

EXTRA PRACTICE — Exercises

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Unit V – Second Degree Relations and Higher - Polynomials

Part C – Solving Equations and Inequalities by Factoring

Lesson 8 – General Factoring Strategy

Factor each of the following polynomials completely.

1. $25x^2y^2 - 36$

2. $x^2 - 5xy - 36y^2$

3. $16c^2 - 40c + 25$

4. $x^4 - 9$

5. $x^4 - 26x^2 + 25$

6. $12x^4 + x^2 - 20$

7. $x^4 - 8x + x^3y - 8y$

8. $2n^3 - 24n^2 + 72n$

9. $27y^2 - 12$

10. $125y^3 - 27$

11. $15xy + 6y - 20x - 8$

12. $3x^{4a} + 2x^{2a}y^b - y^{2b}$

13. $9c^3 - 30c^2 + 25c$

14. $m^3 - 8 + m^2 - 4$

15. $y^4 - 29y^2 + 100$

16. $5x^2 + 10x - 40$

17. $b^3 - c^3 - 4b + 4c$

18. $n^3 - 64$

EXTRA PRACTICE — Answer Key

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Factor each of the following polynomials completely.

1. $(5xy + 6)(5xy - 6)$

2. $(x - 9y)(x + 4y)$

3. $(4c - 5)(4c - 5)$

4. $(x^2 + 3)(x^2 - 3)$

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

6. $(3x^2 + 4)(4x^2 - 5)$

7. $(x - 2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)(x + y)$

8. $2n(n - 6)(n - 6)$

9. $3(3y + 2)(3y - 2)$

10. $(5y - 3)(25y^2 + 15y + 9)$

11. $(5x + 2)(3y - 4)$

12. $(3x^{2a} - y^b)(x^{2a} + y^b)$

13. $c(3c - 5)(3c - 5)$

14. $(m - 2)[(m^2 + 2m + 4) + (m + 2)]$

15. $(y + 2)(y - 2)(y - 5)(y + 5)$

16. $5(x + 4)(x - 2)$

17. $(b - c)[(b^2 + bc + c^2) - 4]$

18. $(n - 4)(n^2 + 4n + 16)$