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**BAKER UNIVERSITY**  
**INTERMEDIATE ALGEBRA (MA-140)**  
**PRACTICE TEST 3**

**READ** carefully, **SHOW** all work, and **CIRCLE** answers

GOOD LUCK!

**Chapter 4**

1. Find the domain  $\frac{x-1}{(x-2)(x-3)}$ .

- A.  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$
- B.  $(-\infty, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$
- C.  $(-\infty, 2) \cup (2, 3) \cup (3, \infty)$
- D.  $(-\infty, \infty)$
- E.  $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$

2. Simplify  $\frac{x+2}{x^2+5x+6}$ .

- A.  $\frac{1}{x+2}$
- B.  $\frac{1}{x+3}$
- C.  $\frac{x+2}{x^2+5x+6}$
- C.  $\frac{1}{x-2}$
- C.  $\frac{1}{x-3}$

3. Find  $f(1)$  for the function  $f(x) = \frac{2x-1}{2x+1}$ .

- A.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- B.  $\frac{1}{3}$
- C. Undefined
- D.  $\frac{1}{4}$
- E.  $\frac{1}{5}$

4. Simplify  $\frac{\frac{x^2}{x-1}}{\frac{x}{x^2-1}}$ .

- A.  $\frac{x}{x+1}$
- B.  $\frac{x}{x+1}$
- C.  $\frac{x}{x+1}$
- D.  $x(x+1)$
- E.  $x^3$

5. Add and simplify  $\frac{x+1}{x-1} - \frac{4x}{x^2-1}$ .

- A.  $\frac{x-1}{x+1}$
- B.  $\frac{x+1}{x-1}$
- C.  $\frac{4x}{x^2-1}$
- D.  $\frac{x^2-4x}{x^2-1}$
- E.  $\frac{1-3x}{x-x^2}$

6. Add and simplify  $\frac{1}{x(x+1)} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x+1}$ .

- A.  $\frac{x+1}{x-1}$
- B.  $\frac{x-1}{x+1}$
- C. 0
- D. -1
- E. 1

7. Divide:  $\frac{x^3 - 6x^2 - 4x + 2}{x + 2}$ .

- A.  $x^2 - 4x - 11 - \frac{21}{x+2}$
- B.  $x^2 - 8x + 12 - \frac{25}{x+2}$
- C.  $x^2 - 4x + 5 - \frac{9}{x+2}$
- D.  $x^2 - 8x + 12 - \frac{22}{x+2}$
- E.  $x^3 - 8x^2 + 12x - 22$

8. Divide:  $(x^4 + 3x^3 - 3x^2 - 12x - 4) \div (x^2 + 3x + 1)$ .

- A.  $x^2 - 2 - \frac{6x + 2}{x^2 + 3x + 1}$
- B.  $x^2 - 4$
- C.  $x^2 + 2 - \frac{18x - 6}{x^2 + 3x + 1}$
- D.  $x^2 - 4x$
- E.  $x^2 + 4$

9. Divide  $(x^4 - 2x^3 + x^2 + 6x - 12) \div (x^2 - 2x + 4)$ .

- A.  $x^4 - 2x^3 - 5$
- B.  $x^2 + 3$
- C.  $x^2 - 3$
- D.  $x^2 - 3 - \frac{24}{x^2 - 2x + 4}$
- E.  $x^2 - 4x + 13 + \frac{40 - 36x}{x^2 - 2x + 4}$

10. Dividen:  $(x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x + 10) \div (x + 5)$ .

- A. 0
- B.  $x^2 - 3x + 2$
- C.  $5x^2 - 3x + 2$
- D.  $x^2 + 9x + 42$
- E.  $x^2 + 4x - 1$

## Chapter 5

1. Simplify:  $\frac{2x^{-2}y^2}{xy^{-2}}$ .

- A.  $\frac{2y^4}{x^3}$
- B.  $\frac{y^4}{2x^3}$
- C.  $\frac{2y}{x}$
- D. 2
- E.  $2x$

2. Simplify:  $(1 + x^{-1})^{-1}$ .

- A.  $1 + x$
- B.  $-1 + x$
- C.  $\frac{1 + x}{x}$
- D.  $\frac{x}{x + 1}$
- E.  $x(x + 1)$

3. Evaluate without using a calculator:  $\frac{9 \times 10^6}{3 \times 10^3}$ .

- A. 6,000
- B. 300
- C. 3,000
- D. 30
- E. 600

4. Evaluate without using a calculator:  $81^{3/4}$ .

- A. 27
- B.  $\frac{1}{27}$
- C.  $\frac{243}{4}$
- D.  $\frac{4}{\sqrt[3]{81}}$
- E. 9

5. Simplify:  $x^{1/2} \cdot x^{1/3} \cdot x^{1/6}$ .

- A.  $x^{1/36}$
- B.  $x^6$
- C.  $x^{5/6}$
- D.  $x^{1/11}$
- E.  $x$

6. Simplify:  $\sqrt[3]{\frac{x^6}{8y^3}}$ .

- A.  $\frac{x^2}{2}$
- B.  $\frac{x^2}{2y}$
- C.  $\frac{x^3}{2y}$
- D.  $\frac{x^2}{2y^2}$
- E.  $\frac{x^3}{2y^2}$

7. Rationalize the denominator and simplify:  $\frac{10}{\sqrt{20}}$ .

- A.  $\sqrt{5}$
- B.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$
- C.  $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$
- D.  $1\frac{1}{2}$
- E.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

8. Multiply and simplify:  $(2 + \sqrt{x})^2$ .

- A.  $4 - x$
- B.  $4 + x$
- C.  $4 + 2\sqrt{x} + x$
- D.  $4 + 4\sqrt{x} + x$
- E.  $4 + 2\sqrt{x}$

9. Rationalize the denominator and simplify  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3} - 1}$ .

- A.  $\sqrt{3} - 1$
- B.  $\sqrt{3} + 1$
- C.  $\frac{1}{3 + 2\sqrt{3}}$
- D.  $\frac{1 + \sqrt{3}}{3 + 2\sqrt{3}}$
- E.  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3 - \sqrt{3}}$

10. Find  $f(2 + \sqrt{3})$  for the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 1$ .

- A.  $4 + \sqrt{3}$
- B.  $4\sqrt{3}$
- C.  $4 + 2\sqrt{3}$
- D.  $2 + 2\sqrt{3}$
- E.  $2 + 4\sqrt{3}$

11. Solve for  $x$ :  $\sqrt{2x + 1} = 5$

- A.  $x = 2$
- B.  $x = 7$
- C.  $x = 12$
- D.  $x = 17$
- E.  $x = 22$

12. Solve for  $x$ :  $\sqrt{2x + 1} = \sqrt{x + 8}$

- A.  $x = 2$
- B.  $x = 7$
- C.  $x = 12$
- D.  $x = 17$
- E.  $x = 22$

**EXTRA CREDIT:** Simplify  $\sqrt{(2 - \sqrt{2})^2 + 2(2 - \sqrt{2})(2 + \sqrt{2}) + (2 + \sqrt{2})^2}$ .