

Unit 1: Expressions  
PRE-TEST

For each of the following expressions, identify the:

- a) Terms
- b) Coefficients
- c) Variables
- d) Exponents
- e) Constants

IF you cannot identify any of these, write NONE.

1. $-3x^3 + 5x^2 - 8x + 15$	2. $9a^2 + 3 - 7a^5 - a + a^4$
a) $-3x^3; 5x^2; -8x; 15$	a) $9a^2; 3; -7a^5; -a; a^4$
b) $-3; 5; -8$	b) $9; -7; -1; 1$
c) $x$	c) $a$
d) $-3; 5; -8$	d) $2; 5; 1; 4$
e) $15$	e) $3$

5 pts

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Simply each of the following expressions using the order of operations and showing all of your steps along the way:

3.  $(10 \div 5 - (5 - 4)) \times 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &(10 \div 5 - (1)) \times 2 \\
 &(2 - 1) \times 2 \\
 &1 \times 2 \\
 &\boxed{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

pts

4.  $(9 \times 2) \div (6 + 1 - 1) \times 2^3$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &18 \div (6 + 1 - 1) \times 2^3 \\
 &18 \div (7 - 1) \times 2^3 \\
 &18 \div (6) \times 2^3 \\
 &18 \div 6 \times 8 \\
 &3 \times 8 \\
 &\boxed{24}
 \end{aligned}$$

2 pts

Evaluate each using the values given:

5.  $3h(h - j)$ ; use  $h = 3$  and  $j = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &3 \times 3(3 - 1) \\
 &3 \times 3(2) \\
 &9(2) \\
 &\boxed{18}
 \end{aligned}$$

pts

6.  $2(c - (b \div 6 - a \div 4) + 2)$ ; use  $a = 4$ ,  $b = 6$ , and  $c = 5$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &2(5 - (6 \div 6 - 4 \div 4) + 2) \\
 &2(5 - (1 - 4 \div 4) + 2) \\
 &2(5 - (1 - 1) + 2) \\
 &2(5 - (0) + 2) \\
 &2(5 + 2) \\
 &2(7) \\
 &\boxed{14}
 \end{aligned}$$

2 pts

18 pts

Simplify using the distributive property and combining like terms when possible:

7.  $6x + 4x - 3 + 8 - 9x + 4$

$1x + 9$

2pts.

8.  $-3(x - 5) + 2(-2x + 7)$

$-3x + 15 - 4x + 14$

$-7x + 29$

2pts

Translate into an algebraic expression using numbers, variables, and operation signs:

9. Five more than the sum of a number and seven

$(n + 7) + 5$

11. The quotient of a number  $x$  and fifteen.

$\frac{x}{15}$

13. Eight less than a number cubed

$n^3 - 8$

12 pts  
2 each

10. The difference of ten and a three times a number

$10 - 3n$

12. The product of negative twelve and a number

$-12x$

14. The sum of twenty-eight and a number squared

$28 + n^2$

Write a verbal expression for each algebraic expression:

15.  $14 + 3x$

The sum of fourteen and three times a number  $x$

16.  $12x - 7y$

Twelve times  $x$  minus seven times  $y$

17.  $-2(t^2 - 5)$

Neg two times the difference of  $t$  squared and five

18.  $\frac{x}{13}$

The quotient of a number  $x$  and Thirteen.

19.  $5s$

Five times a number  $s$ .

2pts  
2 each

20.  $6(y + 2) - 3$

two less than six times the sum of a number  $y$  and two

+25pts.