x} = -\frac{21}{x(x-7)}$

$5x + 3(x-7) = -21$
 $5x + 3x - 21 = -21$
 $8x - 21 = -21$
 $8x = 0$
 $x = 0$

But, $x=0$ is not in the "domain" of the equation $\Rightarrow$ (B)

38) $f(x) = \sqrt{x-4}$
 Domain $\Rightarrow x-4 \geq 0$
 $x \geq 4$ (C)
 Range $\Rightarrow y \geq 0$

39) $(2x-1)^5$
 $= (2x)^5 + 5C_1 \cdot (2x)^4 \cdot (-1)^1$
 $+ 5C_2 \cdot (2x)^3 \cdot (-1)^2$
 $+ 5C_3 \cdot (2x)^2 \cdot (-1)^3$
 $+ 5C_4 \cdot (2x)^1 \cdot (-1)^4 + (-1)^5$
 $= 32x^5 + 5 \cdot 16x^4 \cdot (-1)$
 $+ \dots$
 $= 32x^5 - 80x^4 - \dots$ (C)

40) $\begin{cases} x+y = -5 \\ 2x-4y-5z = -11 \\ x-2 = -6 \end{cases}$
 $\Rightarrow$ ① & ②, eliminate x :
 $\begin{cases} x+y = -5 \\ 2x-4y-5z = -11 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x+2y = -10 \\ 2x-4y-5z = -11 \end{cases}$
 $6y+5z = 1$

$\Rightarrow$ ③ & ②
 $\begin{cases} 2x-4y-5z = -11 \\ x-2 = -6 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} 2x-4y-5z = -11 \\ 2x-2z = -12 \end{cases}$
 $-4y-3z = 1$
 $\Rightarrow \begin{cases} 6y+5z = 1 \\ -4y-3z = 1 \end{cases} \begin{matrix} \times 2 \\ \times 3 \end{matrix} \begin{cases} 12y+10z = 2 \\ -12y-9z = 3 \end{cases}$
 $z = 5$ (D)

Questions #14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 27, 28, 29, 33, 37 are questions doable even in Math 115!